

HOWARD ECOWORKS

MAKING URBAN LANDS, WORKING LANDS

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$73,736.00

NUMBER OF TREES

500



PROJECT SUMMARY

Through the Making Urban Lands, Working Lands project, EcoWorks will plant 500 trees in identified urban under-served areas in Howard County and surrounding areas with fruit and nut producing species to provide food for people and wildlife. Sites were selected based on targeted outreach conducted by Howard EcoWorks and with support from project partners within the identified areas. A mix of properties were selected including public lands, homeowner association common areas, individual private properties, church property, commercial property and an urban farm. The majority of the locations for the 500 trees have been identified and include landowner excitement and support for the project. The species selected include a mix of native fruit and nut bearing species of varying heights and preferences to accommodate various site conditions that may warrant understory vs canopy trees or wet-preferring vs dry-preferring species.

Significant outreach has occurred in the identified urban under-served areas to identify partners and locations for tree plantings. Approximately 20 partnership opportunities have been identified where 10-75 trees can be planted for a total of 500 identified tree plantings. Landowner and partner support letters are attached to this application.

Trees will be installed throughout the fall, 2022 with Howard EcoWorks green jobs program, UpLift. UpLift is a workforce development program supporting under-served members of the community and exposing them to opportunities in the environmental industry.

Trees will be maintained by the property owners. Maintenance in years 1-2 will include watering, mulching, adjusting tree cages and stakes, managing weeds and invasive species, monitoring for pests and disease, and pruning as needed. EcoWorks will provide three educational workshops to educate landowners on proper maintenance techniques and provide support for any issues that may arise. These workshops will be provided late fall, 2022; spring, 2023; and fall, 2024.

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