



Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns

The Chesapeake Bay Green Streets-Green Jobs-Green Towns (G3) Grant Program, funded by United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3 (EPA), the Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust), and the City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability with support from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, welcomes requests for urban green infrastructure projects. The goal of the Chesapeake Bay G3 Grant Program is to help communities implement sustainability plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve local and Bay water quality, and enhance the quality of life.

All communities in Maryland, and throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed portions of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., West Virginia, and Virginia are eligible to apply for the Chesapeake Bay G3 Grant Program. This program is open to all tax-exempt entities, such as local governments and non-profit organizations. Applicants must be interested in pursuing green stormwater infrastructure projects, such as green streets, within the context of a current or ultimate strategy in which “green” components are added to retrofit projects as a matter of standard practice. The program is intended to support and foster market incentives for green infrastructure by building local and county-level entities’ capacity to implement innovative, cost-effective projects.

Several practices can be employed to enhance green spaces in communities, including implementing urban green stormwater practices, increasing urban tree canopy, and replacing impervious surfaces with more permeable materials. One type of project that can include all three of these practices and increase a community’s sustainability is a “green street.” A green street:

- minimizes impact on the surrounding area through a natural system approach that incorporates a variety of water quality, energy-efficiency, and other environmental best practices;
- reduces the construction and maintenance costs of infrastructure for local, county, and state-level agencies
- reduces the amount of water that is piped and discharged directly to streams and rivers;
- makes the best use of the street tree canopy for stormwater interception, as well as temperature mitigation and air quality improvement;
- mitigates flooding;
- encourages pedestrian and/or bicycle access; and
- provides an aesthetic advantage to a community.



Grant Requests can be submitted for:

- Up to \$100,000 for implementation projects
- Up to \$30,000 for design projects
- Up to \$20,000 for white papers (or greater with prior approval)

If selected, Charrette applicants will receive G3 technical assistance.

Match is encouraged but not required.

The G3 Partnership is a collaboration between EPA Region 3, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other partners. For more information visit www.g3partnership.org or www.cbtrust.org.

