

Chesapeake Bay Trust Outreach and Restoration Program 2020 Awards

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About the Trust

The Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other natural resources of all of our local systems, from the Chesapeake to the Coastal Bays to the Youghiogheny River. The Trust, supported in large part by the Chesapeake Bay License Plate, promotes public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the natural resources of our region. Learn more at <https://cbtrust.org/>



Overview

The Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust), in partnership with Charles County, the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, the City of Gaithersburg, the City of Salisbury, Harford County, Howard County, and Queen Anne's County recently announced the 2020 awardees of the Outreach and Restoration Grant Program. Thirty-nine grants totaling over \$1.3 million were awarded, leveraging \$1.5 million in match for a total impact of over \$2.8 million.

This Program was established to provide accessible funds to implement community-led stewardship efforts that increase public understanding of environmental challenges; implement demonstration-scale, community-based, on-the-ground restoration projects; and expand the base of public support necessary to advance the restoration of Maryland's waterways. The program has three tracks, track 1: Outreach projects to Increase public knowledge and engagement in the challenges and solutions to restoring Maryland's natural resources, Track 2: Restoration projects to engage people in on-the-ground community-based projects that benefit both the community and the quality of one or more natural resources, and Track 3: Outreach and Restoration projects should: Combine the goals for both tracks above in order to achieve increased meaningful and measurable outcomes.





Outreach/Behavior Change Projects

Charles County Adopt a Stream

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Award Amount ----- **\$22,784**

Connect the community to their local streams and empower them to become stewards of their local environment. In partnership with Charles County Public Works, the project will provide training to, and equip, 20 Charles County residents, organizations, and businesses with the proper tools to monitor and provide detailed data on the waste entering the Charles County waterways, while also engaging 240 additional volunteers in successful cleanups.

Microplastics Monitoring and Outreach in the Anacostia watershed

Anacostia Riverkeeper

Award Amount ----- **\$27,819**

Match Amount ----- **\$5,855**

Total Amount ----- **\$33,674**

Support the start of a microplastic monitoring and outreach program in three locations in the Prince George's and Montgomery County portions of the Anacostia River watershed. With the hopes to train and inform 30-40 Maryland youth high school

students on not just the sampling of microplastic but the overarching message of how they get into our waterways and the actions that community members can take to reduce litter in our waterways.

Expanding Environmental Education to Property Owners in Carroll-Camden Industrial Park

Baltimore Community ToolBank

Award Amount ----- **\$4,500**

Match Amount ----- **\$9,000**

Total Amount ----- **\$13,500**

The Baltimore Community ToolBank will invite property owners to the ToolBank for tours--with an emphasis on large commercial building owners with the end-goal to have commercial neighbors adopt similar stormwater management practices for large buildings in their neighborhood (and beyond) resulting in long-term environmental behavior change and features that result in less stormwater pollution in their neighborhood.

Comprehensive Stormwater Training for Baltimore Residents from Historically Marginalized Communities

Civic Works, Inc.

Award Amount ----- **\$30,000**

Match Amount ----- **\$83,940**



Total Amount ----- \$113,940

Delivering comprehensive, certification-based occupational and essential skills training in stormwater management to 10 Baltimore City residents facing significant barriers to employment over 12 months. The training will combine classroom instruction with hands-on practicum, and on-the-job training on real worksites. The project will engage Baltimore residents from historically marginalized communities in green infrastructure solutions for restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Secondly, the project will affect behavior change by empowering residents to assume a leadership role in reducing water pollution and environmental injustices within their communities.

Testing Methods for Communicating Best Practices for Living on Septic

Clean Water Fund

Award Amount ----- \$19,927

Match Amount ----- \$8,066

Total Amount ----- \$27,993

Identify the barriers for homeowners maintaining septic systems and educate homeowners about what they should be doing (and why they should be doing it). The project will test three different methods of homeowner outreach: in-person workshops, traditional tabling activities at established events, and door-to-door canvassing. The outcome is to determine which strategies are most effective at reaching homeowners on septic while educating residents about the importance of best practices.

Patapsco Clean Stream - Education and Stewardship Efforts in Elkridge

Friends of the Patapsco Valley Heritage Greenway, Inc.

Award Amount ----- \$29,998

Match Amount ----- \$46,400

Total Amount ----- \$76,398

Focus on engaging a new audience to participate in stewardship events with the goal of increasing knowledge of environmental issues while also conducting hands-on stewardship activities to improve the habitat and water quality within the local watershed. The project will mobilize at least

500 community volunteers to conduct at least 10 stream cleanups, 4 invasive plant removals, 2 native shrub and tree plantings, and storm drain labeling to reduce the amount of pollution and increase the native tree canopy in Elkridge, Maryland.

Clear Choices Clean Water – Harford
Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER

Award Amount ----- \$30,000

Match Amount ----- \$93,500

Total Amount ----- \$123,500

Clear Choices Clean Water will increase Harford County residents' awareness about the actions they can take to protect the Bush and Gunpowder Rivers and their tributaries that flow into the Chesapeake Bay by utilizing a modern, interactive website that maps pledges and expresses them in terms of quantifiable pollution reduction loads. The outcomes for this campaign is creating awareness about ways to curb stormwater pollution by using online communications, social media, print media, and in-person tabling events to achieve outputs reaching 20,000 residents, with a total of 1,000 pledges taken across various environmental sub-campaigns that relate to stormwater.

Researching How Businesses Can Be Motivated to Engage in Watershed Restoration

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

Award Amount ----- \$50,000

Match Amount ----- \$102,695

Total Amount ----- \$152,695

Conduct formative social marketing research for motivating businesses to install rain gardens and micro-bioretenion practices on their properties. Outputs include an analysis of demographic characteristics of businesses most receptive to installing these practices; summaries of interviews or focus group sessions that will explore values, beliefs, barriers, and benefits; and results of a survey to test findings over a wider geographic area. Outputs will inform a subsequent behavior change campaign, the outcome of which will be an increase in rain gardens or micro-bioretenion practices installed on business properties to reduce stormwater pollution and improve water quality.



**Baltimore Neighborhood Soil Rebuilders
Composter Training Program**

Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Award Amount ----- \$30,000

Match Amount ----- \$5,200

Total Amount ----- \$35,200

Support the Neighborhood Soil Rebuilders Composter Train-the-Trainer Program in Baltimore. The main objective of the program is to increase the number of trained composters who can successfully operate community-scale composting sites at schools, churches, and community gardens as well as teach others how to compost. The project offers 20 workshops reaching at least 500 participants and will cover the art and science of composting and the benefits of compost-amended soils to enhance soil fertility, reduce soil erosion and stormwater run-off, and filter urban pollutants.

**Interfaith Green Team Leadership
Development - Baltimore City**

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Award Amount ----- \$9,298

Match Amount ----- \$12,855

Total Amount ----- \$22,153

Designing and delivering a Green Team Leadership Development Program to increase the impact of the faith community on Chesapeake Bay Watershed improvements. This project will train 5-7

congregations with the goal of developing 3-5 successful green teams at houses of worship within Baltimore City. The teams will work within their congregations to educate 60-100 people about watershed restoration.

**Interfaith Green Team Leadership
Development - Gaithersburg**

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Award Amount ----- \$15,038

Match Amount ----- \$6,839

Total Amount ----- \$21,877

Designing and delivering a Green Team Leadership Development Program to increase the impact of the Gaithersburg faith community on Chesapeake Bay Watershed improvements. This project will train 5-7 congregations with the goal of developing 3-5 successful green teams at houses of worship within the City of Gaithersburg. The teams will work within their congregations to educate 60-100 people about watershed restoration.

**Interfaith Green Team Leadership
Development - Harford County**

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Award Amount ----- \$14,466

Match Amount ----- \$8,471

Total Amount ----- \$22,937



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Salisbury Faith Outreach and Engagement

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Award Amount ----- \$28,347

Match Amount ----- \$18,546

Total Amount ----- \$46,893

Promote and facilitate the planning of restoration projects at 2-4 congregations in Salisbury, MD. This will be accomplished through a multi-session workshop for 30-40 individuals from 6-8 congregations. The course will foster greater understanding of local water-quality challenges. Following this course, IPC will offer a Green Team Training and Development program for 20-30 individuals from 4-6 congregations that will assist congregations develop work plans to address local water quality issues. Following the Green Team Training, the Lower Shore Land Trust will work with 2-4 congregations on restoration projects and prepare grant applications.

Bag It Charles County: A Community Program to Save our Watershed

Nanjemoy-Potomac Environmental Coalition, Inc.

Award Amount ----- \$13,510

Match Amount ----- \$1,700

Total Amount ----- \$15,210

Enable students to design a reusable bag to distribute throughout the community at grocery stores and community events. Students will present their reusable bag program to government and non-governmental representatives. They will create educational materials, a reusable bag pledge that people will recite, and a social media presence about reusable bag use. Through the bag education and bag use, a measurable behavioral change will occur. As a result, our watershed will become cleaner with less harmful effects to the environment.

Enhancing Stormwater BMPs for Poultry Farms in the Nanticoke Watershed for Improved Water Quality

Nanticoke Watershed Alliance

Award Amount ----- \$26,695

Match Amount ----- \$15,894

Total Amount ----- \$42,589

Help poultry growers develop alternatives to mowed grass on their property by testing variations of buffer plantings for improved stormwater management. The facilities typically have large swaths of impervious surfaces that can be a source of stormwater pollution. Convert mowed grass areas between chicken houses into vegetative buffer to capture and filter stormwater runoff and reduce the amount of pollutants reaching the Nanticoke Watershed to reduce pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers.

Audubon's Avian Ambassadors for Baltimore, Birds, and the Bay

Patterson Park Audubon Center

Award Amount ----- \$30,000

Match Amount ----- \$20,000

Total Amount ----- \$50,000

Connect Latinx neighbors with the Chesapeake Bay and migratory birds through shared travel. Culturally relevant and tied into urban issues, this knowledge-building program weaves together the needs of avian, aquatic, and human communities. The project will train a subset of Bird Ambassadors to guide their neighbors in activities, deliver 30 interactive education programs and action projects with 400 participants, lead them in projects, and cultivate five community leaders to teach and organize greening projects with their neighborhoods.

Stone Gate Townhouse Community Association Water Management Training

Stone Gate Town House Community Association

Award Amount ----- \$4,255

Match Amount ----- \$1,205

Total Amount ----- \$5,460

Enable two workshops covering stormwater management and Bay-Wise Gardening for the Stone



Gate Townhouse Community Association. The workshops will encourage homeowners to use rain gutter extensions, rain barrels and native plantings throughout the development. This will decrease the quantity and improve the quality of runoff entering the Schumaker Pond water system which feeds into the Wicomico River. The project will serve to facilitate a conversation among the Association to adopt a vision for stormwater management and identify future actions for restoration on public areas.

Baltimore Zero Waste Plan

United Workers Association

Award Amount ----- \$20,000

Match Amount ----- \$223,650

Total Amount ----- \$243,650

Focus on train the trainers and workshops to address knowledge gaps as Baltimore transitions from a waste system reliant on landfilling and incineration to zero waste that diverts 90% of waste from being burned or dumped in the Chesapeake Bay. Through infrastructure, policy and education 90% of materials wasted can be recycled, composted, and re-used without ecologically damaging technologies. The core of this program will be developing and disseminating a citywide Zero Waste Plan in collaboration with Baltimore Office of Sustainability and Zero Waste Associates.

Sustainable Maryland Residential Action Framework and Outreach Campaign

University Systems of Maryland: The Environmental Finance Center

Total Amount ----- \$30,000

Develop the Sustainable Maryland Residential Action Framework and Outreach Campaign, a project to increase awareness about the issue of natural resources and watershed protection; increase the rate of participation by residents in sustainability efforts; and to more fully engage homeowners and civic associations (HOA/CA) in the implementation of sustainability and watershed protection activities. The project will support a "Gaithersburg Sustainability Summit"; develop an action framework for residential associations; pilot the action framework with a cohort of HOAs/CAs in Gaithersburg; and help establish HOA/CA Green Teams within the City of Gaithersburg.



The Harris Creek Connected

Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc.

Award Amount ----- \$29,995

Match Amount ----- \$25,000

Total Amount ----- \$54,995

Revive the Harris Creek Connected - a group of 50 community leaders who meet quarterly in East Baltimore who believe their collective actions will inspire a cultural shift of environmentalism as it relates to cleaner water and neighborhoods in Baltimore City. The project will engage more than 250 all-ages residents who learn from one another and advocate towards common goals. On the water experiences such as boat rides, oyster gardening and fishing will allow social building activities and build momentum.

Eco-literacy Story Walk

Wicomico Public Library

Award Amount ----- \$7,853

Match Amount ----- \$388

Total Amount ----- \$8,241

Install a semi-permanent StoryWalk along the Riverwalk in Salisbury, MD to increase childhood literacy, physical literacy and ecological literacy. In partnership with the Wicomico Environmental Trust (WET), native species will be planted along the StoryWalk to beautify the Riverwalk and teach those who participate about native species that support pollinators. The StoryWalk will debut during Salisbury's Green Festival in May 2020 and will be followed by an environmental film showing in the evening. Intended outcomes include increasing



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ecological literacy and increasing both the Library and WET's outreach to residents of Wicomico County.

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Wicomico Creekwatchers Expansion

Wicomico Environmental Trust

Award Amount ----- \$15,000

Match Amount ----- \$164,667

Total Amount ----- \$179,667

Expand the Wicomico Creekwatchers water quality testing program by increasing sampling sites from 22 to 30, achieve Tier 3 certification through the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative, and creating a dedicated Creekwatchers website including live water quality data and maps. These outputs will generate a broader geographic understanding of water quality in the watershed, improve program effectiveness, and support a more informed and engaged public.

Restoration

Canton Canopy Tree Pit Creation Spring 2020-Fall 2021

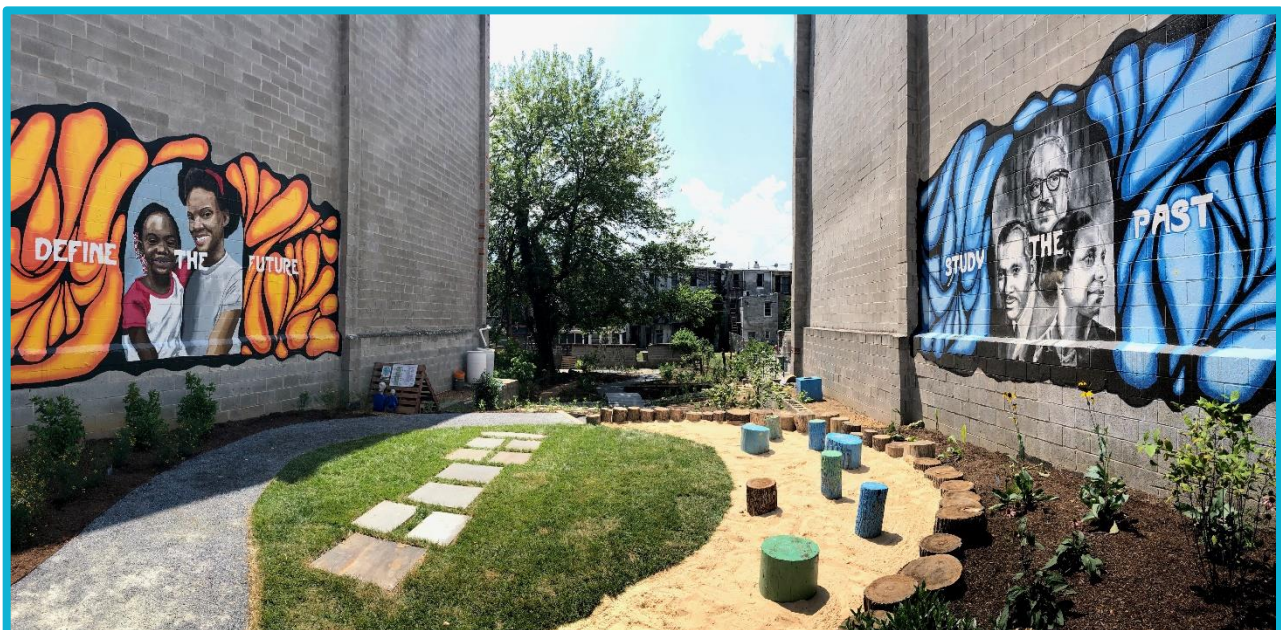
Canton Canopy

Award Amount ----- \$38,900

Match Amount ----- \$30,000

Total Amount ----- \$68,900

Treat stormwater, reduce impervious surface area, green the neighborhood, and clean and cool the air in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore City by creating tree pits, planting trees, and maintaining the trees once planted. Canton Canopy proposes to create approximately 150 new tree pits in the sidewalks along Fait and Linwood Avenues to achieve community engagement, increased tree canopy, and reduced stormwater runoff throughout the next year and beyond. These activities and subsequent outcomes will be achieved through





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community volunteer events planned and run by residents of Canton.

Invasive Species and Reforestation projects in Columbia MD

Columbia Association

Award Amount ----- \$15,000

Match Amount ----- \$5,000

Total Amount ----- \$20,000

Support the removal and replacement of invasive species with native perennial plants at three "Pull & Plant" events. CA will also plant 300 trees and install 500 live stakes along eroded stream banks, all while employing the assistance of local volunteers. These restoration projects engage local residents, improve water quality, and enhance natural habitats.

Edible Understory

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Award Amount ----- \$9,499

Match Amount ----- \$27,909

Total Amount ----- \$37,408

Plant 900 native fruit- and nut- producing trees and shrubs in a "walk and harvest" path at a publicly accessible location in Bloomfield Farm in Queen Anne's County. Local contractors will install and maintain the planting through mulching, invasive plant control and deer fencing. This project offers numerous ecological co-benefits: enhanced pollinator and bird habitat, as well as carbon sequestration, stormwater absorption and reduced runoff within the Corsica River watershed. Through informational signage and workshops, community residents will learn about edible natives and gain access to locally grown healthy food.

Howard County BMP Maintenance Project

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Award Amount ----- \$29,943

Match Amount ----- \$8,332

Total Amount ----- \$38,275

Ensure long-term sustainability of 6 to 8 Best Management Practices (BMPs) that have been installed at congregations around Howard County. These BMPs were largely built under the initial unrolling of the stormwater utility fee and are

nearing the end of their life cycle. To ensure their continued function over time, we will identify 6 to 8 of these congregations to assist in restoring BMP projects as well as equip congregations with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain these BMPs well into the future.

Outreach and Restoration

Healthy Forest Healthy Waters - Harford

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Award Amount ----- \$74,901

Match Amount ----- \$75,000

Total Amount ----- \$149,901

Target upland and riparian tree planting projects on private suburban and rural lands within the Bush River watershed and educate local residents, community groups and faith-based groups about the importance of trees and forested landscapes for water quality and quality of life. The project will expand the collaborative Healthy Forest Healthy Waters program to install 12 acres of new woodlands and engage and train 100+ residents on how to increase tree canopy on their property.

Fells Point Gateway Tree Project

Baltimore Tree Trust

Award Amount ----- \$66,331

Match Amount ----- \$60,000

Total Amount ----- \$126,331

Plant a "gateway" of trees to create a green corridor running parallel to Patterson Park and the waterfront. This gateway will serve as a welcome to the southeast region of Baltimore city, and clean and shade this heavily trafficked walk/drive-through for residents and visitors. The goals are to enhance the walkability, aesthetic, and public health outcomes of this area through green infrastructure.

City Neighbors Green Campus Implementation

City Neighbors Foundation

Award Amount ----- \$74,741

Match Amount ----- \$55,632

Total Amount ----- \$130,373

Install four stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs), treating 12,415 sq. ft. of impervious surface,



and remove 1315 sq. ft. of impervious surface from the City Neighbors High School campus in Baltimore, MD. In conjunction with the installation of BMPs, an experiential environmental education curriculum around these practices will be developed to be used in 3rd, 6th, and 9th-grade classes. When complete, this project will increase wildlife and pollinator habitat, reduce stormwater pollution, and will help inspire and empower the next generation of environmental leaders.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Stormwater Remediation Project

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

Award Amount ----- \$75,000

Match Amount ----- \$49,109

Total Amount ----- \$124,109

Conduct an education campaign and install stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's (OLMC) 8.5-acre site in Essex, Maryland. The outputs will be the removal of 476 sq. ft. of asphalt, the installation of 2 micro-bioretenment practices, the installation of a simple outdoor teaching area, 5 educational workshops, and the participation of 200 people in an educational tour of BMPs at the OLMC site. The long-term outcome will be the reduction of stormwater and pollutants entering local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Countywide Pollinator Initiative through Water and Pesticide Education & Outreach

Howard County Conservancy

Award Amount ----- \$27,816

Match Amount ----- \$5,975

Total Amount ----- \$33,791

Encourage the planting of native plants, reduce pesticide use and become a certified Bee City. This will ensure a community with sustainable habitats and ample education opportunities for residents. This effort will be enhanced by the Conservancy's work to develop, translate, and provide water quality and pesticide free education reaching a wide and diverse range of residents through partnerships and various programs. Through this work, knowledge and sustainable habitats will be increased and harmful pesticide use will decrease, leading to a healthier and cleaner watershed.

Making Suburban Lands Working Lands

Howard EcoWorks

Award Amount ----- \$50,856

Match Amount ----- \$24,830

Total Amount ----- \$75,686

Increase the ecological value of residential lawn areas while improving community resiliency through tree plantings, perennial agriculture planting, passive rainwater harvesting and participation in two educational workshops and one bus tour. Sixteen landowners have committed to the planting of



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approximately 81,750 square feet (1.9 acres) and 220 trees and shrubs. The educational events will focus on methods, techniques and practical applications for 'Making Suburban Lands Working Lands' to encourage conversion of turf grass to more functional systems that will benefit humans, wildlife and watersheds.

Lower Eastern Shore Invasive Species Initiative

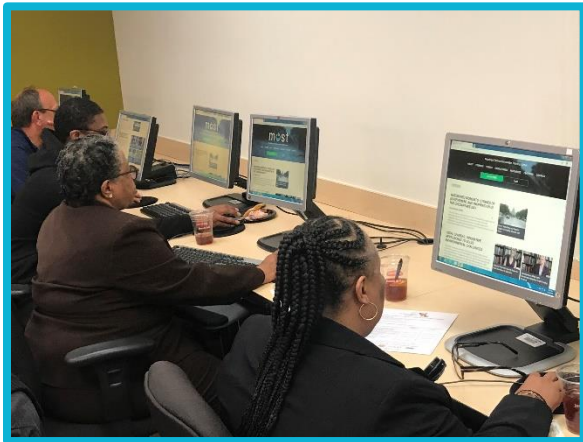
Lower Shore Land Trust

Award Amount ----- \$72,069

Match Amount ----- \$57,450

Total Amount ----- \$129,519

Establish a unified approach to invasive species management across jurisdictions. A model program will be developed in Wicomico County that will be transferrable to other counties. Two demonstration restoration projects at Wicomico County parks will remove target species, restore habitat, and educate the community about the threats of invasive species.



Engaging Faith-Based Communities in Salisbury in Stewardship and Restoration

Lower Shore Land Trust

Award Amount ----- \$20,207

Match Amount ----- \$2,865

Total Amount ----- \$23,072

Inform a 150-member congregation about best practices for managing stormwater and enhancing habitat for pollinators, implement pollinator and stormwater actions, and identify opportunities for future projects. Two educational workshops will engage 20-35 members per program and distribute 20 rain barrels. A garden installation will plant 0.1

acre of native, pollinator-friendly plants, engage 30-40 volunteers in planting and maintenance activities. A 530-gallon cistern and two downspout disconnections will treat 1100 square feet of rooftop impervious surface. A ribbon cutting ceremony will welcome the community to the demonstration site unveiling interpretive signs highlighting the benefits of these practices.

Dr. James Craik Elementary School Outdoor Classroom, Stormwater Management Enhancements, and Dumpster Maintenance Outreach

Port Tobacco River Conservancy

Award Amount ----- \$51,000

Match Amount ----- \$17,264

Total Amount ----- \$68,264

Construct an outdoor classroom at Dr. James Craik Elementary, Pomfret, MD and existing enhance stormwater control BMPs to increase the amount of stormwater managed. A public outreach program will also be developed to increase awareness and improve dumpster maintenance practices in the Charles County Public Schools. These activities will improve water quality in the Port Tobacco Creek, enhance environmental education at Craik Elementary consistent with its Green School certification, and help Charles County to meet its environmental responsibilities.

Queen Anne's County Stewards for Streams: Faith Based Conservation

ShoreRivers

Award Amount ----- \$74,958

Match Amount ----- \$840

Total Amount ----- \$75,798

Expand the successful program "Stewards for Streams: Faith Based Conservation" to Queen Anne's County. The goal of this two-year program is to engage and activate faith organizations of any denomination in environmental education to their congregations, and ultimately environmental stewardship action. The project will engage a minimum of ten congregations in an environmental engagement activity, and install four restoration projects to reduce stormwater runoff, increase native habitat, and, or reduce impervious surface.



Parking Lot of the Future

The Church of the Redeemer

Award Amount ----- \$74,043

Match Amount ----- \$180,000

Total Amount ----- \$254,043

Convert 1.25-acres of parking lot into a showcase of environmental sustainability by installing 4,262 sq. ft. of bioretention practices, 2,415 sq. ft. of pervious paving, and 5,300 native plants, shrubs and trees. The project will include educational signage, environmental lectures and action days for parishioners and the broader community. The outcome of these efforts will be the annual treatment of over one million gallons of stormwater runoff, a significant increase in pollinator and wildlife habitat, and over 2000 individuals with a greater understanding of the need to engage in such work.

For a Healthy Bay, Let Grasses Stay

The Ocean Foundation

Award Amount ----- \$49,979

Match Amount ----- \$500

Total Amount ----- \$50,479

Expanding the successfully pilot tested social marketing campaign in Chesapeake Bay tributaries throughout Maryland to improve recreational

boating practices in the presence of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV). The project will develop an expanded partner network by training at least five local organizations on how to work with marinas and assess behavior change. Supplying each organization with a toolkit of campaign materials, trainees will implement the campaign at marinas throughout Maryland to reach a large audience, reduce damaging boating behaviors throughout the Bay, and support the comeback of its SAV.

The Lakelands Healthy Habitats Project

Urban Ecosystem Restorations, Inc.

Award Amount ----- \$66,629

Match Amount ----- \$12,852

Total Amount ----- \$79,481

Convert approximately 3,838 square feet of turf to conservation landscaping in the Lakelands HOA. The project will provide multiple modes of educational outreach to 465 members of the Gaithersburg community. The goals are to improve ecological function, reduce stormwater runoff, create a demonstration site for the Gaithersburg community, influence a change in social norms and practices around home landscaping practices, and promote the eventual installation of conservation landscaping on private property.

