



## 2019 Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants

**Bill James Environmental Grant** awards are given in honor of Senator Bill James who drafted legislation creating the Maryland Environmental Trust and incorporated the activities of the Governor’s Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful. These grants are awarded to school groups, science and ecology clubs, and other nonprofit youth groups for proposed environmental education projects up to \$1,000. Total Bill James Environmental Grant awarded in 2019 - \$4,250.

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT
Historic Sotterley, Inc.	Historic Sotterley proposes to launch a new STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) education program at its site, in cooperation with St. Mary’s County Public Schools, for 5th grade students focused on environment.
Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club	In partnership with Our Environment in Our Hands, the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club hosts an annual environmental education event for students from Title 1 schools with dual promotion of watershed health and ancient agrarian practices that continue a relevancy today.
Mountain Laurel Garden Club	MLGC would be partnering with MD DNR at Sang Run State Park to plan and create several wetland plant gardens to mitigate storm water runoff. These demonstration gardens would provide ongoing education to the county’s youth through field trips and hands-on activities, as well as educating the community.
North County High School	To design and implement a student led composting program at North County High School. Students will collect food scraps, create posters and videos, and educate staff and students about the environmental benefits of composting.
Pocomoke Middle School	Pocomoke Middle School students are addressing point and nonpoint source pollution in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

**Clean Up & Green Up Maryland** awards of up to \$5,000, were established in 2017 to help community groups and nonprofit organizations statewide with neighborhood beautification activities that include litter removal, greening activities, community education, and citizen stewardship statewide. Total Clean Up and Green Up Grants awarded in 2019 - \$158,005.

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT
African American Firefighters Historical Society	The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society along with the Boyd/Booth Concerned Citizens are working together to create a park in memory of a fallen firefighter with a mosaic memorial to add to a community space that is already being used.
Alice Ferguson Foundation	The Alice Ferguson Foundation partners with watershed residents to remove litter from communities and greenspaces. This proposal seeks funding to support a site leader training that will empower individuals to lead cleanups and engage their fellow residents in community-based stewardship.
Allegany County Commissioners & the Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board	Allegany County Commissions and the Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board is holding a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event on October 5, 2019. Goals of this event are 1) to collect at least 8,000 pounds of HHW/ and at least 4,500 pounds of paint waste from County residents; 2) At this event we were looking to educate the residents of Allegany County to REDUCE, REPLACE, and DISPOSE of HHW.
Annapolis Arts District	The goal is to landscape the W Washington Street along Whitmore Parking Garage as you enter the historic African American Clay Street community.
Annapolis Green, Inc.	The Great Annapolis Cleanup, an annual collaborative project to make Annapolis clean & beautiful, will keep plastic pollution out of our waterways by involving the City of Annapolis, Downtown Annapolis Partnership, Visit Annapolis, neighborhood associations, and local businesses.
Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance	The Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance will initiate a “Trees not Trash” program at several locations within the City of Hagerstown, to engage and educate citizens in neighborhood trash cleanups and tree plantings promoting the environmental and social benefits of urban trees.
Back River Restoration Committee, Inc.	Back River Restoration works with volunteers to promote stewardship. This projects purpose is to promote recycling, proper litter disposal and create a cleaner, healthier, more aesthetically pleasing living environment with organized cleanups.
Banner Neighborhoods	Banner Neighborhoods will launch an anti-litter campaign that includes laminated flyers and two workshops. We will pay youth to deliver them and clean up with a supervisor on hand. We will have three community-wide forums where elected officials, nonprofits, and city agencies come out to mingle with residents and spread awareness about the effects of littering. The purpose is to reach more residents so a clean neighborhood becomes a part of the culture.
Bel Air Downtown Alliance	The initiative will include, trash removal, weeding, mulching, and the planting of flowers along the five block stretch of Main Street to add beauty to downtown. The Bel Air Downtown Alliance will use the funding to cover the migration fee for the designation.
Bethesda Green	Since 2010, the recycle bins installed by Bethesda Green collect an average 5,000 pounds of materials annually. In partnership with Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP), Bethesda Green is updating the

	current downtown recycling program through bin upgrades, mapping assets and education.
Beyond the Classroom, Inc.	Our “Love Where You Live” program is to promote the importance of youth learning about and loving where they live. Environmental education and activities are provided to inspire them to be good stewards and make an impact in their communities.
Brunswick Main Street, Inc.	This grant funds will be used to secure a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate membership.
BUILD - Rebuild Johnston Square Neighborhood Org	Recruit community residents to get involved and conducts regularly scheduled cleanup and greening projects throughout the Johnston Square Community through the year including hosting cleanup days, dumpster days, lot beautification and maintenance.
C.A.R.E Community Association, Inc.	This project will provide education and a demonstration on container pollinator gardening. To increase the native pollinator plant canopy within the community; the Association will purchase containers, plants, garden tools and gloves and host a pollinator garden maker event.
Centreville Main Street Town of Centreville	Funding will be used for Keep America Beautiful Affiliate membership fee.
City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works	The City of Greenbelt has over 200 acres of protected forests. Parts of these forests were historically used as unofficial dump sites. The City of Greenbelt will remove the large trash items from these forests.
Downtown Frederick Partnership	Downtown Frederick Partnership will use funds to apply to be a Keep America Beautiful affiliate program.
Downtown Sykesville Connection at the Community Foundation of Carroll County	The Sykesville Green Committee’s major undertaking for 2019 is to create ecofriendly places of social engagement in downtown Sykesville. The Green Committee plans to purchase “Smart Solar” benches to offer Sykesville residents and visitors safe, convenient and attractive sitting areas.
Druid Heights Community Development Corporation	The Community Greening Project is an outreach created by community residents with the goal of creating a cleaner greener community. Community residents are a part of the Green Thumb Club whose mission is to make Druid Heights cleaner and greener.
Dundalk Renaissance Corporation	The Vibrant Dundalk Project will focus on the improvements needed in the Historic Dundalk Town Center. In the project we plan to focus on beatification on two parts and an affiliation for a national program.
Elkton Alliance, Inc.	Town Square Beautification - The Town of Elkton recently hired an architectural design group to design a new town square with greenery, handicapped accessible walkways, and lighting to the Elkton Visitors Center where the Elkton Alliance is housed.
Fusion Partnerships, Inc. (Whitelock Community Farm)	Whitelock Community Farm has transformed two vacant lots in the Reservoir Hill neighborhood into active green spaces and supports the continued maintenance of this space through educational partnerships, community workshops and volunteer opportunities, and a youth internship program.

Galena Tree and Park Committee	Galena Park and Tree Committee will purchase nine - 55-gallon plastic barrels, nine outdoor planter pots, and help students at Galena Elementary design, paint, and assemble them into a combination of recycling and waste receptacles with attached planter's pots.
Havre de Grace Citizens Against Trash	The HDG Citizens Against Trash (CAT) Club will procure the tools and materials to support the clean-up teams and events that ensure the downtown, parks and neighborhoods of HDG remain a welcoming and beautiful place for residents and visitors.
Historic Frostburg - a Maryland Main Street Community	In an effort to expand and improve the impact of the Clean Safe and Green strategy, Frostburg will use funds for the one-time membership fee to become a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate in Maryland.
Howard County Conservancy	We have a single use plastic problem littering the world. The Conservancy's "Take a Pass on Plastic" Campaign aims to educate adults and children about reducing single-use plastics, giving them the knowledge to make responsible choices for a cleaner and greener future.
I'm Still Standing By Grace	Clients living in the I'm Still Standing By Grace In-Patient Treatment Center will implement a beautification project in the 1000 block of Patapsco Avenue. The clients will add large flower pots and maintain the cleanliness of the block on a regular basis.
Intersection of Change, Inc.	IOC funding will support two initiatives: (1) the on-going beautification improvements to the Pennsylvania Triangle Park and (2) ongoing landscaping maintenance of the S2L2 urban farm.
Let's Beautify Cumberland!	Let's Beautify Cumberland! will use the grant contribution toward the second year of a three year project to beautify and identify the neighborhoods of our city. The focus of the project is to replace four worn neighborhood signs, and to clean up the surrounding park areas.
Main Street Historic Chestertown	The \$1,000 will cover the organization's Keep America Beautiful Affiliate membership, opening up a new source of expertise and information.
Main Street Middletown, MD Inc.	Funds will be used to become a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate Member in Maryland.
Main Street Princess Anne	As a state-designated Main Street Maryland community, Main Street Princess Anne is responsible for the economic revitalization and improvement of our traditional business district. We follow the State of Maryland's five point approach to downtown development: Organization, Design, Promotion, Economic Vitality, and Clean Safe & Green.
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments	During Festival Del Rio Anacostia 2019, a unique bilingual event, litter cleanup and education will be central themes. This grant will support integration of litter education of the local Latino community specifically by linking litter with fishing and biological health.
Milton Montford - HEBCAC as fiscal sponsor	The goal of this project is to maintain and care for existing green spaces, orient neighborhood residents and visitors using informational signage, and educate residents so they are equipped to lead community cleaning and greening workshops and activities.
Montgomery Parks Foundation	The Volunteer Cleanup Program will improve up to 250 cleanups by maximizing the efforts of Montgomery Parks' 5,000+ volunteers using

	new tools and the work of multi-generations, to remove approximately 70 tons of trash and recyclables.
Park Heights Renaissance	Baltimore City expects to demolish 2000 properties in the Park Heights community. Working through Morgan State University, TNA will improve its ability to clean, green and maintain vacant land and infuse values of environmental/natural resource protection within the community.
Pigtown Main Street, Inc.	Cleaning and greening efforts will be expanded to include 40 residential planters, a "community clean up closet" , plant 14 commercial size planters, expand a pollinator garden, expand planting in two community gardens and plant and mulch trees along Washington Blvd.
Sandtown South Neighborhood Alliance	Our Community Garden of Sandtown is looking to upgrade our pathways by putting in ground brick. We would also like to cover an existing hoop house with plastic to extend our growing season and continue to produce fresh fruits and vegetables for the community.
Southeast Community Development Corporation	This grant will allow us to develop parent leadership and volunteer activities to eliminate the litter problem and strengthen beautification activities around the school neighborhoods.
Strong City Baltimore	The Beautify Barclay Project is a monthly cleaning and greening community service activity and advocacy platform to inspire residents to remove litter and beautify Barclay throughout the year.
Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority, Inc.	The Takoma/Langley CDA plans to partner up with a citizen group called The Last Plastic Straw – Takoma Park to build awareness about the environmental impact of plastic straws and help businesses and consumers phase out use of plastic straws.
The 6th Branch	T6B is building a connected network of green spaces in Darley Park, thus extending previous work and major new upgrades underway at the "Gateway Park" at the entrance to the community.
The Town of Colmar Manor	The Clean up & Green up Grant will allow the Town of Colmar Manor to place trash cans throughout the town, to help with litter prevention and trash removal. This will help keep the town clean and beautiful with enhancements of the streetscape.
Town of Emmitsburg	In order to continue beautification, cleaning, and greening initiatives throughout our community, we are applying for a Clean Up & Green Up Maryland Grant that will be used to purchase nine 32 gallon round slatted recycling containers for our parks.
Town of Manchester	The Town of Manchester will enhance the Town's current recycling program. These funds will be used to purchase approx. fifty 65-gallon recycling containers.
Town of Oakland	There are several small projects that the Town of Oakland needs to restore and/or finish including shade trees at the Oakland Dog Park, additional trees in Oakland, landscaping island beds in the Oakland Town Parking lot, plants and signage at the new pollinator garden, and some landscaping at the new flag pole area at the community center.

Town of Thurmont & Main Street	The Town of Thurmont is a Maryland Sustainable Community and a Sustainable Community under the DHCD. The Town of Thurmont wants to pursue the America The Beautiful designation, and want to use the \$1,000.00 grant for the application fee.
Westport Community Economic Development Corporation	Commercial corridor spring street & tree well clean up, planting, decorative fence installation and signage

**Janice Hollmann Grant** given to Maryland land trusts to increase capacity, support community programming and innovation and foster stronger, better connected land trusts. All grants require a 100% match from the land trust of in-kind services and privately raised funds. The grant is given in memory of Janice Hollmann, who exemplified citizen leadership of local land trusts in Maryland. Total Janice Hollman Grants awarded in 2019 - \$40,000.

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT
American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc.	This project will (1) conduct scientific research to inform ACLT's land management actions and (2) perform a sustainability assessment of ACLT's hiking trails and implement needed improvements to address impacts of climate change and other factors affecting natural resources.
Baltimore Green Space: A Land Trust for Community-Managed Open Space, Inc.	With funding from this grant, Baltimore Green Space will increase its capacity to sustain 13 preserved sites and conduct outreach to community green spaces located in historically underinvested communities.
Cecil Land Trust, Inc.	Cecil Land Trust has invested the last two years in building its professional structure as well as its outreach and educational capacity. This project extends both the goal of professionalizing and strengthening standards and practices and enhancing our outreach capacity.
Conservancy for Charles County, Inc.	The project supports execution of our 2019 Stewardship Program for 28 easements and one fee property in conformity to LTA standards and practices. In addition, it supports our continuing membership in LTA.
Harford Land Trust, Inc.	HLT requests funds to support our efforts to enhance our land and easement stewardship in line with our goal of attaining LTA accreditation by 2021. Additionally, HLT requests funds for the continuing professional development of our Executive Director and other staff and Board members. Both of these requests are supported by HLT's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan.

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc.	As a land trust managing 19 parcels totaling 90 acres, we want to create a Green Pattern Book that will help our stewardship partners identify resources to steward and implement management plan initiatives on conserved lands.
Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, Inc.	PTLT proposes to protect the priority watershed of McIntosh Run in St. Mary's County by expanding the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area, and by educating landowners and the general public on the value and benefits of conserving land through easements.
Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc.	Our request falls into three categories: Land Trust Strengthening, Enhanced Land & Easement Stewardship, and Strategic Land Conservation. This funding will support technology, expanded outreach staff, improved baseline reports, and our annual conservation breakfast briefing for professionals.
The Lower Shore Land Trust, Inc.	LSLT seeks to achieve "Next Generation Stewardship" (creating 120 new stewardship-only easement files with updated GIS data) and to host a 1.) Innovative Best Management Practices Farm Tour, and 2.) Regional Financial Management Professionals Land Conservation Seminar.
Land Preservation Trust, Inc.	Increase the Land Preservation Trust's outreach efforts and contact with property owners by establishing a website. Prior to this point LPT has relied upon a web-site jointly maintained by the Legacy Chase at Shawn Downs.

**Margaret Rosch Jones** The Margaret Rosch Jones Award is given in honor of the first executive director of the Keep Maryland Beautiful Program. These grants of up to \$2,000 are awarded to nonprofit groups or communities for an ongoing project or activity that has demonstrated success in solving an environmental issue. Total Margaret Rosch Jones Award awarded in 2019 - \$8,250.

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT
All Saints Episcopal Church	Project Spudnik teaches youth sustainable organic gardening practices to protect the environment in general and the Chesapeake Bay in particular through hands-on work in the garden. Other important objectives include beautification of All Saints Church grounds and food pantry donations.
Cool Green Schools/ fiscal sponsor is Fusion Partnerships	This project empowers students to study and improve the environmental conditions at their schools. STEM experts mentor students as they investigate, innovate and advocate to improve environmental conditions which affect their health and learning.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program	A source reduction program for Ocean City restaurants created by a task team formed by the mayor. The goal is to have restaurants commit to the program by providing educational and promotional tools to education both the restaurants and the public.
Sky Valley Association, Inc. (A Home Owners Association in Garrett County)	Sky Valley Association, Inc. seeks assistance in mitigating the effects of storm water runoff within the Sky Valley Community. This project will address an area of concern identified in the North Glade Assessment.
The Town of Williamsport	The Town of Williamsport will be hosting an annual 'Fall Clean Up' which encourage the residents to remove numerous items that potentially could cause environmental issues.
Town of Perryville	Perryville's Green Team is setting up a battery and cell phone collection in Town Hall. The batteries will be sent to a recycler. We are also planning a community trash clean-up and need vests, gloves and bags for that event.
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	To help preserve the balance and beauty of the natural ecosystem surrounding the Joseph Beuys Sculpture Park, non-native invasive vines and shrubs will be removed from the forest edge and replaced with beneficial native plants.

**Aileen Hughes** award is given in honor of the late Aileen Hughes, a leader in the conservation movement. \$5,000 is awarded to an individual representing a Maryland land trust for outstanding leadership, partnership and innovation in a conservation project.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>RECIPIENT</b>
Land Preservation Trust, Inc.	Ann Jones