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**2022 Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants Total \$320,000
Grants Supports Communities, Projects and Schools**



"Trees Not Trash" a community initiative funded by the 2021 Keep Maryland Beautiful Clean Up and Green Up Grant, focuses on beautifying city neighborhoods by planting street trees and removing litter within Sustainable Community Development areas, while engaging the residents on the benefits of urban trees.

[Forever Maryland](#) is proud to announce that 85 grants totaling \$320,000 have been awarded toward environmental education, community cleanup and beautification projects through the [Keep Maryland Beautiful](#) program.

These annual grants are funded by the [Maryland Environmental Trust](#), [Forever Maryland](#), [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development \(DHCD\)](#) and [Maryland Department of Transportation \(MDOT\)](#).

"We're thrilled with the success we've seen from the grant program," said Forever Maryland Chair, Nick Dilks. "This program will continue to make a significant environmental, economic, health, and recreational impact across Maryland through these new grant projects."

"Keep Maryland Beautiful grants help improve, sustain, and enhance communities all across our state," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "These local initiatives also help Maryland meet our goals of cleaner water and access to green space for all our citizens."

"DHCD is pleased to provide \$250,000 to nonprofits, local governments and community groups," said DHCD Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. "These grants provide support for local projects and activities that directly

impact litter removal, greening and beautification, and improving citizen stewardship in communities statewide.”

“It’s important to MDOT’s mission that we contribute to environmental stewardship across Maryland,” said MDOT Secretary James F. Ports Jr. “This year’s package of 16 MDOT grants – which include funds for purchasing native shrubs, getting rid of invasive species, educating students and maintaining a pollinator garden – build on the department’s commitment to preserve our ecosystem. I look forward to seeing these projects bloom.”

Keep Maryland Beautiful recipients included schools, nonprofit groups, municipalities and land trusts in 20 counties and Baltimore City. Many of these grants focus on developing and supporting communities, families, youth and students who take personal responsibility for the health of their communities, protecting nature in their backyards and seeking ways to help reduce or resolve environmental challenges.

Awards given this year were:

- One [Aileen Hughes](#) award totaling \$5,000, awarded to an individual representing a Maryland land trust for outstanding leadership, partnership and innovation in a conservation project. The grant is awarded to the Maryland land trust in recognition of the individual’s efforts and good work. The grant is given annually to honor the late Aileen Hughes, a true leader in the conservation movement.
- 12 [Citizen Stewardship](#) awards totaling \$17,500, given in honor of **Bill James**, who drafted the legislation that founded Maryland Environmental Trust, and **Margaret Rosch Jones**, former executive director of the Keep Maryland Beautiful program. These grants are awarded to schools, nonprofits and other community organizations whose missions are centered upon directly engaging community members in environmental education and stewardship. These grants also support organizations that demonstrate active engagement as defenders of the environment by developing innovative solutions to local environmental problems.
- 61 [Clean Up & Green Up Maryland](#) awards totaling \$250,000. This grant was 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.
- 11 [Janice Hollmann Grant](#) awards totaling \$47,500, 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 percent 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.

2022 recipients of Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants include:

Allegany County

Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County
Historic Frostburg, a Maryland Main Street Community, Inc.

Anne Arundel County

Annapolis Green, Inc.
Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park
ClearShark Charitable Foundation - ClearShark H2O
Scenic Rivers Land Trust Inc.

Baltimore City

3200 Carlisle Block Association Inc.
Audrey Carter DBA Youth Ventures
Baltimore Green Space - A Land Trust for Community Managed Open Space Inc.
Baltimore Sister Cities Inc.
Cathedral of the Incarnation
Ednor Gardens Lakeside Civic Association
Fell's Point Main Street
Greater Baybrook Alliance

Gwynns Falls Community Association
Lafayette Square Community Development Corporation
Living Classrooms Foundation
Milton - Montford Neighbors
Mount Clare Community Council Inc.,
Pigtown Main Street
Plantation Park Heights Urban Farm
Rebuild Johnston Square Neighborhood Org
Station North Arts District, a Program of Central Baltimore Partnership
Stillmeadow Community Fellowship
Superior Assisted Living LLC
The Sixth Branch

Baltimore County

Back River Foundation t/a Maryland Waterways Foundation
Boy Scouts of America/Troop 706
Dundalk Renaissance
Irvine Nature Center
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County Inc.
Northeast Towson Improvement Association
Reisterstown Improvement Association
Ridgely Manor Community Association
Sussex Community Association Inc.

Calvert County

All Saints Episcopal Church
American Chestnut Land Trust Inc

Carroll County

Downtown Sykesville Connection Inc.
Town of Manchester

Cecil County

The High 5 Initiative Inc.

Charles County

Beyond the Classroom Inc.
Charles County Government
Conservancy for Charles County Inc.

Dorchester County

Commissioners of East New Market

Frederick County

Brunswick Main Street
Catoctin Land Trust
Downtown Frederick Partnership
Friends of Historic Brunswick, Maryland
Town of Emmitsburg
Town of Middletown

Garrett County

Garrett County Government

Town of Oakland

Harford County

Harford Land Trust Inc.
Havre de Grace Alliance
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

Howard County

EC250 Inc.
Ellicott City Partnership
Patapsco Heritage Greenway Inc.
The Community Ecology Institute

Kent County

Galena Tree & Park Committee

Montgomery County

Amula Foundation
Bethesda Green
Charles Koiner Center for Urban Farming, Incorporated
Gaithersburg Parks, Arts, and Recreation Corporation
Rock Creek Conservancy
Takoma Langley Crossroads Development Authority Inc.
The Montgomery County Parks Foundation

Prince George's County

Alice Ferguson Foundation
Cheverly Native Planting Project
City of Greenbelt - Department of Public Works
Defensores de la Cuenca
Keep Prince George's County Beautiful
Laurel Main Street Organization
Town of Edmonston
University of Maryland

St. Mary's County

Southern MD RC&D Board Inc.

Talbot County

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Washington County

Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance
Ladders to Leaders
Town of Smithsburg
Town of Williamsport

Wicomico County

Youth Environmental Action Summit

Worcester County

Lower Shore Land Trust Inc.
Town of Berlin

More information on the grants is available [online](#).

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Forever Maryland forges networks of diverse collaborators to provide pathways for all generations to connect with and care for the beautiful and vitally important lands and waters of Maryland that sustain healthy, vibrant, and economically resilient communities.