



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.

TOWN OF EASTON

160 trees planted to increase the city's annual planting



160 trees planted



154 native plants installed

Over the last several years the Town has endeavored to plant about 100 new street trees per year, with 150 planted in fiscal year 2018 at town capital expense and Chesapeake Bay Trust grant expense. These plantings have provided environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits within our community. This year the Town of Easton once again committed the funds (\$24,047) necessary to plant approximately 91 new street trees. With this additional Trust award, the Town was able to plant an additional 69 trees.

In 2013 the Town had an urban tree canopy (UTC) assessment performed by the Davey Resource group. The UTC found that current tree canopy in Easton was 27%. Using that plan, the Town is working towards achieving a 40% canopy within the next 40 years. This plan contemplated planting 30,000 trees within the community over the next 10 years in order to reach the target. Though the Town expects and will encourage the planting of many of these trees on private properties, the Town wants to “lead the way” by contributing significantly towards achieving the overall

goal. In order to contribute the share of the plantings required to reach the overall goal, the Town has identified planting opportunities that includes: street tree plantings, plantings in Town parks, plantings within Town owned parking lots, and plantings on other publicly owned property within the Town. The Town has identified 1,100 sites for new street trees that can be installed over the next 10 years. All trees from this grant were planted at 160 of these sites, in street right-of-ways owned by the Town of Easton.



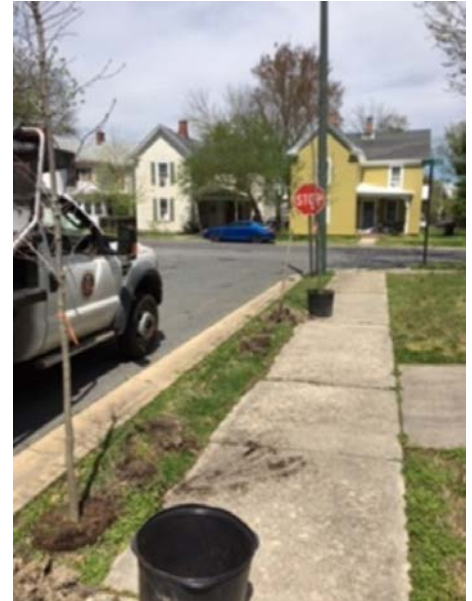
PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **Tree Planting** – Native trees and shrubs require less maintenance and absorb rainwater, hold soils in place, and provide food and habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.



Year Awarded: 2018

Award Amount: \$8,058



SUSTAINABILITY & GROWTH

Post planting, the Town will maintain the new street trees along with the existing street tree inventory (includes over 4,000 existing street trees). Following the installation of all new street trees, the Public Works Department waters the trees regularly via “tree bags” for at least the first growing season. The trees will continue to be watered as needed during subsequent growing seasons, pruned yearly, and deep root fertilization takes place for the first five years. The Public Works Department also performs all needed maintenance on the public trees including inspections, trimming, fertilization, and disease detection. The native trees planted included Serviceberry, Chestnut Oak, Scarlett Oak, Black Gum, Princeton Elm, Sycamore, and Tulip Poplar. Of the 154 natives planted, 134 of them are pollinator friendly. This year’s tree plantings enabled the Town to receive Tree City U.S.A. designation, and the Town celebrated the plantings with an Arbor Day celebration.



Trees planted on Davis Avenue