

Organization	Project Title	Project Description	Award
Howard County Conservancy, Inc.	Youth Climate Institute	The Youth Climate Institute is an environmental leadership and certification program for high school students. In the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, students in Howard County, Frederick County, Prince George’s County, and Baltimore City will engage in foundational climate seminars and community-driven action projects. Students will gain the skills and confidence to become climate-literate stewards of their local communities while making real impacts in their own backyards.	\$4,990.00
Choose Health. Be Happy. Inc	Stewardship of An Urban Native Woodland: Youth Promoting Biodiversity in a Local Community	This project will engage in an environmental stewardship project for middle school students, where they will observe and understand the actions that they can take to increase biodiversity of an 1-acre urban wooded lot within their community. Students will make observations, conduct surveys, install native plants, and apply for a wildlife habitat certification upon completion of their project.	\$4,500.00
Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.	Patapsco River Valley Community Stewardship	This “Patapsco River Valley Community Stewardship” project, led by Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG), will empower and inspire residents of all ages living in the Patapsco River Valley to engage in a variety of environmental stewardship activities. The community needs addressed and supported by this grant include: 1) enhancing state roadsides through litter pick up; 2) educating and empowering children, families, and community members on the negative impacts of litter and impacts from anthropogenic climate change; 3) inspire and empower young people to become stewards of their local environment; and 4) preserve natural areas and create a sense of place in communities. These needs will be addressed through activities that will improve stormwater management, beautify the landscape (to include waterways and public spaces), contribute to overall health by cleaning up litter, removing invasive plants, maintaining previously planted native trees, and bring community members together through volunteer stewardship events. As part of the project, we will engage the students of Hollifield Station Elementary School (HSES) in their annual Patapsco Day event.	\$4,500.00
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc.	River Sweep 2024	LSHG's signature environmental protection and education event, River Sweep 2024, will engage hundreds of volunteers throughout the Upper Bay region. It will encourage year-round cleanup participation, increase awareness, provide environmental education, and serve as a catalyst for other environmental protection projects.	\$4,500.00

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc.	A pollinator-friendly garden for Graystone Community Open Space	Graystone Community Open Space is one of 21 sites conserved by NeighborSpace. It is a 0.3-acre grass lot in Woodlawn, Baltimore County, that the community would like to improve with a garden to provide wildlife habitat and to make the space more inviting. The garden will be designed and planted by community members with technical support from NeighborSpace staff and volunteers. The project will include education about native plants and pollinators and training on garden maintenance.	\$4,500.00
Alice Ferguson Foundation	Providing MWEE Outdoor Field Experiences to Charles County 3rd Grade students in Piscataway National Park and Stewardship in the Charles County Waterways	The Alice Ferguson Foundation and Charles County Public School (CCPS) will build on our partnership and continue to provide comprehensive Outdoor Field Experiences to 3rd grade students in the CCPS system. The Foundation will continue to provide CCPS students and teachers the opportunity to build knowledge of environmental issues and increase understanding of MWEE's by engaging in Outdoor Field Experience at Piscataway National Park located in Accokeek, Maryland. The project will also build stewardship capacity through action projects by providing opportunities for students to take part in Foundation supported cleanups in Charles County waterways.	\$4,500.00
Imagine	LIFE	The L.I.F.E (Learning is for Everyone) Community Garden is a project located in Indian Head, Maryland. The land is privately owned, on a mixed usage plot. The owner has partnered with Imagine, Inc., a non-profit organization, of which the L.I.F.E garden is a part of. The garden is located in a walkable location within the local community and exists to expose underserved youth to the wide breadth and depth of opportunity and exposure that is possible through gardening.	\$4,449.00
Charting Careers, Inc.	Environmental Stewardship Educational Sessions	We seek funding for environmental stewardship educational sessions via field trips to three distinctly different educational activities provided by the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Students and family members will be actively engaged in water quality testing, map investigations, and Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) concepts via museum staff and volunteers. This education is crucial to providing under-resourced youth and families in the Annapolis area with knowledge and encouragement to be stewards of their local environment through investigative and hands-on project-based learning.	\$2,500.00