

Keep Maryland Beautiful 2021 Award Recipients

Aileen Hughes Grant:

Nominee	Brief summary	County
Kate Patton	For recognition as an exemplary conservation partner, Kate's leadership, hard work and dedication as the Executive Director of Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT), is commendable. For the 3rd straight year, and amid a global pandemic, LSLT has continued to grow and thrive under Kate's leadership. Kate Patton has become a respected statewide leader and exemplifies the spirit of the Aileen Hughes Award.	Worcester County

Citizen Stewardship Grant:

Organization	Brief summary that describes the project.	County
Back River Foundation t/a Maryland Waterways Foundation	Back River Foundation t/a Maryland Waterways Foundation is a grass-roots, non-profit organization located in Southeast Baltimore County. Concentrating on areas of diverse populations hard hit by Covid-19, project funds will be used to engage communities, especially youth in environmental education and stewardship. Activities will include youth undertaking cleanups and addressing community problems with litter, using education and prevention to spark interest and improve living conditions in surrounding communities.	Baltimore County
City Neighbors Foundation	City Neighbors Charter School proposes to use funds for installing an environmentally-themed mural and a fruit tree and native edibles garden, by retrofitting the 29,600 sf parking lot with a variety of green infrastructure practices. This will be phase 1 of making the parking lot a showcase for environmental sustainability and awareness.	Baltimore City
Greater Patapsco Community Association	GPCA's Small Watershed Committee will use project funds to support the goals of Baltimore County's Small Watershed Plan testing of 4 local streams monthly by conducting an annual stream clean up and submitting monthly articles promoting environmental stewardship in their newsletter mailed 1,600+ local households.	Baltimore County

iCarre Resource Center	The iCARRe Foundation will use project funds to support the City Weeds project. Partnering with BeMore Green, to educate adolescents on growing their own food, herbs, and microgreens as well as how to care for blocks in their community. The iCARRE Foundation is a non-profit focused on substance abuse and has recently grown to encompass all forms of socio-emotional health and wellness.	Baltimore City
Langton Green, Inc.	Langton Green will utilize project funds to serve intellectually disabled individuals, students and older adults affected by isolation from COVID 19. Funds will support the building of raised garden beds on the Langton Green Community Farm for sustainable gardening, education, and emotional well-being.	Anne Arundel County
Living Classrooms Foundation	Living Classrooms Foundation will use project funds to provide hands-on environmental education activity kits for Baltimore students and supplies for action projects conducted by students/families that address causes/solutions of stormwater runoff pollution, encourage community stewardship, and promote the resources of Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus.	Baltimore City
Parks & People	Parks & People will use project funds to support the following free programs for underserved youth and families in Baltimore: • SuperKids Camp, environmental education programming for K-5; • Sports, a sports league for middle school students; and, • Branches, a teen internship program.	Baltimore City
Patterson Park Neighborhood Association	PPNA will utilize funding to support an accessible community composting program. This program will create neighbor investment in neighborhood and environmentally-friendly practices. In addition, composting will divert a significant amount of trash from landfills and incinerators, and creates nutrient rich compost to enhance depleted soils and fight food insecurity.	Baltimore City
Severn River Association	Severn River Association's floating classroom will use project funds to teach, inspire and encourage young people throughout the Severn River to become citizen scientists and stewards of the river, thereby expanding their knowledge and respect for all who live in the Chesapeake Bay.	Anne Arundel County
Stella's Girls	Stella's Girls will utilize funding to support The Green TurnUp Program. Funds will assist with training and materials needed to engage under-represented youth, connect them to the outdoors and careers in conservation. The focus is on cultural based environmental education programming to expose youth to healthy lifestyle choices to create an overall healthy community.	Charles County

The National Aquarium	The National Aquarium will use funding to support The Henry Hall Fellowship internship program for Baltimore City high schoolers designed to inspire the next generation. Funding will assist in the youth education to gain an understanding of the principles of Urban Conservation and Environmental Justice and explore STEAM career opportunities.	Baltimore City
VolunTeens Co	VolunTeens will work with Live Green Howard County and the Audubon Society and will use project funds to build, maintain, study and develop pollinator gardens throughout the County. VolunTeens will work with the Community Ecology Institute to restore a stream and conduct long-term monitoring.	Howard County

Clean Up & Green Up Maryland Grant:

Name of Organization:	Brief summary that describes the project.	County
3200 Carlisle Block Association, Inc	The funding for this project will provide supplies to support the Spring Cleanup Celebration of a city lot. The goal is to maintain an area for community events and other areas for flower and produce gardening.	Baltimore County
Alice Ferguson Foundation	The Alice Ferguson Foundation will use the funding to support two cleanup site leader trainings - about 10 leaders, in Prince George's County and Charles County and equip community members to lead cleanups in commercial districts, parks and residential areas in Maryland.	Prince George's County
Annapolis Green	Grant funds will help establish a six-month pilot residential composting program in partnership with the City of Annapolis.	Anne Arundel County
Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance	The funding for this project will support the installations of 25 urban trees within sustainable communities in Hagerstown and provide printed materials to educate community members on the upkeep and management of the new trees.	Washington County
Baltimore Community ToolBank	The Baltimore Community ToolBank will utilize the funding to support the hosting of 6 environmental education field trips (about 90 students total) to youth in the Baltimore Metro area and the installation of 3 all-weather signs with lessons about the native plants found in Baltimore Community Toolbank's rain garden.	Baltimore City
Baltimore Oliver Community Association	The funding for this project will support East Baltimore Oliver Community Association Litter Reduction - 2 Tiered Method - Program by 1. Providing Spring and Summer educational workshops for youth and 2. Hosting Saturday clean ups and providing stipends to the youth.	Baltimore City

Baltimore Star Project	Baltimore Star Project will re-establish a rain garden at the corner of N. Milton Avenue and E. Eager Street by partnering with community members and youth to host a planting event Spring/Summer '21, with the project funds.	Baltimore City
Bel Air Downtown Alliance, Inc.	The funding for this project will plant trees to beautify and attract visitors to the northern end of Main Street.	Harford County
Beyond the Classroom, Inc.	Beyond the Classroom, Inc. will utilize funds for this project to support their "Love Where You Live" program, a program that provides educational workshops and clean ups for the youth of Charles County, MD to inspire them to be good stewards and make a positive impact by improving their communities.	Charles County
Bon Secours Community Works - Department of Housing and Community Development	The funding for this project will support the revitalization and rehabilitation of Pacific Park along Saratoga Avenue in West Baltimore, by providing a fence and planting materials for community volunteered clean up.	Baltimore City
Brunswick Main Street	Brunswick Main Street will use the project funding to help reduce cigarette litter by purchasing 16 cigarette waste receptacles and four sign posts to mount to bins, in downtown Brunswick.	Frederick County
Catonsville Manor Community Association	The funding for this project will provide 191 recycling bins in 55% of homes in Baltimore County.	Baltimore County
Cecil Land Trust	The funding for this project will provide materials to plant pollinator gardens in 3 Elkton, MD locations - Historical Society of Cecil County, the Cecil County Arts Council and Cecil Land Trust (CLT), a protected farm owned by CLT and Kilby Dairy Farm located in Colora, MD. Each location later using the gardens for environmental education activities.	Cecil County
Central Baltimore Partnership	The funding for this project will support a series of clean and green events and environmental education workshops at the Union Collective's 13 acre property, adjacent to the Jones Falls in Baltimore City.	Baltimore City
Charles County Government, Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources	The funding for this project will provide marketing materials and cleaning/greening supplies to the Charles County Beautification Project Community Cleanup - a countywide cleanup that is part of the Keep Charles County Beautiful initiative sponsored by Charles County Government.	Charles County
City of Cambridge	The funding for this project will support the cleaning, greening and maintenance of Empowerment Center Green Space, a multi-use facility, in Central Cambridge's Pine Street Neighborhood Historic District by providing native plants, and tools.	Dorchester County

City of Westminster	The funding for this project will provide planters, soil and marketing to support the Keep Westminster Blooming Project. This collaborative project will engage volunteers to clean up and maintain the appearance of the commercial Main Street area.	Carroll County
Civic Works	The funding for this project will support the second Real Food Farm location, Perlman Place, by providing signs, solar paneled lights and vouchers/stipends for community members in an effort to prevent illegal dumping. There will also be volunteer cleanups and large pickup days, where community members are hired to clean up illegally dumped items, load dump trucks and make drop offs to city landfills.	Baltimore City
Columbia Association	The Columbia Association (CA) will utilize funds to support a community wide clean up event, "Columbia Cleans", using volunteers throughout Columbia to remove litter in public spaces by providing cleaning supplies such as grabbers, gloves, bags and safety vest.	Howard County
Downtown Denton Main Street, Inc.	The funding for this project will support a variety of cleaning and greening initiatives - replacement of street trash can lids, dog waste bags, street trash cans and the annual Bring a Broom Saturday in downtown Frederick.	Caroline County
Downtown Frederick Partnership	The funding for this project will support a variety of cleaning and greening initiatives - replacement of street trash can lids, dog waste bags, street trash cans and the annual Bring a Broom Saturday in downtown Frederick.	Frederick County
Downtown Sykesville Connection	The funding for this project will provide 3 three-compartment trash receptacles for 2 of Sykesville's largest parks and the farmer's market.	Carroll County
Druid Heights Community Development Corporation	The Druid Heights Community Development Corporation will use the funding for this project to provide fencings around vacant lots located at 2102-2128 Etting Street and the adjoining lots of 513-521 Gold Street in West Baltimore, to prevent illegal dumping.	Baltimore City
Dundalk Renaissance	The funding for this project will support the community volunteers who will clean up, plan and execute the plantings in the Historic Dundalk Town Center.	Baltimore County
Ednor Gardens Lakeside Civic Association	This project funds will address the cleaning and greening needs of the Ednor Gardens-Lakeside community in Northeast Baltimore by providing leaf bags, gardening supplies and native plants to community volunteers for clean ups.	Baltimore City

Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association	The funding for this project will support Ellicott Mills' Community Spring Cleanup Event, by providing native plantings to help reforest parts of the community and to establish rain gardens to slow water runoff.	Baltimore County
Friends of St Clements Bay	The funding for this project will create a "Front Yard" for the Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Activity Center's new facility in St. Mary's County, by providing native plants, outdoor seating, reference books, signs and gardening supplies, to transform the lawn into active green space for visitors and outdoor programming.	St. Mary's County
Greater Baybrook Alliance	The funds will be used to install a gate at the back side of Myers Soccer Pavilion Parking lot in Farring Baybrook Park, to limit public driving access to less visible locations to prevent illegal dumping, provide access to maintenance vehicles and control traffic flow toward camera locations.	Baltimore City
Gwynns Falls Community Association	The funding will be used to purchase and install fencing, garden beds, trees and plants to turn a vacant lot 507 Wellesley Street, located in Southwest Baltimore into active community green space.	Baltimore City
HARBEL Community Organization	The funding will be used to purchase supplies to paint storm drains along the Harford Road Corridor with designs by students and residents and to purchase/install new trash cans.	Baltimore City
Harford Park Community Association	The funding will be used support community clean ups, provide environmental education and beautify the Harford Park Community Association Community Hall.	Baltimore County
Keep La Plata Beautiful	Keep La Plata Beautiful will be use grant funds to provide litter collection and safety, health and hygiene equipment and supplies to participating organizations of the proposed Adopt-a-Spot program in La Plata.	Charles County
Keep Prince George's County Beautiful	The funding will be used to host environmental education seminars to support Prince George's County schools in attaining or retaining their certification as a Maryland Green School. Funding will also be used to purchase plantings and PPE for community clean ups.	Prince George's County
Let's Thrive Baltimore Inc	The funding for this project will support youth interns of Let's Thrive Baltimore-Youth in Action program, a program where youth dedicate their time to make their communities clean, green and beautiful. Funding will also purchase flowers, soil, mulch and paint for community beautification in the 1900 block of N. Payson Street in West Baltimore.	Baltimore City

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway	The funding will be used to purchase trash bags, gloves, safety equipment and trash picker tools, along with volunteer giveaways for the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Annual shoreline and roadside clean-up, River Sweet 2021.	Harford County
McElderry Park Community Association	The funding will be used to replace or repair equipment (brooms, dustpans, lawnmower, weed whacker, etc.) for McElderly Park Community Cleaning and Greening Program in Southeast Baltimore.	Baltimore City
MedStar Harbor Hospital	MedStar Harbor Hospital will use the grant funds to support the purchase and installations of trash receptacles and park benches for Harbor Park West.	Baltimore City
Overlea Community Association	The funding will provide trees and plants for the Cherry Heights Woodland Garden in the Overlea Community and pay for NeighborSpace program manager and native landscaper to conduct community volunteer planting events.	Baltimore City
Pahl's Crossing HOA	The funding for this project will provide marketing/printing, shrubberies/grass/soil and other supplies and volunteer recognition giveaway for community Clean Up/Green Up Event.	Baltimore County
Patapsco Heritage Greenway	The funding for this project support the Ellicott City Cleaning and Greening project by purchasing litter removal supplies and native trees.	Howard County
Project Spudnik	The funding for this project will support Project Spudnik - a Calvert County Master Gardener-sponsored program that encourages the love of gardening in youth and teaches the elements of gardening. Funds will provide gardening tools, plants, seeds and other supplies for annual community gardening event.	Calvert County
Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.	Reisterstown Improvement Association will provide supplies to support RIA Monthly Clean Up of Reisterstown Main Street and also provide marketing materials, tee shirts and recognitions giveaways for volunteers with the project funds.	Baltimore County
Russett Community Association	The funding for this project will help install two rain gardens at the intersection of Woodland Hills Way and Russet Green West in the Russet Community to filter stormwater runoff and prevent clogging of the water management system.	Anne Arundel County
Sandtown South Neighborhood Alliance	The funding for this project will support 8 local gardeners, provide education and outreach for 25+ neighbors and provide solar panel and other tools/supplies for upkeep and updates to Our Community Garden in the Sandtown-Windchester community of West Baltimore.	Baltimore City

Smith Island United	The funding for this project will support community clean ups for Tylerton, Ewell and Rhodes island by providing trash bags, gloves, face masks and trash transport services to the mainland.	Somerset County
Sussex Community Association, Inc	Sussex Community in Baltimore County will utilize the project fund to providing contractor bags, gloves and tools, for Clean Up days, outdoor trash/recycling cans and trees for residents, pet waste stations throughout the community and educational materials and a guest speaker for community meetings.	Baltimore County
Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority Inc.	This project will address blight generated by commercial property vacancy in the Takoma Langley Crossroads Commercial District. The Crossroads Art in Vacant Places program will commission graphic artists to create unique and attractive designs to be printed onto heavy vinyl to cover the windows of vacant street front commercial properties. This will be a new project for the CDA to address rapidly changing dynamics in our commercial district.	Montgomery County
The 6th Branch	The funding for this project will support the Johnston Square Green Team by providing monthly stipends for Green Team Members, trash bags, gloves and other items for clean ups and admin costs for The 6th Branch.	Baltimore City County
The Heritage Crossing Resident Association	The funding for this project will provide shrubs, hardscape, tree/shrub removal services and a landscaper to restore 3 community green spaces, two located in the 1000 block of Argyle Ave. and one in the 900 block of Argyle Ave. in the Heritage Crossing Community in West Baltimore.	Baltimore City County
The Mission of Love Charities, Inc.	The Mission of Love Charities will utilize funds for the Community Cleaning and Greening Needs program. They will address a section of Old Central Avenue in Prince George's County by supporting the cleanup of and alleyway and vacant public school lot and creation a community garden.	Prince George's County
The Urban Oasis	The funding for this project will help convert and unused alley corridor into livable community green space by providing planters, flowers, gardening equipment/materials, and outdoor libraries in the West Baltimore community of Panway.	Baltimore City
Tilghman on Chesapeake Community Association	Tilghman on Chesapeake Community Association will utilize funds to restore a 2 acre non tidal wetland site in the Tilghman on Chesapeake Community by providing 10 trees, 116 shrubs and tree stakes/wire/mulch. The restored wetland will provide community green space and also provide education and outreach to the residents and visitors.	Talbot County

Town of East New Market	The funding for this project will provide new landscaping at the Trading Post heritage tourism site in the Town of East New Market to improve visual appearance, more green space to the town and increase tourism.	Dorchester County
Town of Edmonston	The funding for this project will support the 'Hand In' Clean up & Green Up Edmonston two day event by providing promotion, banners, cleaning supplies, building materials, seating, trashcans and plants.	Prince George's County
Town of Emmitsburg	The funding for this project will purchase 6 33 gallon trash containers to place throughout parks, trash container shipping and support Arbor Day Tree Planting event in the Town of Emmitsburg	Frederick County
Town of Galena	The funding for this project will supply 6 major businesses in the Town of Galena with biodegradable containers as there has been a resurgence in styrofoam waste, purchase compostable bins for Galena Elementary School, paint a mural on the new bathroom and plant native plants in the park.	Kent County
Town of Hillsboro	The funding for this project will assist the Town of Hillsboro's "Meadow Project" in implementing green practices that protect water quality and beautify public spaces by purchasing native plants, interpretive signage, invasive plant removal, soil testing and drill rental.	Caroline County
Town of Hurlock	The funding for this project will clear a vacant lot on Nealon Street, in the Town of Hurlock, of debris and litter, to potentially be turned into community green space.	Dorchester County
Town of North Beach	The funding for this project will purchase plants for the Town of North Beach's annual Plant the Town/Community Clean Up Day in, and also purchase Terra Cycle cigarette butt containers for the new "No Butt About It 'Don't Litter'" Campaign.	Calvert County
Town of Vienna	The funding for this project will support landscaping improvements in the town of Vienna by planting native species of tree, bushes and flowers at Vienna Heritage Museum, Town Hall and at the Entrance Park.	Dorchester County
Turner Station Conservation Teams	The funding for this project will support the Chestnut Street Park Restoration Event in Turner Station by providing a stipend for graduate student architecture design service, park signage, dumpster service and wood chips. Funding will also pay Neighborspace program manager for leading volunteer clean ups.	Baltimore County

University of Maryland Baltimore County	The funding for this project will assist in the expansion of UMBC's plastic film waste diversion program, a program which collects plastic film waste separately and divert the waste to appropriate recycler. This expansion includes student made educational video, educational signage, and the purchase of plastic films collection containers on campus.	Baltimore County
Upton Gardens of Hope	The funding for this project will support Upton Urban Garden in West Baltimore by, providing stipends for volunteer greening days and supporting a hands on workshop where volunteers, gardeners and others can learn how to create compost bins. Funding will also provide trash pickers and informational flyers for bi-monthly clean ups and storm drain painting activities.	Baltimore City
Waltherson Improvement Association	The funding for this project will support the revitalization of the Unity Community Garden in Northeast Baltimore, by purchasing picnic tables, rain barrels, signage, seating, paint, plants and a natural elements play area.	Baltimore City
Waverly Mainstreet	Waverly Farmer's Market will utilize the project funds to support the Farmer's Lot in Northeast Baltimore, by providing native plants, solar lighting, signage and other volunteer materials for community upkeep.	Baltimore City

Janice Hollmann Grant:

American Chestnut Land Trust	This project supports the placement of two Chesapeake Conservation Corps members at the American Chestnut Land Trust for a full year of service that will help enhance land stewardship practices and increase community programming and services.	Calvert County
Baltimore Green Space	Baltimore Green Space requests \$10,000 to research and work towards a sound preservation model for community farms in Baltimore City communities that are underserved. Funds will also support essential assistance at preservation sites experiencing additional stresses caused by Covid-19.	Baltimore City
Catoctin Land Trust	Stronger Together is a project to strengthen Catoctin Land Trust's stewardship capacity and to assume and steward dozens of easements from other local land trusts, create a volunteer monitoring program, and coordinate strategic, collaborative conservation in the Heart of Maryland.	Frederick County
Charles Koiner Conservancy for Urban Farming (CKC)	CKC will work collaboratively with two groups of local land stewards to protect their signature urban landscapes for the purposes of agriculture and education. As a result, CKC will achieve its mission of protecting a network of urban farms.	Montgomery County

Conservancy for Charles County, Inc.	The project supports execution of our 2021 Stewardship Program for 27 easements and one fee property in conformity with Land Trust Alliance (LTA) standards and practices. In addition, it supports our continuing membership in LTA.	Charles County
Eastern Shore Land Conservancy	ESLC seeks sustainable solutions to challenges that prevent municipalities from making invests in new parks, most notable lack of resources for acquisition and lack of resources for long term maintenance.	Talbot County
Gunpowder Valley Conservancy	In partnership with the Chesapeake Conservancy Innovation Center's Geospatial Group, GVC will develop a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) model to identify parcels for possible easements that will protect good watershed ecological function and restore compromised watershed ecological function.	Baltimore County
Harford Land Trust, Inc.	HLT requests funds to support our efforts to adopt the new MET easement model and develop an HLT specific model; improve stewardship management; further professional development of new staff; and, support the HLT-led Maryland land trust fundraising capacity building cohort.	Harford County
Lower Shore Land Trust	This application is about coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic with a newly trained-up staff, new volunteer recruitment/training pamphlets, and a Fall 2021 (hopefully) in-person volunteer recruitment and training event.	Worcester County
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County	We seek to move our GIS database to the cloud to provide access to more users and add new data to the database to better inform conservation decisions and better understand model results.	Baltimore County
Scenic Rivers Land Trust	We request funding for the continuance of annual monitoring of 100% of easements and increased use of technology, a new endeavor to control of invasive plant species at Bacon Ridge Natural Area, and for our outreach efforts to specific landowners.	Anne Arundel County
The Manor Conservancy	We seek to join forces to increase our respective capacity and to support cooperation and collaboration by hiring a shared part-time person to assist with administrative tasks and stewardship.	Baltimore County
Urban Ecosystem Restorations, Inc.	UER engages landowners in restoring ecosystems in urban neighborhoods. Funding will support the transformation of a Prince George's County property into a protected area for the local community to connect to nature, improve public health, and learn about conservation science.	Montgomery County