

Projects Awarded by the Clean Water Montgomery Grant Program				
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2015	Muddy Branch Alliance	\$10,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship: Montgomery County Watershed Stewards Academy	In partnership with the National Capital Region Watershed Stewards Academy (NCR-WSA), we are applying for funds to support a Watershed Stewards Academy in Montgomery County. This project will educate and empower stewards to design and implement stormwater mitigation projects that would improve water quality in local watersheds. These projects will utilize best management practices (BMPs), and other strategies, such as rain gardens, conservation landscapes, pet waste campaigns, and tree plantings. This WSA project will be implemented in the Muddy Branch, Little Falls, Seneca Creek and Watts Branch watersheds.
2015	Carderock Springs Citizens Association	\$11,930	Public Outreach and Stewardship; and Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)	The Carderock Conservation Coalition (CCC) of the Carderock Springs Citizen Association plans a combined community outreach effort with a neighbor to neighbor demonstration RainScapes project. Using the County's RainScapes program, CCC's dual purpose project will be replicable. CCC will survey 400-plus households for their knowledge of stormwater management. In three workshops, CCC will actively publicize the benefits of the RainScapes program and the advantages of working with neighbors to address stormwater issues. One household has volunteered to be the site for the community demonstration RainScapes project that includes multiple techniques.
2015	Friends of Cabin John Creek	\$42,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship Project for the Cabin John Creek Watershed	In order to support Montgomery County efforts to meet watershed restoration and water quality goals under the MS4 permit, and to alleviate stormwater runoff impacts (flooding) of yards and homes in the Cabin John Creek watershed, the Friends of Cabin John Creek will work with citizen groups in four neighborhoods and with the Potomac District of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, to raise awareness of the need for watershed protection and restoration and encourage actions that improve the watershed. This is a project Type 1 with a Stakeholder Engagement focus.
2015	Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council	\$15,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship- Watershed and Stormwater Management Education Videos	The primary project objective is to create three compelling 5- to 7-minute videos that Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection can add to their website and use in other outreach efforts by DEP and other organizations to educate the public about stormwater management. Subject matter will be green streets, native plants, and interfaith group involvement in environmental healing. Content for these videos will be supplemented by footage from the Hometown Habitat film, and likewise will serve to provide supplemental footage for the film, to be distributed nation-wide, highlighting projects on the ground in Montgomery County.
2015	Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.	\$26,331	a) Public Outreach and Stewardship and b) Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Creating a Watershed Restoration Public Demonstration Center at Woodend Nature Sanctuary	This project will transform the Audubon Naturalist Society's headquarters at the Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland into a flagship educational center that demonstrates, teaches, and champions citizen engagement in urban watershed restoration and protection. ANS will create a stormwater management plan for Woodend Sanctuary and will design and install two stormwater retrofits. ANS will conduct outreach to engage stakeholders in the planning process and to inspire neighborhood homeowners, ANS members, ANS volunteers, other property managers, and landscapers to install stormwater management projects on their own properties or to recommend them to their clients.
2015	Montgomery Housing Partnership	\$20,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship - Stakeholder engagement at Glenville Road and Grand Bell II	Project Type 1 -- Public Outreach and Stewardship. MHP will implement activities in two County neighborhoods:  1) Glenville Road (Long Branch) -- In this apartment community, strengthen the ongoing youth Green Club. Provide outreach and education to strengthen the communities understanding of the role they play in watershed restoration and stewardship. Work with community to design and install two conservation gardens.  2) Grand Bel II (Aspen Hill)--In this condominium complex, replicate Green Club model for youth; educate the residents about their role in watershed restoration; and work with residents to install four rain or conservation gardens and 18 native trees.
2015	Sandy Spring Friends School	\$49,997	Public Outreach and Stewardship and Community-Based Restoration Implementation at Sandy Spring Friends School	As part of a comprehensive water quality improvement project at SSFS, students, summer campers and community volunteers will install rain gardens to manage storm water runoff and rain barrels at untreated downspouts. A corresponding campaign of education and public outreach will include pet waste informational signage and collection points around the campus, signage explaining rain gardens and a workshop to demonstrate mycelium inoculate substrate used as bio-remediation around sensitive areas.

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2015	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	\$31,256	Trees for Sacred Places Montgomery County	The Trees for Sacred Places program is a collaboration between the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance), Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), and congregations in Montgomery County. We will engage 10 congregations in tree plantings on their grounds to increase urban tree canopies, promote riparian buffer restoration, and expand the faith community's participation in watershed restoration efforts. We plan to plant 600 trees across 10 congregational properties in the County. These tree plantings will directly support the County's Watershed Improvement Plan while engaging new audiences in restoration efforts that are cost-effective and offer visible habitat and water quality improvements.
2015	Bethesda Green	\$32,000	Enhancing the Green on Greenery Lane Demonstration Project	The proposed demonstration project will provide a comprehensive approach to remedy storm water issues at Glen Waye Gardens Condominium: installing cisterns and a rain garden to reduce runoff and restoring ecological productivity to an existing 0.5 acre urban woodland. Additionally, Bethesda Green will develop outreach tools to engage and educate the Montgomery County community, recruit volunteers, showcase and share model practices related to successful storm water management, and draw interest in appropriate environmental stewardship.
2015	National Wildlife Federation	\$51,557	Public Outreach and Stewardship on Sacred Grounds: Engaging the Faith-Based Community of Montgomery County in Watershed Management	National Wildlife Federation, Interfaith Power & Light of DC, MD & Northern VA, and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake will work with the RainScapes Program to promote and implement conservation landscaping on congregational grounds in Montgomery County. Our goal is to invite all 520 congregations in the RainScapes jurisdiction to learn about RainScapes and Sacred Grounds programs, rain gardens and conservation landscaping, reducing runoff, creating wildlife habitat, and preparing for climate change. We expect workshops to be attended by 50-60 congregations. This effort will assist in meeting the RainScapes Program's goal to reduce stormwater runoff volume and improve water quality.
2015	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$27,685	Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Churches to increase cistern and rain garden ripples through Montgomery County	Anacostia Riverkeeper will seek out three churches in Montgomery County as partners. ARK will install a high volume cistern for stormwater harvest and re-use at each property and will work with the congregation to set up a stormwater outreach program.
2015	Rock Creek Conservancy	\$38,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship- Rock Creek Park In Your Backyard	Rock Creek Conservancy has developed a program called Rock Creek Park in Your Backyard to educate homeowners in the Rock Creek watershed about the importance of protecting streams and parks through stewardship of lands outside of park boundaries. This program will combine outreach and engagement activities to encourage pollutant reduction on private property through Rainscape practices with partnering with institutional properties to create conservation landscaping installations. We plan to work throughout the Rock Creek watershed in Montgomery County with an emphasis on the east side to reach under-represented populations.
2015	Friends of Sligo Creek	\$15,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship: Expanding the Water WatchDog Program in the Sligo Creek Watershed	Goal: To increase citizen awareness of water pollution and to give them tools to stop it by sending an email and photo to the Montgomery County government. We would like to expand an existing citizen-based reporting system called "Water WatchDogs", developed by 2 neighbors in Silver Spring. Over the past 9 years, the program has become a partnership of citizens, FOSC and Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection. It features a simple email address "ReportSligoPollution@fosc.org", which citizens can use to send reports and a photo of pollution to DEP's water detectives' smart phones.
2016	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$50,777	Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Increase rain garden ripples in Montgomery County	Anacostia Riverkeeper will work with Silver Spring United Methodist Church, located in Montgomery County, to install a rain garden in front of their church building facing Georgia Avenue. The key objective is to control the stormwater runoff from the adjacent parking lot area and overflow from the previously installed cistern.
2016	National Wildlife Federation	\$32,090	Public Outreach and Stewardship to Engage the Faith-Based Community of Montgomery County in Watershed Management	This is a continued partnership between National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) and North Creek Nursery to improve the understanding of stormwater management issues among congregants in Montgomery County so they can implement best management practices on their congregation grounds. We will reach out to all 520 Montgomery County congregations in the RainScapes jurisdiction using emails, telephone calls, postcards, webinars and workshops. Following events, we will host monthly conference calls to continue providing technical support, guidance and encouragement as they move through the RainScapes certification program.

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2016	Rock Creek Conservancy	\$85,000	Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Conservation Landscaping at Derwood Station 2	Rock Creek Conservancy is proposing a project with the Derwood Homeowners Association in Derwood, Maryland to install landscaping in two area common area currently covered in turf. The project would manage the significant treated stormwater that flows through this area into the Crabbs Branch Stream Valley tributary of Rock Creek. Once the project is completed, the Conservancy will partner with the HOA to turn this project into a demonstration that can be used to encourage similar projects in this portion of the watershed.
2016	Arts on the Block	\$50,000	Neighborhood Vitality by Nature: The Carroll Avenue/Quebec Terrace Rain and Conservation Gardens	As part of a larger project to promote engagement, safety and community pride, Arts on the Block plans to install a rain and conservation garden at 8733 Carroll Avenue in Silver Spring. The project serves residents in the Carroll Avenue/Quebec Terrace neighborhood, a lower income neighborhood with little access to green space. In a master plan from 2010, residents requested garden and gathering spots. The project would serve three purposes: to decrease the runoff; provide a beautiful natural setting for residents to relax, play and come together; and educate and engage residents to become environmental stewards.
2016	Temple Shalom	\$95,000	Rainscapes Project & Environmental Learning Opportunities Start at Temple Shalom	Temple Shalom proposes to replace a 6,800 sq. foot asphalt parking lot on our property with a permeable surface and substrate that will capture rain and snow melt and allow it to drain slowly into a 9,900 sq. foot slope covered with turf, trees and shrubs, eventually draining onto East-West Highway, then into Fenwick Branch, a tributary of Rock Creek. A garden on the slope will further retard run-off. This repaving is part of a long-term project to mitigate all storm run-off. Simultaneous environmental learning opportunities will be available to members, students and the wider community.
2016	LDS Earth Stewardship	\$25,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship and Community-Based Restoration for Pleasant View Historic Site	We will improve storm water management by replacing turf with native plants and adding rain barrels to reduce runoff from the Pleasant View Historic Site visible along heavily traveled Route 28. Paths will bring visitors to the site where signs and labeled plants will educate them on native plants, pet waste disposal, and storm water management. Volunteers from multiple community groups will install plants and be trained on storm water management. Residents will attend three presentations on creating native plant habitat and improving storm water management for home properties. Participants will be surveyed and changed behavior reported.
2016	Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah	\$60,948	Interfaith Watershed Restoration and Outreach Project	At the crossroads of St. James and Beth Shalom, the Interfaith Watershed and Restoration Outreach Project will: (1) Utilize conservation landscaping design with native plants to replace invasive plants and promote a healthier air and soil environment, (2) Install a rain garden to capture stormwater runoff and pollutants from adjacent impervious surface areas to reduce flooding at the intersection of the properties and support the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, and (3) Promote understanding of this project through the children's School, the broader faith-based communities at both institutions, and provide a community workshop through Friends of Cabin John Creek.
2016	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments	\$31,119	Broadmore Hills Streamside Impervious Surface Removal and Replanting of Native Vegetation	The proposed project is located at 13122-13120 Broadmore Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. It lies in the Paint Branch watershed, a subwatershed of the Anacostia River. The objective of the project is to remove a 1,476 SF asphalt basketball court that lies adjacent to a stream and replant the area with native trees and shrubs. This project lies between to two other areas where tree planting has already occurred.
2016	Friends of Cabin John Creek	\$86,750	Public Outreach and Stewardship in the Cabin John Creek Watershed	Through its Stormwater Solutions program, Friends of Cabin John Creek will work with the Cabin John Creek Watershed community, including two RainScapes neighborhoods and the over thirty faith-based institutions, as well as local businesses and Montgomery County agencies, to raise awareness of the need for watershed protection and restoration and to encourage actions that improve the watershed. This program supports county efforts to meet watershed restoration and water quality goals under the MS4 permit, and to alleviate stormwater runoff impacts of private property in the watershed.
2016	Little Falls Watershed Alliance	\$47,450	Community Based Restoration Implementation for Overlook Homeowners Association	Grant is to do a comprehensive stormwater management plan for the Overlook community - a 99 household HOA built in the 1970s in Bethesda MD. There are six acres of paved or green common areas owned by the HOA. These areas are very steep and roof runoff is directed to them via gutter extensions causing considerable erosion to the hillsides. The grant would be used for the assessment and design phase and would also cover construction of a small (less than 1,000 sq. ft. ) demonstration rain garden with interpretive signage and at least two community outreach and education meetings.

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2017	Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.	\$53,417	Community-Based Restoration Implementation Entryway Rain Garden at Woodend Nature Sanctuary	The Entryway Rain Garden project at Woodend Nature Sanctuary in the Lower Rock Creek Watershed will: 1) Capture stormwater runoff through the installation of a regular rain garden as part of a train of diverse practices that can be demonstrated to the public, including up to 60,000 annual visitors. 2) Reduce the nutrient and sedimentation load on Lower Rock Creek. 3) Improve the functionality of our Tree-Safe Rain Garden and ensure less stormwater is delivered off-property. 4) Serve as a key educational focus for an interpretive Stormwater Walk to feature practices that both individual homeowners and institutional landowners can adopt.
2017	Wildlife Habitat Council	\$6,568	Outreach event for Montgomery County businesses. Goal: change corporate behavior to get commitment for participation in projects to reduce stormwater runoff.	Wildlife Habitat Council seeks funding for WHC to convene an initial outreach event(webinar:live and virtual) and a potential follow up workshop for educational outreach between actively engaged corporations (members), land-owning corporations with potential for on-the-ground stormwater projects, other commercial organizations, and county government and nonprofit partners. The event goal is to get a strong participant commitment for implementing on-the-ground projects. The event will showcase successful corporate conservation projects to give attendees ideas for watershed improvement initiatives in Montgomery County. In addition, Wildlife Habitat Council will share tools and available information on how to utilize green infrastructure for on-the-ground projects.
2017	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$58,350	Community Based Restoration and Implementation: Solving Sandy Spring Friends Stormwater Impact	Anacostia Riverkeeper will work with The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House, located in Montgomery County, to install rain gardens and conservation planting to control the stormwater runoff from the front and back of the Community House.
2017	Friends of Sligo Creek	\$22,650	Restoration Addressing Chesapeake Bay Water Quality: A study and implementation of water management strategies in	The private cul-de-sac parking lot of Three Oaks Homeowners Association is one block above Sligo Creek (at the intersection of Sligo Creek Parkway and Three Oaks Drive). Rain water and gutter water, as well as stormwater originating from neighborhoods uphill, flow across our impervious asphalt parking lots directly down Three Oaks Drive and into storm drains that empty into Sligo Creek. Our goal is to reduce the parking lot stormwater runoff by 90% by first conducting a concept study that identifies areas for conservation landscaping, dry wells, permeable pavers and other remediation strategies. A second phase would implement those strategies.
2017	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$14,644	Public Outreach and Stewardship: Connecting with Spanish Speakers to Affect Stormwater Impact	This project will create new engagement vehicles for reaching into the Hispanic and Latino Montgomery County communities to spark dialogues about stormwater impacts, environmental stewardship, and show residents how they can participate in programs to improve water quality in their communities. This project will provide five Spanish language outreach and education events about stormwater impacts and solutions in the watershed including an introduction to Montgomery County RainScapes programs using the videos, posters, and brochures.
2017	University of Maryland - Environmental Finance Center	\$77,096	Sustainable Maryland -- Montgomery County Stormwater Outreach Campaign	SM Stormwater Outreach Campaign is designed to increase awareness about the issue of stormwater pollution; increase the rate of participation by residents in County programs; and to more fully engage residents of County civic associations in the implementation of watershed restoration activities. The main objectives include: 1) Convene a county-wide Summit 2) Organize meetings with three civic associations to develop stormwater related community action plans, 3) "train the trainers" on how to reach their residents with messaging about stormwater pollution using the MOST Center platform. 4) Develop a brief stormwater educational video to be shared throughout the County.
2017	Butler Montessori	\$58,275	Community-Based Restoration Implementation - Permeable Pavers	As part of Butler Montessori's campus-wide plan to manage the stormwater runoff from the impervious areas to a tributary of Seneca Creek on the school property, the project subject to this application replaces with Permeable Pavers and drainage system approximately 3,000 square feet of the asphalt driveway around the circle in front of the school's main building. This will complement and enhance the existing stormwater treatment areas on campus and be leveraged to engage the community through signage, campus events, social media, and publicity in understanding the importance of improving overall water quality in the Seneca Creek watershed.

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2018	Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.	\$31,180	<p>Top of the Woodend Watershed</p> <p>Audubon Naturalist Society seeks to fund a design plan for a suite of stormwater practices that will reduce runoff and pollution to Rock Creek from the top of Woodend Nature Sanctuary's watershed, which is dominated by .22 acres of impervious roofs and pavement. These practices will include a combination of downspout redirection, cisterns/rain barrels, permeable pavement and bioretention areas. In addition to water quality benefits, this "Top of the Woodend Watershed" project will accomplish a major step toward resolving the persistent flooding of neighboring properties. By redirecting roof and parking lot runoff toward our meadow and riparian forest buffer, we also hope to provide base flow recharge for the ephemeral stream at the nature sanctuary. When implemented, the stormwater management practices associated with the historic mansion and parking lots at Woodend will form an effective treatment train for a problematic sub-watershed. ANS will develop a Stormwater Walk curriculum to show people how these treatment train projects work and encourage them to implement them at their homes, congregations and workplaces.</p>
2018	Our House Inc.	\$70,000	<p>A Community-Based Restoration Implementation Project: Conservation and Education - Improving the Environment and Outcomes for At-Risk Youth</p> <p>Our House will use a grant to accomplish the following: to reduce groundwater run-off by planting 5,000 square feet of native-species trees on a hillside on our property that is currently planted with invasive pear trees that do not absorb any significant ground water run-off and are a detriment to conservation; to engage the young adult male trainees who reside at Our House in the planting and in a conservation education program to educate them about conservation and its importance and impact so that they become knowledgeable and can in turn share this knowledge with their families and communities when they leave Our House; to create a "demonstration" enclosure area where the habitat remains natural so as to demonstrate the impact of conversation vs. natural habitat; and to create a conservation garden planted with native species at a central and visible location on the Our House property to reduce erosion / increase ground water absorption that will be planted and tended to by trainees in partnership with a landscape architect that will include signage to educate the community at large / visitors to the property.</p>
2018	University of Maryland College Park	\$30,000	<p>Sustainable Maryland – Montgomery County Stormwater Outreach Campaign II</p> <p>The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at University of Maryland is requesting funds from the Chesapeake Bay Trust – Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program to further the goals and objectives set forth through previous support of the Sustainable Maryland – Montgomery County Stormwater Outreach Campaign. Specifically, funds are requested for: 1) promoting Montgomery County stormwater resources; 2) working with targeted civic associations to better understand and implement stormwater best management practices.</p>
2018	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$30,000	<p>Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Solving Erosion and Stormwater Impact at Tartan Ridge</p> <p>Anacostia Riverkeeper has partnered with The Tartan Ridge Homeowners Association in the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia watershed to implement best management practices (BMPs) for erosion control and mitigation of stormwater pollution impact. This project will plant conservation landscaping on 1725 sq ft of highly erosive slope and install a gravel swale, preventing polluted stormwater runoff into the Northwest Branch and treating 26,605 gallons annually.</p>
2018	Friends of Cabin John Creek	\$52,820	<p>Environmental Stewardship in the Cabin John Creek Watershed</p> <p>Through its Stormwater Solutions program, Friends of Cabin John Creek will work with the Cabin John Creek Watershed community, including RainScapes Priority Neighborhoods and over sixty Faith-Based Institutions, to raise awareness of the need for watershed protection and restoration, encourage actions that improve the watershed, and extend the stormwater management tools available to property owners. This program supports county efforts to meet watershed restoration and water quality goals under the MS4 permit, and to alleviate stormwater runoff impacts of private property in the watershed.</p>
2018	Bethesda Green	\$80,000	<p>Community-Based Restoration Implementation Enhancing the Green on Greenery Lane Phase 2</p> <p>In 2015, Bethesda Green (Bethesda, MD) was awarded a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust through the Montgomery County Water Quality Protection Fund administered by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. The recipient site was Glen Waye Gardens Condominiums (Silver Spring, MD), a long-time partner of Bethesda Green.</p> <p>The project tackled stormwater runoff reduction in 3 ways:  Installation of 3 conservation landscapes  Installation of cistern automation technology to provide enhanced and real-time stormwater collection data  Outreach and education to property managers on cistern installation and native plants</p>
2018	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$54,000	<p>Restoration Implementation: Solving Stormwater Impact at Adventist Community</p> <p>Anacostia Riverkeeper has partnered with Adventist Community Services in the Sligo Creek watershed of Montgomery County to install a rain garden, remove impervious pavement and plant trees on site for mitigation of stormwater pollution impact. This project will treat 296,075 gallons of stormwater runoff annually from 15,256 sq ft of impervious roof and parking lot surfaces, preventing polluted stormwater runoff from entering Sligo Creek.</p>

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2018	Little Falls Watershed Alliance	\$20,000	Community-Based Restoration Implementation and Public Outreach: Sumner Village Stormwater management	The grant is to do stormwater management for the Sumner Village Condominium Association. The development is very hilly and backs up to the Little Falls Stream Valley Park. Stormwater flows from uphill neighbors and from a dry pond berm creating considerable erosion to a small tributary of the Little Falls Branch and loss of property for Sumner Village. The run-off problem will be addressed with a combination of conservation landscaping, dry wells and bio-retention. Three community outreach and educational meetings are also planned for the residents of the condominiums and for surrounding and uphill neighbors. The grant is to do stormwater management for the Sumner Village Condominium Association. The development is very hilly and backs up to the Little Falls Stream Valley Park. Stormwater flows from uphill neighbors and from a dry pond berm creating considerable erosion to a small tributary of the Little Falls Branch and loss of property for Sumner Village. The run-off problem will be addressed with a combination of conservation landscaping, dry wells and bio-retention. Three community outreach and educational meetings are also planned for the residents of the condominiums and for surrounding and uphill neighbors.
2018	Friends of Sligo Creek	\$20,000	Community Based Restoration Implementation at the Carolyn Condominium	This applications is for funding to develop a site plan for a community based restoration project at the Carolyn Condominium located at 614 Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring, MD. Built in 1966, the Carolyn has approximately 36,500 square feet of impervious surface with no conservation in place. Funding from this grant would prepare a plan to retrofit the property for improved stormwater management. The project would be designed and built with a subsequent application in the 2020 grant cycle. Although situated on Sligo Avenue, the lot slopes to the south east and the majority of all stormwater traverses lawns and adjoining lots before reaching Mississippi Avenue. During large rainfall events, water saturates lawn areas at the condominium, erodes adjoining properties, deposits sand and sediment into the sewer, and contributes to flooding in the Comstock branch of Sligo Creek, before reaching the Anacostia river. The board of owners at the Carolyn and owners of seven adjoining properties are working together to support this project to be completed on the Carolyn property. We're a diverse community with very modest incomes and limited resources and this work cannot be completed without support from this grant.
2020	Friends of Cabin John Creek	\$64,191	Public Outreach and Stewardship & Community-Based Restoration in Cabin John Creek Watershed Communities	Friends of Cabin John Creek (FoCJC) is proposing an 18-month project involving Community-Based Public Engagement, Watershed Stewardship, and Stormwater Management Installations in the Cabin John Creek Watershed (CJCW) in southern Montgomery County, MD. 1) To improve water quality by reducing pollution by stormwater run-off, FoCJC will develop a watershed-wide outreach strategy that will engage with CJCW communities and seek to develop long-term relationships that will yield new partners for our Stormwater Solutions program. 2) FoCJC will partner with leaders of youth groups and institutions, such as scouts and independent schools, to create and offer sustainable and transferrable programs that will create a new generation of watershed stewards, encouraging measurable behavioral and structural changes. 3) Building on the homeowner interest indicated in our 2019 pilot project, FoCJC will offer to provide and install for CJCW residents 25 decorative Rain Planters at no cost to the resident.
2020	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church	\$119,200	Community-Based Restoration Implementation of Permeable Pavers at CTS to Reduce Rainwater Runoff	The principal goal of this proposed project is to replace 4000 square feet of impermeable blacktop of the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church (CTS) parking lot with an equivalent area of permeable pavers. We also plan to install two (2) roof drains that will lead to the permeable paver system. This installation will reduce stormwater runoff by 389 gallons and thereby contribute to a reduction of runoff entering the Seneca Creek sub-watershed. This watershed drains into the Potomac River and is currently considered to be in only "fair" condition. Another important goal is to provide ongoing educational outreach, including community workshops and events to increase the awareness of the need to protect local watersheds against incursions by uncontrolled stormwater runoff carrying pollutants and increasing flooding risks.
2020	Rock Creek Conservancy	\$21,444	Public Outreach and/or Stewardship through Montgomery County Stream Team Leaders	The Montgomery County Stream Team Leader Program will expand Rock Creek Conservancy's existing Stream Team Leader (STL) program. 20 Stream Team Leaders in the Rock Creek watershed in Montgomery County will be recruited and trained to lead litter cleanups for about 450 community members. Cleanups will serve to foster a Rock Creek identity for STLs and volunteers, leading to increased environmental motivation and at least one stormwater action per participant.
2020	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC)	\$8,944	Public Outreach and Stewardship - Building Faithful Green Leaders	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake will design and deliver 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 Montgomery County. The teams will work within their congregations to educate 60-100 people about watershed restoration and the County's RainScapes program.

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2020	Bannockburn Community Club	\$48,596	Community-Based Restoration Implementation and Community Outreach	The Bannockburn clubhouse is over 100 years old and sits on the highest point of a large 100,844 sq. ft. tiered property surrounded by 22 private homes. The force and amount of stormwater runoff from the large roof surface, driveway, walkway and patio has become a serious erosion and problem impacting our neighbors. Our goal is to redirect and harvest the maximum amount of storm water runoff from the property's impervious areas and keep it from reaching the Cabin John Creek watershed. Our project will implement conservation landscaping, dry wells and rain gardens in a multi . Future projects will include a fifty percent reduction of the grassy areas and replacing it with native plantings that support habitat and manage the flow of stormwater and pollutants locally.
2020	National Wildlife Federation	\$50,000	Sacred Grounds: Caring for Creation along Sligo Creek	The proposed project is a continued partnership between the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) and the additional partnership with Friends of Sligo Creek (FOSC). Our overall goal remains: to improve the understanding and practices of stormwater management issues among people of faith so they can implement best management practices on their congregation grounds except in this case we are expanding it to their member's grounds/yards. Our outreach and behavior change goal is to get 100 homes within the watershed to replace a portion of their lawn with native plants that will help both reduce stormwater quality and quantity as well as create wildlife habitat. We will recruit 4 congregations within the watershed to play an ambassador role in recruiting these homeowners and neighbors, as well as reach out to area homes via a variety of targeted listserves. Of these 100 homes, at least 12 homes will start the more robust application process with Montgomery County RainScapes program.
2020	Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.	\$68,125	Permeable Pavers and Stormwater Management Referrals to RainScapes Rewards	Audubon Naturalist Society seeks funding to implement a Stormwater Pavers project for the Audubon Naturalist Shop parking lot at the top of the watershed for our 40-acre Woodend Nature Sanctuary headquarters, and to provide a demonstration site to help promote the RainScapes Rewards program for permeable paving, rain gardens and conservation landscapes. The historic Woodend mansion that houses our Naturalist Shop and offices sits at the highest elevation of the property in an area dominated by impervious roofs and pavement. Replacing the asphalt of the Shop parking lot with permeable pavers will complete a treatment train of green infrastructure practices that will reduce runoff and pollution to Rock Creek and the Chesapeake Bay, while also addressing flooding on neighboring properties. Information about and referral to the RainScapes Rewards program is already an integral part of our stormwater management workshops. With completion of this project we will be able to demonstrate a suite of projects – conservation landscaping, rain gardens, and permeable pavement - eligible for RainScapes rebates, all part of one treatment train.
2020	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$250,000	Litter Reduction in the Anacostia Watershed Using Trash Traps:Montgomery County 1	This Project will reduce trash in the Anacostia River watershed through the the design, fabrication and installation of one Bandalong Litter Trap in the Lockridge Drive Tributary in the Montgomery County waterway of the Anacostia River watershed. Additionally, Anacostia Riverkeeper will subcontract with contractor or community workforce group to maintain the Bandalong litter trap for one year. The project will host a public event and foster educational opportunities for the public. Captured trash will help Montgomery County comply with the trash TMDL. Finally, green jobs will be created in order to maintain the traps.
2021	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$50,000	Anacostia watershed through Trash Trap Maintenance and Monitoring: Lockridge	This Project will reduce trash in the Anacostia River watershed through the maintenance and monitoring of one Bandalong Litter Trap in the Lockridge Drive Tributary in the Montgomery County waterway of the Anacostia River watershed. Additionally, Anacostia Riverkeeper will subcontract with a community workforce group to maintain the Bandalong litter trap, creating green jobs. Captured trash will help Montgomery County comply with the trash TMDL.
2021	Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.	\$20,836	Public Outreach and Stewardship -- Si se Puede!: Growing a Community of Empowered Environmental Leaders in Long Branch	We will reduce stormflow and pollutants to Long Branch stream in Silver Spring, Maryland by engaging ten local Latinx families in planning and conducting a watershed stewardship project of their choosing. Based on our previous work with this community, we anticipate the participants may choose to do a project focused on trash removal and prevention, tree-planting to offset tree loss as a result of Purple Line construction, invasive species removal or pet waste pick-up. This project will serve as a model for how the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) process that has been used extensively with school children throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed can also be used effectively to engage community members in watershed restoration. The MWEE process creates skilled leaders by guiding participants through identifying, researching and taking action to solve a watershed problem.
2021	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$30,242	Project 1: Upper Anacostia Public Outreach and Stewardship using Citizen Science Monitoring Data	Anacostia Riverkeeper plans to expand our current citizen science water quality monitoring program to five sites on Sligo Creek and NW Branch in the Anacostia watershed by working with local "friends of" groups in Montgomery County. Our outreach will target diverse communities in Silver Spring, Takoma Park, and along the NW Branch of the Anacostia. Our goal is to engage and create a group of citizen science water quality monitors in Montgomery County and encourage community members to take a more active role in local stream health.

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2021	Friends of Sligo Creek	\$60,061	Community Based Restoration Implementation at the Carolyn Condominium	This grant application is to continue the implementation of a stormwater management site plan developed with 2019 grant funding. A small demonstration project was installed in the Fall of 2019, representing a fraction of the needed capacity for this location. Our goal for the 2021 fiscal year is to treat runoff from approximately 13,710 sq ft of impermeable paved and roof surface draining to the south (rear) with the installation of rain gardens and conservation landscape practices at the Carolyn Condominium, located at 614 Sligo Avenue in Silver Spring, MD. Although situated on Sligo Avenue, the lot slopes to the south east and the majority of all stormwater traverses lawns and adjoining lots before reaching Mississippi Avenue. During large rainfall events, water saturates lawn areas at the condominium, erodes adjoining properties, deposits sand and sediment into the sewer, and contributes to flooding in the Comstock branch of Sligo Creek, before reaching the Anacostia river. The board of owners at the Carolyn and owners adjoining properties are working together to support this project.
2021	University of Maryland System Foundation	\$20,000	Greening Glenwood	The Greening Glenwood project will directly address both infrastructure improvements as well as conduct outreach to a Silver Spring community and civic organization in order to further Montgomery County's stormwater reduction goals on the campus of Glenwood Recreation Club. The goal of this project is to implement Green infrastructure projects that will reduce flooding, and conduct outreach programs that aim to raise awareness and knowledge of local stakeholders on the importance of solutions for stormwater management. The project will treat impervious surface, address multiple co-benefits, and show a return of investment.
2021	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$62,000	Stormwater Reduction for the Northwest Branch from Sandy Spring to Silver Spring	This project will implement rain gardens at two community centers: Sharp Street United Methodist Church in Sandy Spring, MD, and Adventist Community Services in Silver Spring, MD. These rain gardens will not only capture and treat stormwater before it enters the Northwest Branch, the Anacostia River, and the Bay, but they will also be high visibility demonstration projects to introduce County residents to stormwater BMPs and to the County's RainScapes program. This grant will expand on previous stormwater reduction work at Adventist Community Services, and will be the first step in a new relationship with Sharp Street UMC.
2021	Little Falls Watershed Alliance	\$32,635	Community-Based Restoration Implementation: Overlook Pool Parking Lot Permeable Pavement	Overlook HOA, located in Bethesda, MD, proposes to replace 1,300 square feet of impervious pavement with permeable pavers in their 9,000 sq.ft. asphalt community pool parking lot. The project will treat over 6,600 square feet of impervious surface as well as provide a valuable demonstration area for residents to see how they can treat stormwater on their property. The installation of the permeable pavement will be coupled with two community presentations on the importance of stormwater management, steps that homeowners can take to manage stormwater on their property, and an overview of the Montgomery County RainScapes rebate program.
2021	Potomac Riverkeeper Network	\$29,998	"21 Ways to Protect the River" Public Outreach and Stewardship Campaign in Montgomery County	Potomac Riverkeeper Network and partners, Rock Creek Conservancy and ecoLatinos will engage 1,000 residents in Montgomery County, through an outreach and stewardship campaign involving an online Social Media Campaign and volunteer stream monitoring activities, with a focus on Latino outreach, designed to educate and raise awareness of pollution that harms local waterways, promote volunteer opportunities to make positive change, and inspire people to demonstrate their environmental stewardship by posting and tagging photos on Facebook and Instagram of themselves taking actions (such as picking up pet waste or using reusable straws) aligned with the campaign around "21 Ways to Protect the River"
2021	Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.	\$29,983	Plant It Forward Native Conservation Landscapes	"Plant it Forward Native Conservation Landscapes" will facilitate management of stormwater with conservation landscaping in Montgomery County, particularly in the heavily Latinx areas of Silver Spring and Wheaton that are within the county's Stormwater Management Suitability high priority areas. To achieve these outcomes, the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) will leverage the expertise of its staff, the green infrastructure of Woodend Nature Sanctuary and its community partnerships to train 30 home gardeners and 20 Spanish-speaking landscape professionals to fully implement 6 low-maintenance landscape plans that meet Montgomery County Rainscapes Rebate criteria, and to become mentors for others.
2021	National Wildlife Federation	\$49,953	Growing Caring for Creation along the Northwest Branch: Sacred Grounds Phase 2	In this project we will grow our current Caring for Creation along Sligo Creek work to expand to the larger Northwest Branch but still prioritize the Sligo Creek subwatershed, recruit additional congregations as ambassadors, and add another 100 homes to change their landscaping practices. We also will help congregations with hosting planting days at their own grounds as well as plant sales. We will add a new pledge form and tracking database. It's a continued partnership between the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) and Friends of Sligo Creek (FOSC). Our overall goal remains: to improve the understanding and practices of stormwater management issues among people of faith so they can implement best management practices on their congregation grounds and their member's grounds/yards at home. Our outreach and behavior change goal is to get 100 additional yards within the watershed to plant native plants, undertake conservation landscaping and install raingardens to help both reduce stormwater quality and quantity as well as create wildlife habitat. We will work with 4 congregations within the watershed to act as ambassadors in recruiting their members and neighbors, as well as reach out to area homes via a variety of targeted listserves. Of these 100 homes, at least 12 homes will start the more robust application process with Montgomery County.



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2021	Casey Trees	\$75,000	Montgomery County Tree Planting Initiative	Casey Trees (CT) proposes to meet this project's primary stormwater mitigation objective by addressing part of the large unmet demand for street tree planting by Montgomery County (MOCO) residents. Casey Trees will plant up to 325 trees with the coordination and permission of the Tree Maintenance Section of the MOCO Department of Transportation (DOT). Trees will be planted exclusively at the request of the adjacent homeowners on DOT land/rights-of-way. Selected trees will be native species appropriate to the planting location, and professional grade stock of 1.5" – 2.0" caliper, measuring approximately 7' – 10' in height at planting. Any tree(s) that do not survive for two years shall be replaced. This proposal is based on Casey Trees' successful partnership with DOT since 2014, through which we have planted up to 70 trees per year with a 3-year survival rate of 95%.
2021	Little Falls Watershed Alliance	\$30,000	Public Outreach and Stewardship: Using Autonomous Robots to Monitor Water Quality and Engage Community.	For this Public Outreach and Stewardship Project, the Little Falls Watershed Alliance (LFWA) will partner with Kick Robotics (KR) utilizing their innovative and unique autonomous environmental robots and sensor platform to accomplish three goals: 1) expand and improve existing water quality monitoring on Little Falls Creek; (2) engage, publicize and inform the community regarding these efforts and their importance through public events and an educational website; and (3) provide STEM-based educational opportunities that involve and motivate students. The project will be located on the Little Falls Branch in Bethesda, within the Little Falls Steam Valley Park and Watershed, which is part of the Potomac Watershed.
2021	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	\$90,000	Land, Water, Spirit/ Tierra, Agua, Espiritu	The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance) seeks to implement stormwater best management practices (BMPs) paired with an outreach education initiative at St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church in Wheaton, MD. his project meets both Project Type 1 and Project Type 2 requirements identified in Chesapeake Bay Trust's Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program. The installed practices (rain gardens, conservation landscaping, rain barrels, trees, and a cistern) will reduce and treat over 17,000 sq ft of stormwater runoff. The project will support the church's efforts to increase environmental awareness for both English and Spanish speaking parishioners through stormwater education and hands-on activities.
2021	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC)	\$9,571	Building More Interfaith Green Team Leaders - Montgomery County	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) will train 21-50 individuals from 7-10 congregations with the goal of developing 5-7 successful green teams at houses of worship within Montgomery County. Team members will attend a virtual green leader training where IPC will guide them in developing an Action Plan for at least one activity at their congregation. Teams will then work within their congregations to carry out the activity or project and in the process educate as many as 250 people about watershed restoration. IPC will also organize two statewide virtual convenings to facilitate cross-congregational learning, collaboration and movement building.
2021	Bannockburn Community Club	\$50,000	Community-Based Restoration Implementation and Community Outreach - Bannockburn East Side and Glen Echo	The Bannockburn clubhouse is over 100 years old and sits on the highest point of a large 100,844 sq. ft. tiered property surrounded by 22 private homes. The force and amount of stormwater runoff from the large roof surface and the parking lot on the east side of the building are causing serious erosion on an old asphalt road leading to a storm drain. Our goal is to redirect and harvest the maximum amount of storm water runoff from the impervious areas on the property's east side and keep it from reaching the Cabin John Creek watershed. Our project will implement conservation landscaping to reduce the velocity and force of the water from the building and upper tiers of the property. The project will remove the old road and replace it with a new "stream path" with native plantings that support habitat and manage the flow of stormwater and pollutants locally. In addition, we are partnering with the neighboring Town of Glen Echo to assist them with stormwater management and to collaborate on joint outreach.
2022	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC)	\$9,761	Accelerating Watershed Restoration with Faith-Based Action - Montgomery County	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) will train 16 individuals from four (4) congregations from Montgomery County in our Faithful Green Leaders Training (FGLT) program and work with them to develop robust action plans for restoration projects on their property. In addition, IPC will host or co-host four (4) outreach and education events plus monthly Learning Labs, engaging 100 individuals. The outcome of this work will foster a greater understanding of congregational and community stormwater impacts and the eventual installation of congregational restoration projects based upon the action plans created. These projects will not only treat stormwater coming from congregational properties, but also serve as educational tools for congregation members and other congregations as well.
2022	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$30,000	Continuing to Preserve Water Quality at the Top of the Watershed	Anacostia Riverkeeper will return to Sandy Spring Friends Meeting to install new green infrastructure on a separate parcel of the property from the one we previously retrofitted, as well as modify the gravel swale previously installed to adapt it to the now much sunnier conditions following the loss of trees on the North side of their educational addition. The new BMPs will alleviate stormwater flooding on this new parcel as well as on a private lot adjacent that shares a culvert for drainage away from both properties towards the headwaters of the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. Finally, we hope to create a pond that receives the stormwater runoff from these BMPs and creates not only novel habitat, but a hands-on learning lab for youth.

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2022	National Wildlife Federation	\$50,000	Growing Caring for Creation with Multi-Faith Congregations: Sacred Grounds Phase 3	NWF proposes to deepen and expand our engagement with the faith community in the Northwest Branch watershed with a focus on congregations representing people of color. Using behavior change research, we will partner with three BIPOC congregations who will act as ambassadors to their members and neighbors to implement stormwater management practices at home and their own congregation grounds. NWF and our partners will help congregations create and implement action plans to inspire their members to plant native plants as an entry point into RainScapes eligible rain gardens and conservation landscaping. In this phase, we will help ambassadors create and share their stories with other county congregations. This will result in greater biological and social impact with our goal to increase the number and diversity of homes and congregations gardening with native plants within this heavily urbanized and degraded watershed.
2022	EcoLatinos, Inc.	\$29,983	Grupos Ecologicos, Increasing Sustainability and Maintenance of Green Infrastructure practices through outreach, engagement and education	ecoLatinos, Inc. seeks funding to Increase sustainability and maintenance of green infrastructure practices supported by Chesapeake Bay Trust funded projects through outreach, engagement and education. To accomplish this ecoLatinos will: Educate and empower environmental sustainability focused "Grupos Ecológicos" (Green teams) at St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church in Montgomery County; Build technical capacity of the members of the Grupos Ecológicos: (Green Teams) to provide maintenance and sustainability for the green infrastructure installations made through the Agua, Tierra y Espíritu program in 2021; Conduct a series of in-person and on-line trainings on Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce stormwater runoff supported by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the RainScapes program; Provide onsite continued technical education workshops in green landscaping; and expand the RainScape rebate program to include Latino residents of Montgomery County
2022	Bethesda Green	\$30,000	The Mews Stormwater Reduction Project	Bethesda Green is partners with the Kensington Mews Home Owners Association to resolve long standing storm water runoff issues by initiating a redesign of the shared community space to reduce stormwater flow on the property and from the surrounding area. The Kensington Mews Stormwater Project will initiate a community planning process to identify the most significant areas on stormwater coming onto the property and identify the stormwater abatement to be installed to address the issue. The community will participate in the conceptual design of the space to ensure acceptance by all of the homeowners.
2022	Izaak Walton League of America (The)	\$29,972	Winter Salt Watch in East Montgomery County - Anacostia Watershed	Winter Salt Watch is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America that educates the public about the risk excessive road salt use poses to water quality and wildlife. This project will establish a targeted Salt Watch program in Montgomery County and will a) distribute 1000 Salt Watch test kits to Montgomery County residents, b) compile 1000+ Salt Watch readings from residents, c) host 5 Salt Watch events to educate the public, and d) engage 5 high schools in Salt Watch monitoring in East Montgomery County.
2022	Potomac Riverkeeper Network	\$30,000	Rapid Response for Healthy Waterways in Montgomery County	This project's goals will be to conduct outreach, education and trainings to Montgomery County residents, with special attention to BIPOC and Latino residents, to educate residents about the benefits of clean water and motivate them to take action as stewards of our environmental resources. Public engagement opportunities offered as part of our Community Water Quality Monitoring and Rapid Response Team Programs will train local residents to identify, investigate, and properly report pollution incidents such as broken sewer pipes, illegal dumping, uncontrolled stormwater discharges (and other issues) and to collect water samples using PRKN's Tier III certified methods. Reporting water conditions directly to the public through easily accessible platforms such as the Swim Guide app provides the public with timely information so they may recreate safely and feel inspired and empowered to protect our shared resources.
2022	Friends of Cabin John Creek	\$53,523	Public Outreach, Stewardship & Restoration in Cabin John Creek Watershed (CJCW) Communities	Friends of Cabin John Creek is proposing an 18-month project involving Community Based Public Engagement, Watershed Stewardship, and Stormwater Management Installations in the Cabin John Creek Watershed (CJCW) in southern Montgomery County, MD. The proposed project includes both Type 1 - Public Outreach and Stewardship and Type 2 - Community Based Restoration Implementation, to engage residents in achieving water quality improvement through increased awareness and measurable behavior change, as well as directly reducing runoff and improving local water quality. 1) To improve water quality by reducing pollution by stormwater runoff, FoCJC will enhance our Creek Keepers pilot program to engage, educate, and train dedicated community volunteers on watershed stewardship and encourage personal and community behavioral changes. 2) Building on the homeowner interest indicated since our 2019 pilot, FoCJC will offer to provide and install for CJCW residents 10 decorative Rain Planters at no cost to the resident.
2022	Forest Knolls Pool	\$30,000	Community Based Restoration of the Forest Knolls Community Pool Site	The Forest Knolls Community Pool seeks to install 3,000 square feet of conservation garden and 1,000 square feet of raingarden to control stormwater flooding. It intends to create social media content based on the restoration project that publicizes the process and benefit of changing lawn to native plants and trees. "More Life, Less Lawn" During and after installation, the site will be used to educate and train others using workshops, tours, and volunteer work days with attention targeted to children, teens, and neighborhood property owners and organization.

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2022	Chinese American Parent Association of Montgomery County	\$24,990	Protecting Our Watersheds - Youth in Action	The project goal of this Public Outreach and Stewardship grant is to engage 500 or more minority youths, and 500 or more parents in raising community's awareness of detrimental impacts of consuming chemicals during our daily life on local watersheds and Chesapeake Bay. We lead by example through practicing eco-friendly planting in the CAPA-MC Growing & Giving Club's garden plots (to reach 30 garden planners and 500 adults through our project). Clean Water is everyone's business! With the growing population and human footprint in Montgomery County and imminent changes in climate, the need for the public and communities to understand and protect our watershed is very critical for our long term environmental health.
2022	Catholic University of America	\$50,000	Anacostia Watershed Waste Source Location Identification	The primary goal of this work is to create a concentration waste map of the Anacostia Watershed. The map will be created with hydrological models, waste data, microplastic concentrations, and inverse numerical techniques. This map will be used to focus future cleanup efforts, educational workshops, and fund infrastructure developments (e.g. plastic waste traps, trash collection, and recycling bins). The work will increase the overall ecosystem health, reduce trash throughout the landscape, and increase the regional property values.
2022	Nature Forward	\$42,165	"Don't Pollute" Long Branch Youth Campaign: Empowering BIPOC Youth to Lead Litter Reduction Efforts in the Long Branch Community	The project will reduce litter in the Long Branch catchment area in Silver Spring, MD by training and guiding 18 high school age BIPOC youth in assessing litter issues in the catchment and in designing and implementing two community-appropriate projects to reduce litter in their community. The youth participants will engage 100 additional community members in their projects. The youth participants will gain valuable knowledge and skills and help their community. The project will create a replicable model for empowering youth to reduce litter in their community.
2022	Nature Forward	\$74,074	Get Onboard!: A Green Infrastructure Treatment Train and Bilingual Outreach Program	This project will install 493 square feet of bioretention along the steep driveway at Woodend Nature Sanctuary, adding a final element to a suite of green infrastructure that will achieve treatment of 100% of the property's stormwater runoff. To make maximum use of the project for training and outreach, ANS will create a video of the construction sequence with English and Spanish narrated versions, as well as a rain garden template to add to our shareable design resources. These resources will be used during the first-ever Spanish-language CBLP green infrastructure maintenance course that will equip at least 25 landscape contractors to install and maintain green infrastructure, as well as in our classes and consultations that will empower 35 or more home gardeners to use native plants and manage stormwater on their properties. Finally, we will spark interest in sustainable landscaping among at least 500 area residents through tours of Woodend's green infrastructure, plant sales and presentations.
2022	Vietnamese American Services	\$49,984	Watershed Restoration Outreach & Behavioral Change	Thru the use of our culturally-competent bilingual staff and an expansive network of community volunteers, VAS will connect with the underserved Vietnamese community in Silver Spring, MD with the objective of educating and changing habits that will cause ongoing positive impact to the Anacostia River. This will be accomplished through the use of mass media (newspapers ads, ad on FB, websites, email, mailings), mid media (posters in stores, libraries, pagodas, churches) and interpersonal (events, focus group discussion, visit nail salons, VAS clients).
2022	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$29,300	Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring in the Middle Anacostia	Anacostia Riverkeeper seeks to continue our volunteer-based water quality monitoring program in the Montgomery County portion of the Anacostia watershed. With our partners and volunteers this project will collect biweekly recreational and ecological water quality from May to September 2022 along sites in the Sligo Creek and Northwest Branch sub-watersheds. Along with E. Coli, dissolved oxygen, specific conductivity, pH, and air/water temperature we will also sample for excess nutrients in these waters, serving as one of the first volunteer-led nutrient monitoring programs in the watershed. This project seeks to not only further the collection of essential local water quality data, but to bring it to the people who need it most, Montgomery County residents and visitors who recreate in and along our local waters.
2023	Centro de Apoyo Familiar	\$30,000	CAF Family and Youth Environmental Stewardship Community Program	CAF's Family and Youth Environmental Stewardship Community Program will be a community engagement project which will not only empower and educate Montgomery's community members on storm water and available rebate programs but also empower a new generation of young people with a strong ties to the environmental health movement. This program will be done in partnership with our CAF Connectors Network (CCN).
2023	Izaak Walton League of America (The)	\$27,455	Salt Watch in Montgomery County, MD - Engaging Local Businesses	Salt Watch is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America that educates the public about the risk excessive road salt use poses to water quality and wildlife. This project will build on a previous grant and will a) provide outreach and education to local businesses to encourage better salting practices on their sidewalks and parking lots, and b) offer Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MCPA) Smart Salt Certification Training: Parking Lots and Sidewalks to up to 50 local business representatives and winter maintenance professionals.
2023	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$43,934	Litter Cleanups By and For Diverse Communities	Anacostia Riverkeeper will work with multiple other environmental organizations active across Montgomery County in order to reach many different communities diverse in geography, ethnicity, and their relationship to the Anacostia River. Each partner group will co-organize two cleanups and one outreach event with ARK from spring 2023 through the winter 23/24.

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2023	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$40,000	Whats in the Water: Water Quality Education around Sligo Creek and the Northwest Branch	The Anacostia portion of Montgomery County is a highly urbanized area of the watershed that sees a significant amount of outdoor recreation along its many tributaries in the form of swimming, wading, and hiking among others. Unfortunately, large portions of Montgomery County communities aren't privy to up-to-date water quality information about their local streams, whether due to poor outreach, education surrounding the issues, or language barriers. For this project we at Anacostia Riverkeeper have teamed up with local organizations who specialize in water quality, education and outreach, and LatinX community building to bring a water quality monitoring and education program to the communities surrounding Sligo Creek, the Northwest Branch, and Long Branch. Through a combination of volunteer monitoring, educational field trips, and targeted bilingual outreach events we aim to bring timely and vital water quality information to local Montgomery County communities in a palatable format that not only teaches them about the issues and engages them in the monitoring process, but also meets them at their level whether via language interpretation, at their community meetings, or in the field.
2023	Rock Creek Conservancy	\$107,672	Rock Creek Conservation Corps and Strathmore's Forests: the next generation of Stream Team Leaders and Habitat	Rock Creek Conservancy will partner with Strathmore to restore 1.5 acres of forest through urban tree planting and provide meaningful experiences for Montgomery County high school students through Rock Creek Conservation Corps (RC3) work at the Strathmore in north Bethesda, a medium equity area in the Rock Creek watershed. 10 RC3 students will remove up to an acres of invasive bush honeysuckle from the restoration site ahead of contracted tree planting, and RCC staff will train XXX of Strathmore staff and volunteers to maintain the site after planting. Interpretive signage will educate the XXXX Strathmore visitors and passersby each year.
2023	Bethesda Green	\$90,000	The Kensington Mews Stormwater Reduction Project	Bethesda Green is partners with the Kensington Mews Home Owners Association to resolve long standing storm water runoff issues by initiating a redesign of the shared community space to reduce stormwater flow on the property and from the surrounding area. The Kensington Mews Stormwater Project will install raingardens and other stormwater techniques to address the most significant areas on stormwater coming onto the property and infiltrate the stormwater on site while enhancing the beautification of the space.
2023	Little Falls Watershed Alliance	\$29,125	St. Dunstan's Church Stormwater Management Design Phase	Project is to design a comprehensive stormwater management plan for the 3.75 acre St. Dunstan's Church campus located in Bethesda MD. The final plan will survey the entire property and suggest places for stormwater management as well as deliver biddable construction plans for two projects. Accompanying the design process with be an outreach program with community meetings and a "native plant/stormwater management" afternoon.
2023	Little Falls Watershed Alliance	\$54,050	Little Falls Swim Club Restoration and Stormwater Management Project	This project will provide much needed stormwater management for the Little Falls Swim Club location in Bethesda, MD. The pool has extensive parking lot and adjacent lawn. The project will direct stormwater from alley behind the pool to rain gardens as well as replace the 3000 sq. ft. grassy buffer along the Little Falls Branch creek with native trees, bushes, grasses and flowers.
2023	Potomac Conservancy	\$43,341	Hands Dirty for Clean Water in Montgomery County	Potomac Conservancy will expand its proven Volunteer Leadership models to deepen our impact in Montgomery County priority watersheds. In partnership with Montgomery County parks, local and national BIPOC and LGBTQ organizations, and Montgomery County communities, Potomac Conservancy will co-host at least 6 targeted stewardship events focusing on river and trail trash cleanups, and community seed collections. This program aims to create sustainable, community driven conservation-based behaviors using a train the trainer model.
2023	Nature Forward	\$38,965	Using Community Science Stream Monitoring to Increase Stream Health Knowledge and Inspire Stream Stewardship	The grant will a) support the cost of conducting our long-running community science water quality monitoring program at five of our sites in Montgomery County for 18 months and b) use the program to build stream health knowledge and inspire stream stewardship through 10 highly engaging streamside "learning stations." We will reach 300 people from diverse communities at these learning stations and raise their awareness about stream health and how they can protect local streams. We will also train and deploy 30 volunteers to monitor water quality at these sites and lead the learning stations with support of staff.
2023	Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center	\$30,000	Stormwater Management & Pervious Surface Installation	The site is minimally developed in terms of the area where the conservation landscaping, rain gardens, and pervious paving would be installed. The area along Norwood Road is lightly wooded but improvements need to be made in order to manage the stormwater runoff onto Norwood, Sweetridge and the protected streamway. The current land is an opportunity for CMWRC to make environmentally responsible improvements that would not only help the property but it's surrounding neighborhood.
2023	Potomac Riverkeeper Network	\$21,000	Rapid Response for Healthy Waterways in Montgomery County 2023	Potomac Riverkeeper Network, in partnership with ecoLatinos and Rock Creek Conservancy will be working to conduct outreach, education and trainings to Montgomery County residents through three avenues. With ecoLatinos, we will execute programming targeting Latino residents and recreators in Spanish through fun and engaging programming at high-use recreational spots. We will also continue the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program at seven (7) recreational water access points in Montgomery County. And continue to develop the Rapid Response Team Program launched in Montgomery County in 2020 that trains local residents to identify, investigate, and report pollution incidents.

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2023	Sandy Spring Museum	\$95,176	Inspiring Community Greening through Action	Sandy Spring Museum is requesting funds for a project that will manage stormwater and improve the water quality by 1) implementing a stormwater concept plan for two specific locations that are prone to inadequate drainage and 2) removing and replacing impermeable surfaces, turf, and non-native plants with conservation landscaping.
2023	Izaak Walton League of America (The)	\$37,957	Salt Watch in Montgomery County, MD - Engaging Youth and Families	Salt Watch is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America that educates the public about the risk excessive road salt use poses to water quality and wildlife. This project will continue the targeted Salt Watch program in Montgomery County, Maryland (which began in 2022 with the assistance of a CBT grant) and will in 2023-2024 a) distribute 1000 bilingual Spanish/English Salt Watch test kits to Montgomery County residents, b) compile 1000+ Salt Watch readings from residents, and c) run a "Paint the Plow" program in conjunction with Montgomery County DOT for Montgomery County middle schools and partner groups to participate in.
2023	Islamic Community Center of Potomac	\$19,690	Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle with ICCP: Behavioral Change Initiative	The project will be implemented in two phases. This proposal focuses on the following Phase 1 planning and design activities to inform Phase 2 implementation activities: 1. Conduct focus groups of different racial and ethnic groups to learn: i) current perceptions and motivation for recycling and composting; ii) extent of awareness about the benefits of composting among the Muslim community; and iii) knowledge about what can and cannot be recycled or composted. 2. Interview ICCP management about barriers to implementing a sustainable waste management program at the community center. This will help prioritize solutions to remove common barriers towards recycling and composting. 3. Design an education and outreach program. The program will include: a. Effective and informative signage in multiple languages showing which waste stream to throw recyclable and compostable items. b. Educational and motivational content, such as videos and posts for social media, that encourage people to recycle and compost by tying environmental protection with service to our Creator. c. Workshop series at ICCP hosting environmental experts and advocates, such as Green Muslims, Green Ramadan, the Compost Crew, National Wildlife Federation, and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake. 4. Develop a community waste management operations manual with best practices and protocols for recycling and composting at Islamic community centers. We will share this manual with other centers in the region and nation. 5. Develop Phase 2 implementation plan detailing planned implementation activities and costs.
2023	Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ	\$76,105	South Green Space Conservation Landscape for Stormwater Management	Westmoreland Congregational UCC and the Westmoreland Children's Center (partners in this project) will install gravel and vegetated swales, berms and hillside conservation landscape to resolve significant stormwater management issues on the south side of our property that also serves as a community green space. The project will cover 3300 square feet.
2023	Pilgrim Lutheran Church	\$30,000	Pilgrim rainwater remediation project	Plan to reduce rainwater runoff on a rear service drive embankment from the overlooking Namakagan properties and direct this water as well as that from the Church roof downspouts into a collection basin and directed through a channel drain to a rain garden at the front of the church near Massachusetts Ave. Appropriate plantings will cover this to absorb the water and an overflow will be directed into the adjacent Massachusetts Ave. storm sewer. We hope to decrease hydrostatic pressure and erosion of the embankment and will enlist the aid of the Namakagan neighbors to avail themselves of the residential assistance.
2023	Defensores de la Cuenca	\$50,000	Embajadores de los Árboles en condado Montgomery (Montgomery County Tree Ambassadors)	The Embajadores de los Árboles will plant at least 200 urban trees in the priority suitability and equity areas while also providing paid professional development opportunities for the Spanish-speaking community of Montgomery County. Working with county and local jurisdictions, we will sight half of the trees for planting with the other half being selected by the community through recruitment by our trained tree ambassadors. The tree ambassadors will receive tree training to build their knowledge base around many facets of trees: importance, function, species, selection, maintenance, proper planting, etc. who will then share their knowledge with their community to find tree hosts for the other half of the trees. Ambassadors will be in charge of their well-being throughout the project.
2023	Vietnamese American Services	\$69,500	2023 Clean Water	To promote environmental literacy within the Vietnamese community in Montgomery County to change behavior that will positively impact the Anacostia River. This will be achieved through the implementation of a rain garden, located on our office premises: 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.
2023	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	\$50,000	Parkside Plaza Clean Water	The Alliance is proposing to design two bioretention cells on the property of Parkside Plaza Condominiums. The design will include a 600sf cell and a 1,400 cell that together capture runoff from 22,000 square feet of parking lot and 1,500 square feet of roof area. Based on the design, one of the cells will be installed under this grant. The proposed installed BMP will measure approximately 600 square feet and capture runoff from approximately 8,000 square feet of parking lot. The installation of this bioretention will be accompanied with two community engagement events and signage.

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2023	Mater Amoris Montessori School	\$66,536	Permeable Pavement Implementation	This Community Based Restoration Implementation project will be located at Mater Amoris Montessori School. This school serves the Montgomery County; Olney, Clarksville, Silver Spring and Washington DC area. This project will be the first step in reducing the impervious cover on our 13-acre school campus but converting part of our driveway into permeable pavers. This will not only reduce impervious surfaces but will lessen runoff, as the driveway is at the top of a hill that drains down to a creek that our students utilize for education daily. This project will be part of demonstration to our school community on how we can reduce impervious surfaces in suburban and urban environments. This will be a stepping stone in reducing our environmental impact in our local and global community.
2023	Arts on the Block	\$40,000	Developing Eco-Art Champions at the Cider Mills Apartments	Developing Eco-Art Champions at the Cider Mills Apartments Project will provide a seamless connection with AOB's Youth Arts Movement (YAM) programming at South Lake Elementary School. 80% of youth who live at the Cider Mills Apartments, also attend SLES.  Art-Eco Champions will range in age from elementary through high school age students and will be responsible for helping to design and fabricate an environmentally safe mosaic artwork that helps to trumpet our need to keep the Rock Creek watershed clean. They will also be the stewards of any newly planted trees, ensuring that the new plantings are free of debris and protected during the cold months. Lastly, the Art-Eco Champions will provide regular clean-up assistance on the housing campus in between community-wide clean-up events that will take place every two months throughout the project year.
2023	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC)	\$26,326	Expanding Faith-Based Engagement in Montgomery County	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC) will help Montgomery County congregations build green teams; support all currently trained teams with action planning; and create Action Kits that help congregations lead actions at the institution and at home. Green team building will include delivering our Faithful Green Leaders Training (FGLT) 3 times in the grant period for up to 15 individuals from 3-5 congregations, along with regular Learning Labs and ongoing coaching and action planning support throughout the grant period. IPC will also create 6-8 new Action Kits that will help congregations lead actions on their own, thereby scaling the project outcomes.
2024	Izaak Walton League of America (The)	\$32,882	Broadening the Reach of Salt Watch in Montgomery County	Salt Watch is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America that educates the public about the risk excessive road salt use poses to water quality and wildlife. This project will continue the targeted Salt Watch program in Montgomery County, Maryland (which began in 2022 with the assistance of a CBT grant) and will in 2024-2025 a) distribute 1000 bilingual Spanish/English Salt Watch test kits to Montgomery County residents, b) compile 1000+ Salt Watch readings from residents, especially targeted at the Watts Branch watershed, and c) promote smart salting techniques via programs and tabling events at libraries and farmers markets.
2024	Latin American Youth Center	\$42,453	LAYC Montgomery County Conservation Corps	Latin American Youth Center's Montgomery County Conservation Corps (MCCC) will engage 20 opportunity youth in Montgomery County, Maryland, defined as youth ages 17-24 who are out-of-school and unemployed or underemployed, through classroom- and field-based job training and life skills to build the next generation of environmental stewards in green infrastructure and conservation. Participants will be mentored to develop confidence and character by learning essential life skills such as decision-making, time-management, and goal-setting. For our proposed project, participants will be involved in a new twice-monthly field project focusing on litter removal storm water efforts throughout the Anacostia River. Youth will become advocates for climate change awareness and take the lead in promoting sustainable practices within their communities.
2024	Conservation Montgomery	\$9,287	Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities	We are requesting funding to translate our new "Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities: A Guide to Tree Care in Montgomery County, Maryland" into the Spanish language. We would like to produce a digital version of the guide and a printed version that we can distribute primarily in the Long Branch and Takoma Park Equity Focus Areas of Montgomery County, within the Sligo Creek/Potomac River watershed.
2024	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$35,000	10th Anniversary of Clean Waterways: Collecting Trash & Data in Montgomery County	For the 10th year of our Clean Waterway projects in the Anacostia watershed, we are excited to increase our efforts within Montgomery county. In this proposal, we will work to remove 750+ pounds of trash from entering the river within the Sligo Creek, Long Branch, and Northwest Branch tributaries. We will work with strong community partners to recruit a diverse group of volunteers to help us not only remove trash, but more importantly classify & measure trash collected into 26 distinct categories. We will then work with partners to conduct outreach within the county to teach residents on waste patterns discovered in their waterways and alternatives that could reduce trash in their community.
2024	Nature Forward, Inc	\$40,000	Inspiring Watershed Stewardship Through Community Science Stream Monitoring	This grant will engage diverse, multigenerational audiences in hands-on community science through water quality monitoring. Families, youth and seniors will learn about the importance of stream health, its connection to human health, and ways that they can take action to help steward their local streams. Funding from this grant will support (1) on-going water quality monitoring at 21 sites in Montgomery County, and (2) further development of streamside Learning Stations. Specifically, it will provide for the staff, volunteer training and deployment, and public educational materials needed to continue both programs and inspire greater watershed stewardship among residents of Montgomery County.

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2024	Anacostia Riverkeeper	\$39,791	Whats in the Water: Water Quality Monitoring & Education in Montgomery County	The Anacostia River and its tributaries in Montgomery county is asset for all residents to enjoy- however water quality in the County's water frequently does not meet recreational standards. In this proposal, we will build on three years of water quality monitoring along Sligo Creek, Long Branch, and Northwest Branch- all tributaries with both high recreation and (at time) poor water quality. We will recruit and train community-scientists to collect samples and measure the streams pH, turbidity, and E. coli levels on a bi-weekly basis from May-September. We will then conduct outreach by tabling at community events to ensure that all residents have access to the information to make informed recreational decisions.
2024	Izaak Walton League of America (The)	\$29,937	Smart Salt Outreach to Businesses in Montgomery County	Salt Watch is a program of the Izaak Walton League of America that educates the public about the risk excessive road salt use poses to water quality and wildlife. This project will build on a previous grant and will a) provide outreach and education to local businesses to encourage better salting practices on their sidewalks and parking lots, b) offer Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MCPA) Smart Salt Certification Training: Parking Lots and Sidewalks to up to 50 local business representatives and winter maintenance professionals, and c) create a short online training to educate property managers on how to contract for snow removal in an environmentally friendly manner.
2024	Montgomery Parks Foundation	\$45,000	Montgomery Parks Equitable Youth Engagement Project	The Montgomery County Parks Foundation (the "Foundation") requests your support through a \$50,000 grant for the Montgomery Parks Equitable Youth Engagement Project in Montgomery Parks. The Foundation is a champion for the Montgomery County Department of Parks, promoting the values and benefits of the park system to Montgomery County residents and policymakers.
2024	So What Else, Inc	\$40,000	SWE Youth Led Litter Reduction and Environmental Education	The So What Else youth-led litter reduction and environmental education program will be an expansion of an already existing youth program at Willows Apartment Complex in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This program will educate youth about the environment specifically as it relates to the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and also assist youth in creating a local litter-reduction program. This program will take place weekly at the Willows apartment complex after school, and additionally will include weekend programming to include parents, guardians, and family members in the environmental education and litter-reduction program planning and implementation. In addition to funding the program and current staff working with this program, support will also fund consulting environmental experts to educate and lead workshops. Specific objectives of the program include teaching students how to recycle and upcycle, the consequences of littering, how to minimize daily waste production, and the importance of caring for the environment in both the short and long term. An example of upcycling can include turning viable trash into art that students can keep. Through this program, there will be 4 workshops each semester, 8 total, with weekly litter reduction workshops and 2 main field trips. While this program is typically weekly, grant funds will support occasionally hosting workshops on Saturdays to allow the families of students to participate in learning about environmentalism and in litter reduction trips.
2024	Maryland Nonprofits	\$40,000	Futuros Verdes: Fostering a Generation of Latine Environmental Health Leaders	Maryland Latinos Unidos (MLU) proposes a watershed enhancement initiative in Colesville/Silver Spring, focusing on engaging and educating the Latinx community, particularly youth, community health workers, and small business owners. The project aims to improve environmental health awareness and foster sustainable behavior changes towards water quality in ZIP codes 20903 and 20904. Key activities include conducting Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) surveys, training 20 Community Health Workers on environmental health, developing a comprehensive environmental health curriculum, providing eco-friendly guidelines to local businesses, and implementing a 3-week summer youth leadership program on environmental stewardship. This initiative is designed in close collaboration with the community, emphasizing cultural sensitivity and sustainable environmental practices.
2024	Friends of Cabin John Creek	\$39,793	Public Outreach and Stewardship Promotion in the Cabin John Creek Watershed	Friends of Cabin John Creek (FoCJC) is proposing a 12-month project for Public Outreach and Stewardship Promotion in the Cabin John Creek Watershed (CJCW) in southern Montgomery County, MD. Our project goal is to "Increase Watershed Stewardship Awareness and Engagement across CJCW Communities." Specifically, FoCJC will 1) offer a watershed-wide outreach program to engage with CJCW communities, especially those with the highest level of diversity, in order to foster increasing levels of community awareness and engagement; 2) continue to promote its Creek Keepers program to encourage current and new members to act as citizen-scientists, regularly monitoring and reporting watershed conditions, including stream surveys, erosion issues, water pollution/trash, and water quality monitoring (WQM) programs; and 3) make program results and other supporting materials publicly available, to broaden the impacts of our programs.
2024	Chinese American Parent Association of Montgomery County	\$38,750	Be a Zero Hero	The project, titled 'Be a Zero Hero,' focuses on a plastic recycling challenge in Montgomery County, with a particular emphasis on Germantown and Clarksburg areas. The objective is to collect 1000 lbs. of types 2 and 4 plastic bags and films within a year, promoting awareness about plastic pollution in Chinese communities. The initiative includes designing promotional materials, organizing monthly events, distributing collection bags, and establishing weekly collection sites in schools and churches. Student volunteers will serve as ambassadors to engage the community, encouraging behavior change and waste reduction to safeguard local watersheds from plastic pollution.

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2024	EcoLatinos, Inc.	\$39,000	Agua, Tierra y Espiritu - Christ the King Church	This project aims to engage the 400-member Hispanic congregation of Christ the King Catholic Church in Silver Spring, focusing on enhancing their understanding of watershed ecological stewardship and promoting sustainable lifestyle choices. The initiative includes activities such as advocating for the use of native plants in the church's landscape, designing runoff remediation measures, and fostering awareness of Montgomery County's recycling program to align with the goal of zero waste. This comprehensive approach seeks to empower the community to actively contribute to the health and sustainability of the local watershed.
2024	Potomac Riverkeeper Network	\$40,000	Rapid Response for Healthy Waterways in Montgomery County 2024	Potomac Riverkeeper Network, will continue building momentum for clean water in Montgomery County through targeted outreach and volunteer recruitment where pollution issues are affecting local residents. We will maintain our Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program at six (6) recreational water access points in Montgomery County, and continue to develop the Rapid Response Team Program launched in Montgomery County in 2020 that trains local residents to identify, investigate, and report pollution incidents. We will also host in-person outreach events in Montgomery County, like "Fiesta de Pesca" fishing festival which provides Latino residents with fun and educational river safety programming in Spanish, and our Potomac Riverkeeper membership meeting that is designed to recruit and inform new volunteers about local river issues and how they can help.
2024	Centro de Apoyo Familiar	\$40,000	Empowering Community Stewardship and Activism for Clean Water Equity	CAF proposes a comprehensive initiative to raise awareness and encourage individual responsibility for water stewardship in the face of environmental challenges. This includes expanding behavioral change programs, empowering youth through the Youth ECO-Promoters program, and leveraging the Connectors Network (CCN), an alliance of Spanish-speaking faith-based leaders. The objectives are to elevate community awareness of water stewardship, promote grassroots activism for clean water equity and justice, engage diverse age groups, cultivate environmental stewardship, and amplify young voices in environmental policy, all aimed at safeguarding water resources for future generations.
2024	National Wildlife Federation	\$50,000	Sacred Grounds: Slowing the Flow for people and wildlife through the power of congregations	A cohort of 6 Sacred Grounds congregations, of different faiths with diverse membership, will engage congregants to reduce stormwater and increase wildlife habitat by changing their behavior in how they manage their grounds and home yards. Using our tested behavior change approach, we will mobilize volunteer leaders to educate and inspire action through social influence that will result in congregants planting "Native Plant Starter Kits" at home as an initial action and congregations installing demonstration gardens on-site. To extend impact on the landscape, this project will build on this successful model by implementing a pilot on congregants' converting their lawn to a native plant garden including a "Tree of Life" garden.
2024	Montgomery Countryside Alliance	\$26,599	Ag Reserve Groundwater Education Project	Montgomery County's Ag Reserve and rural transition zones are entirely reliant on groundwater wells and septic systems by design. Projections show rapidly dwindling groundwater supplies. MCA has commissioned a study on climate change impacts on the sole source aquifer on which one-third of the county relies. Funding will help distill the data and fuel a robust multi-modal outreach campaign to local residents, decision makers, business owners and farmers to increase stewardship of local groundwater and resilience in the face of worsening drought.