



Prince George's County

# STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

**APPLICANT** Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC)

**PROJECT** Faith Community Teacher Training

**GRANT AMOUNT** \$19,214

**PROJECT SUMMARY** In 2017, the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake (IPC) were granted \$19,214 to fund their “train-the-trainer” program, which provided training on watershed stewardship to teachers of youth within the faith community, such as youth ministers or Vacation Bible School (VBS) teachers.

The educators were trained on how to best utilize curriculum developed by the IPC, which included topics such as the faith basis for watershed stewardship as well as the local impacts of stormwater pollution, and solutions that foster watershed restoration. The latter was also achieved through a boat tour on the Anacostia River to personally

witness damage to the watershed as well as restoration efforts. Trained participants then delivered the program in their congregations, resulting in both adults and youth educated in watershed literacy and action.

Through this program, the IPC was able to train members of nine congregations, four of which later went on to deliver the program to some of the educators truly ran with the program, planning field trips to complement the curriculum and continuing to expand on the work conducted by the IPC.

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