



## Spring Newsletter

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED AT MARYLAND'S HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Department of Natural Resources, Press Release

#### *Colleges Eligible for Tree Campus Higher Education Award*

As part of celebrating the 150th National Arbor Day on April 29, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces that all four Maryland historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have completed the first step to be eligible to apply for the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus Higher Education, a national recognition program, which recognizes colleges and universities efforts to establish and sustain healthy community forests.

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### MARYLAND ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Department of Natural Resources, Press Release

#### *First Lady Yumi Hogan Participates as Judge; Top Entries' Schools Receive Free Tree Plantings*

Fifth-grade students who submitted Arbor Day Posters to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources had their work judged in February by a special

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- PLANT Award Winners
- 2022 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners
- HBCUs Now Eligible for Tree Campus & PLANT Awards in 2022

## 2022 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED CONTINUED

guest judge, Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan, (pictured to the left below) who is an accomplished artist and adjunct professor at Maryland Institute College of Art.

“It is an honor to participate in this annual event, highlighting the artistic talents of Maryland’s school children, and celebrating our environment and the trees that call it home,” said First Lady Yumi Hogan, who has served as a guest judge each year since 2018.

The first-place winner is Camden Steiner from Bel Air, Harford County. Camden’s school will receive a prize of 15



*Above: The First place poster illustrator, Camden from Harford County.*



*Below: Third place winner, Alexis getting recognized by her 5th grade class. Pictured with MDNR's Anne Gilbert and principal Erin Sikorski.*



trees. The second-place winner is Arynn Brooks From Waldorf, Charles County. Arynn’s school will receive 10 trees for planting. The third-place winner is Alexis Horichs from Westminster, Carroll County. Alexis’ school will receive five trees.

“Our Arbor Day Poster Contest provides a great opportunity for Maryland’s 5th grade students to learn about the importance of our forests while recognizing their artistic talents,” Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio (pictured right above) said. “I am always impressed with the quality of their work which demonstrates that they will be good stewards of our natural resources for years to come.” <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2022/02/18/maryland-arbor-day-poster-contest-winners-announced-2/>



*Volunteers head to the field for Harford County's Arbor Day planting event. Harford County has been a Green PLANT Community for 18 years.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Another committee of the Maryland Association of Conservation District Boards hosts The Natural Resources Careers Camp. NRCC is a week long summer camp for high school students to learn about environmental career paths. Scholarships are available, and participants may earn college credit!

Sunday, July 24—  
Saturday, July 30, 2022

Application information:

<https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/index.cfm?event=nrcc>

## PEOPLE LOVING AND NURTURING TREES COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDEES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!!!!**

**To learn more about the PLANT Award visit:**

**<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/plantinfo.aspx>**

### **Bronze Communities for 2021**

Caine Woods  
Community College of Baltimore County  
**Idlewylde Community Association\* NEW**  
School of Outreach Liberal Arts & Recreation  
**South Carroll High School\* NEW**

### **Silver Communities for 2021**

Arcadia Improvement Association  
Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School  
Community Ecology Institute  
**Hampden Elementary/Middle School\* NEW**  
**Knollwood Community\* NEW**  
Latrobe Park ForestKeepers  
Laurel Elementary School  
St. Joan of Arc School  
Suitland Elementary School  
Wicomico County Government

### **Gold Communities for 2021**

Howard Community College  
Midtown Community Benefits District  
Southern Maryland Sierra Club  
Woodbridge Crossing  
Woodside Civic Association

**Green Communities Listed on Page 4.**



## PLANT WINNERS CONTINUED

### Green Communities for 2021

Aberdeen Proving Ground  
Allegany College of Maryland  
Annapolis, City of  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Baltimore City Dept Rec & Parks - TreeBaltimore  
Baltimore County  
Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.  
Bel Air, Town of  
Boonsboro, Town of  
Bowie, City of  
Cameron Grove  
Catonsville Tree Canopy Project (Catonsville)  
Chestertown, Town of  
Cheverly, Town of  
Chevy Chase Village  
College Park, City of  
Cumberland, City of  
Easton, Town of  
Edmonston, Town of  
Emmitsburg, Town of  
Fort Detrick  
Frederick County Office of Sustainability and  
Environmental Resources  
Frederick, City of  
Frostburg State University  
Frostburg, City of  
Gaithersburg, City of  
Galena, Town of  
Hagerstown, City of  
Harford County Government  
Harford Glen Environmental  
Education Center  
Havre de Grace, City of  
High Point High School  
Howard County Government  
Hyattsville, City of  
James J. Rowley Training C  
Center - U.S. Secret Service  
JC Parks Elementary School  
Laurel, City of  
Loch Lynn Heights, Town of  
Loyola Arboretum (Loyola  
University Maryland)



Middletown, Town of  
Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.  
Mount Rainier, City of  
Oakland, Town of  
Ocean City, Town of  
Patapsco Heritage Greenway  
Patuxent River Naval Air Station  
Perry Point VA Medical Center  
Prince George's County  
Riverdale Park, Town of  
Rockville, City of  
Salisbury University  
Salisbury, City of  
Sparrows Point High School  
Stoneleigh Community Association  
Thurmont, Town of  
Towson University  
University of Maryland - College Park  
University Park, Town of  
Village of Martin's Additions  
Waterford Park, Friends of  
Westminster, City of  
Woods End HOA



*Baltimore City celebrating Arbor Day at Baltimore City College.  
Baltimore City has been a Green PLANT Community for 21 years!*

## TREE FAQ

### What kind of tree should I plant?

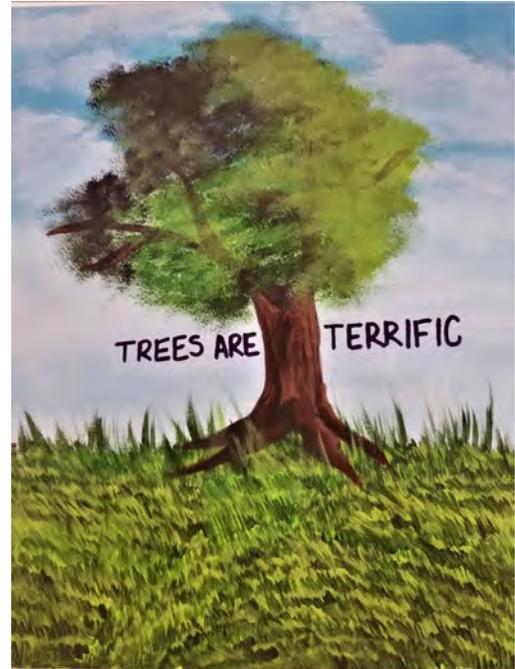
Your decision to plant a tree should start with an objective: do I want a flowering tree, do I need shade for my home or business, a living screen from adjacent properties? Then determine which trees will meet your objective and thrive in the planting site conditions. Visit the Tree-Mendous website for species selection assistance under “trees care resources” or consult with a local arborist or nursery.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/treemendous/default.aspx>

### Should I prune my newly planted tree?

It is generally recommended that only dead, broken, or damaged branches be removed at the time of planting. After the tree’s roots have become established (1-2 years), then pruning can be done to select a central trunk or leader, remove branches that are rubbing against each other, and to remove weaker branches to promote good a strong branching pattern in the tree. Continue to remove dead or diseased branches as they appear.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>



*Artwork was created by Aryn Brooks of Charles County, second place winner of the 2022 Maryland Arbor Day Poster contest for fifth graders.*

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**“For their Arbor Day planting, Morgan State students will plant a cherry tree later in spring in memory of their fellow students who died from COVID-19.”**

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## HBCU ARBOR DAY CONTINUED

This year marks the first time all four HBCUs – Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) – have conducted Arbor Day plantings, one of the five steps toward eligibility. Maryland Forest Service staff will be assisting the schools as they develop their plans to complete the additional steps.

Bowie State held a tree planting on April 22 with the student group, Green Ambassadors, planting six native trees that were supplied by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Coppin State University students planted a red maple tree donated by the Maryland Forest Service.

UMES celebrated both Arbor Day and the launch of its urban forestry degree program, by planting a red maple tree donated by the Maryland Forest Service.

For their Arbor Day planting, Morgan State students will plant a cherry tree later in spring in memory of their fellow students who died from COVID-19.

Throughout the spring, the Maryland Forest Service leads or joins numerous tree plantings across the state.



*Coppin students and alumni getting in the Arbor Day spirit on fraternity row.*

## MUCFC MEMBERS

**Wayne Lucas** – Chair, Landscape Architect/Arborist/Tree Care Expert, Prince George’s Department of Public Works

**Megan Carr** – Vice Chair, Urban Forester, City of Baltimore, Forestry

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**Julie Mawhorter**—USDA, US Forest Service Rep

**Anne Gilbert** – DNR Liaison, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator— Central Region, Maryland Forest Service

## LEARN MORE

The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) is a volunteer group of citizens, professionals, and government officials united to protect and enhance Maryland’s forest ecosystems. MUCFC is a sub-committee of the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards. The primary functions of the Committee are to promote and coordinate the Maryland Community PLANT Award Program that officially recognizes communities planting and caring for trees, and to administer Grants to schools and communities through their local Forestry Boards that promote planting and care of trees.



### Learn more about applying for a MUCFC Grant online:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/urban/mucfcgrant.aspx>



*“On November 8th, 2020, 7 volunteers, including those from the surrounding community and a couple of Catonsville Middle School Environmental Club students, joined 3 Patapsco Heritage Greenway staff members at Catonsville Middle School to plant 20 new native trees.”*

*- From Patapsco Heritage Greenway’s Final Report*

## DONATE TODAY

Help support MUCFC’s work throughout Maryland by donating today.

Visit the Maryland’s Forest Conservancy District Boards Donations page and click the PayPal “**Donate**” button:

<http://www.marylandforestryboards.org/donations.cfm>

Be sure to specify MUCFC or Urban Canopy in the special instructions section of the payment form.