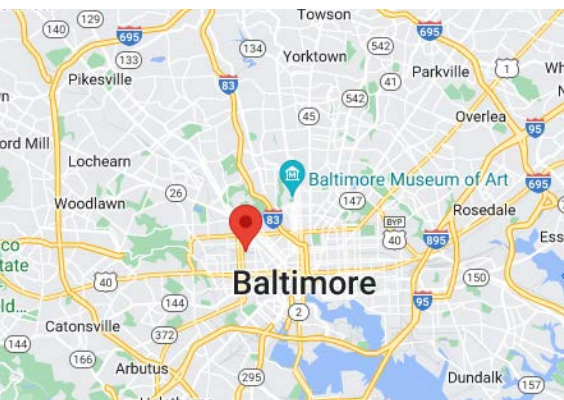




GREEN STREETS | GREEN JOBS | GREEN TOWNS INITIATIVE

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.



SANDTOWN SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE


Greening Urban Vacant Lots- Small Street Flower Farm of Sandtown/Winchester


The Sandtown Flower Farm and Apiary is a community beautification project located on four adopted lots in the Sandtown neighborhood in Baltimore. Before this project, the area was subject to illegal dumping and other nuisance activities. The Sandtown South Neighborhood Alliance had maintained these lots in the years leading up to this grant by cutting the grass, removing trash, and reporting illegal dumpings.

Three raised beds across the alley from the beehives are filled with native perennials to help with stormwater management. A row of cedar trees line the west side of the hive area to provide a protected space for the three beehives. The team planted over 5 varieties of trees and shrubs around the lots to define the space naturally.


The garden and now the flower farm have become important community spaces for neighbors of all ages to come together and enjoy the natural world. Birds, butterflies, and hundreds of other critters flock to the lots creating a diverse habitat. Visitors are often astounded that such an oasis can exist in the inner city.


As a result of this project the space has been returned to the community in a form that many couldn't have imagined before. The Sandtown Flower Farm and Apiary is an extension of a series of green spaces in Sandtown including a large community garden that provides fresh fruits and vegetables to local residents. The Flower farm consists of six 25' long rows of drought-tolerant annuals and perennials with long stemmed blooms. The rows of flowers run along the west side of three beehives. Plants are watered through drip irrigation and flower beds are topped with erosion control fabric to hold soil in place and limit weed growth.


 800 lbs of trash removed

 3 local green jobs supported during construction

 6 trees planted

 8 raingardens created

 2 volunteer events held, with 12 volunteers

 50 native plants installed



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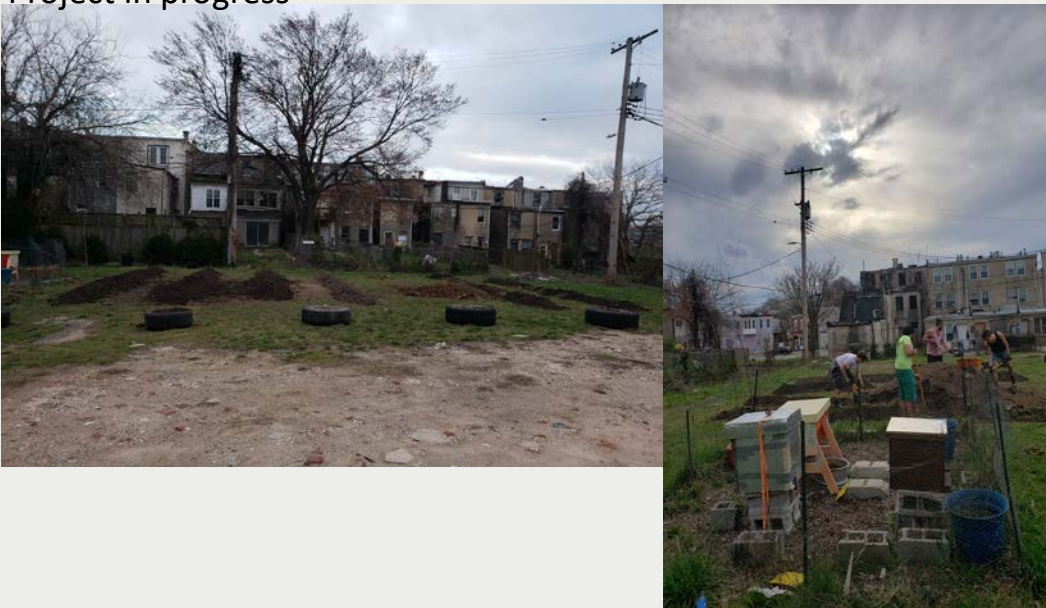
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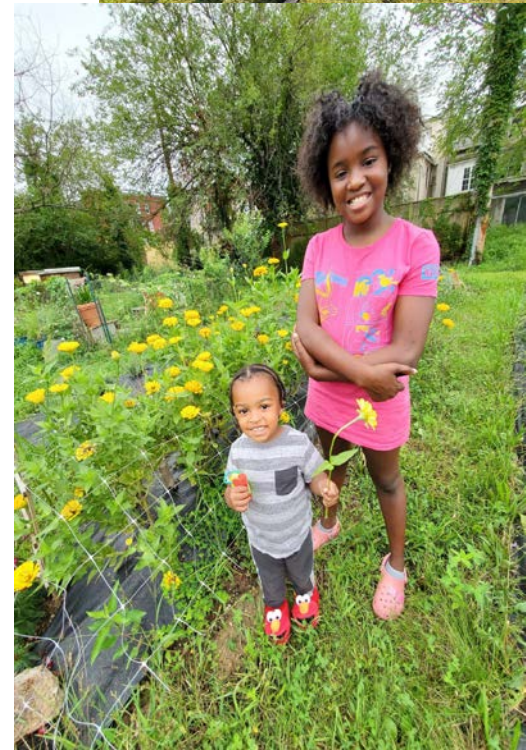
PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **Raingardens**– These features filter and reduce stormwater runoff, allowing it to infiltrate into the ground before it enters into the storm drain system.
- **Native plants** – Native plants offer numerous benefits. Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they require far less water. They provide vital habitats for birds, insects and other species of wildlife, prevent water run-off, and improve air quality.
- **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.
- **Green jobs and engagement of local businesses** – Local survey, and engineering firms, and suppliers will be used to complete the project, supporting local jobs.
- **Engagement of local community** – This project is engaged twelve volunteers from the local community to assist in the completion of the project.

Project in progress



Year Awarded: 2019
Award Amount: \$2,742
Match Amount: \$1,600



Project results



For additional information: visit epa.gov and cbtrust.org

Project Partners: Agusta Fells Savage High School Green Team, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Sandtown South Neighborhood Alliance, The Loading Dock, UME 4-H Group, UME Master Gardeners, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency