



GREEN STREETS | GREEN JOBS | GREEN TOWNS INITIATIVE

The Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Partnership (G3) aims to stimulate the green jobs market and enable families to work where they live and play. Small to mid-sized communities can boost their local economies and protect water resources through the use of watershed planning, design and construction of stormwater best management practices.

THE DRUID HEIGHTS URBAN RENEWAL COMMUNITY

This foundation seeks to revitalize the Druid Heights neighborhood and transform it into a vibrant community.

The Druid Heights Community Development Corporation has created a foundation dedicated to making the Druid Heights neighborhood a highly desirable community. Today, the neighborhood faces many problems. Life expectancy is the lowest in all of Baltimore City, it possesses one of the worst sanitation levels measured by the City Health Department, while also having an extremely high unemployment rate with many people living below the poverty line.

prime for revitalization. By meeting monthly with community leaders, the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation seeks to empower the locals to take ownership of the vacant lots and parcels to increase community engagement in transforming them into vibrant green spaces.

Additionally, various youth and volunteer programs will be utilized to both educate and involve those dedicated to improving the Druid Heights neighborhood. Monthly plantings, cleanups, and more will be organized and implemented as the project progresses.

Currently in its final stages, the Master Green Community Plan identifies 24 vacant lots and parcels



The Druid Heights community within Baltimore City.



3 full-time jobs created



Stormwater BMPs implemented



65 volunteers and students



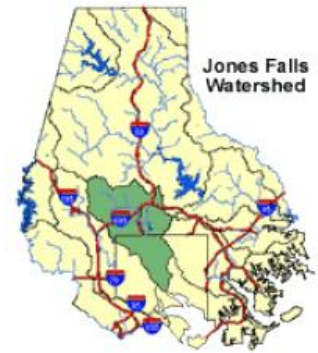
Hundreds of lbs. of debris removed





A vacant lot in Druid Heights, a prime site for revitalization efforts.

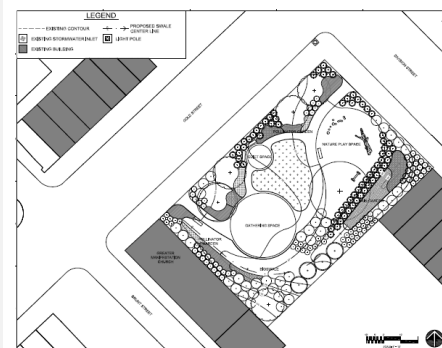
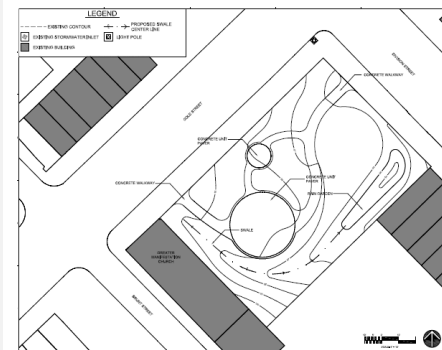
G3 Grant Awarded \$50,700
 Matching resources: \$103,000
 Status: Awarded



Druid Heights is located within the Jones Falls Watershed.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **Trash and Debris Cleanup**—Removal of urban garbage and various debris will reduce harmful runoff into the Jones Falls Watershed while also improving environmental and human health.
- **Community Outreach and Engagement**—By empowering local community members to take charge of the various cleanup projects included in this proposal, the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation will train and employ locals in implementing and maintaining revitalization efforts.
- **Green Streets**—To transform Druid Heights into a vibrant community, the numerous vacant lots and parcels will be transformed by separate projects. Some may be dedicated to an urban garden, while others become beautiful parks.
- **Human and Environmental Health**—The removal of stagnant trash will be extremely beneficial to Druid Heights' community and environment. Currently the neighborhood has one of the worst sanitation levels in Baltimore City; however, future efforts to clean up the area will decrease human health issues and increase life expectancy. Increased amounts of native plant species will also serve to reduce both the volume and potency of stormwater runoff.



Plans for Gold Street Park include an ambitious cleanup and beautification project.

CREATING GREEN JOBS

For the cleanup, planting, and landscaping phases, this project will employ local volunteers, students, and advisors to achieve its revitalization goals.

For the maintenance phase, day to day care of the green spaces and parks will be transferred to three locals working full-time. These community members will have been trained in environmental health and care during the implementation of the project.

Project Partners: Druid Heights Community Development Corporation; Chesapeake Bay Trust; City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.