



**MARGARET  
ROSCH JONES**

(1906-1976)

The MARGARET ROSCH JONES AWARD was established in 1976 and is given in memory of the first executive director of the Keep Maryland Beautiful Program. Born in 1906, Margaret Jones was dedicated to the preservation of the Chesapeake Bay. This award honors her devotion, energy and ingenuity by recognizing organizations or communities whose voluntary activities personified these attributes.



**BILL JAMES**

(1914-1993)

The BILL JAMES ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS are given in memory of Senator William S. James who drafted legislation to create the Maryland Environmental Trust and to incorporate the activities of the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful.

Born in Aberdeen, in 1914, James studied law at the University of Maryland and practiced in Bel Air for 38 years. As President of the Maryland Senate, Bill James was the principal architect of many of Maryland's most important environmental laws, including the tidal wetlands law, Program Open Space and agricultural land preservation.

James was a man of vision who will not be forgotten for his contributions to the enhancement and protection of Maryland's environment.

**TO APPLY...**

Please visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/met](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/met) for information and to complete an online application. Deadline is **March 31** of each year.

# ABOUT THE **Maryland Environmental Trust**

Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) is a statewide land trust governed by a citizen board of trustees and affiliated with the Department of Natural Resources. Established in 1967 by the Maryland General Assembly as a charitable organization focused on protecting the environment, MET is now one of the oldest and largest land trusts in the country. MET promotes the protection of open land through its Land Conservation Program, Stewardship Program and Land Trust Assistance Program. Through the Keep Maryland Beautiful Program, MET, together with Maryland State Highway Administration, encourages, motivates and educates the public about environmental issues.



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# Keep Maryland Beautiful AWARDS



# KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

The Keep Maryland Beautiful (KMB) Program was established in 1967 as the first program administered by the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET). KMB is partially funded by the Maryland State Highway Administration and provides grants to non-profit organizations and schools to support environmental education and demonstration projects that enhance and maintain the environment.



Patapsco Valley tree planting



Maryland Land Conservation Conference



MET accepts applications annually for the following two categories: the Margaret Rosch Jones Awards and the Bill James Environmental Grants.

## THE MARGARET ROSCH JONES AWARD

The **Margaret Rosch Jones Award** of up to \$2,000.00 is awarded to non-profit groups or communities for an ongoing project or activity that has demonstrated success in solving an environmental issue, whether local or statewide. This award recognizes those organizations that have been actively educating people in their community about litter prevention, community beautification, or eliminating or reducing the causes of a local environmental problem.

### Some previous Margaret Rosch Jones Award recipients have included:

- Baltimore Orchard Project for harvesting mature fruit trees in Baltimore City and Baltimore County and providing fruit for those in need.
- Friends of Patapsco Valley & Heritage Greenway for organizing stream clean ups and providing the community with environmental educational materials.
- Philips Wharf Environmental Center for bridging watermen and environmentalists through design, installation and maintenance of a buffer garden with a living shoreline at Knapps Narrows in Talbot County.
- World Art Focus for beautifying public spaces of Mt. Rainier by organizing an annual clean-up and for providing stewardship and education about the Anacostia Watershed.

## THE BILL JAMES ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT

The **Bill James Environmental Grant** of up to \$1,000.00 is awarded to school groups, science and ecology clubs, and other nonprofit youth groups for proposed environmental education projects.

### The objectives of the grants are to:

- Encourage a sense of stewardship and personal responsibility for the environment;
- Stimulate a better understanding of environmental issues;
- Aid in the elimination or reduction of a local environmental problem; and
- Encourage education about growth management and protection of rural areas and sensitive resources while discouraging sprawl development.

### Some previous Bill James Grant Recipients have included:

- The GreenMount School in Baltimore City for expansion of student gardens so that more students are able to participate in its environmental educational program.
- Pine Grove Middle School for its terrapin hatchlings project in partnership with the National Aquarium. Students monitored, raised and released terrapins into their natural habitat.
- Perryville High School for its project for freshman students that included a research paper, integrating math/science in the construction of a gazebo, rain barrels, picnic tables and rain gardens.
- Sligo Creek Elementary School PTA for educating students about agriculture and horticultural practices including planting, crop harvesting, composting and caring for the environment.

## TO APPLY...

Please visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/met](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/met) for information and to complete an online application. Applications and additional supportive materials and photos may also be submitted on a CD (or a USB drive) to MET, 100 Community Place, First Floor, Crownsville, MD 21032-2023. Applications must be received by March 31.

### APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

#### For the Margaret Rosch Jones Award:

- Description of how your group has been active in educating people in your community about at least one of the following concerns: litter prevention, community beautification, and local or statewide environmental issues.
- Description of how your group has been successful in eliminating or reducing the causes of this local environmental problem rather than addressing the symptoms.

#### For the Bill James Environmental Grant:

- Description of proposed environmental education project.
- Explanation of how and to what extent your project meets the following objectives:
  - To encourage a sense of stewardship and personal responsibility for the environment.
  - To stimulate a better understanding of environmental issues and to aid in the elimination or reduction of a local environmental problem.
  - To encourage education about growth management (protection of rural areas and sensitive resources and discouragement of sprawling development patterns).

## QUESTIONS?

Please call 877-514-7900 or email [KMB@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:KMB@dnr.state.md.us)

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