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OVER \$300,000 AWARDED FOR KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL GRANTS

91 community based projects receive funding

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[Forever Maryland Foundation](#) is proud to announce that **91 Keep Maryland Beautiful** grants totaling \$312,500 have been awarded toward environmental education, community cleanup and beautification projects through the [Keep Maryland Beautiful](#) program.

These annual grants are funded by [Maryland Environmental Trust](#) a unit of the Dept. of Natural Resources, the [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#) (DCHD), the [Maryland Department of Transportation](#) (MDOT) and the Forever Maryland Foundation.

"We are pleased to see our local communities receive Keep Maryland Beautiful grant funds for such innovative projects which will make an impact on our Maryland environment in many ways," Forever Maryland Foundation Chair Steve Quarles said.



Living Classrooms Foundation, a 2021 Keep Maryland Beautiful Recipient

"These grants support the incredible efforts of citizens across Maryland who are stewards of our communities, our green spaces, and our waterways," Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio said. "DNR is proud to partner with the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Forever Maryland Foundation, DHCD, MDOT, and of course the recipients themselves on this important part of our mission."

"Local volunteers and stakeholders are changing neighborhoods for the better through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program," said Maryland Department of Housing and Community

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Development Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. "These Clean Up and Green Up awards will help our great partners continue to improve and beautify communities in all parts of Maryland."

"MDOT is committed not only to a comprehensive transportation network, but also to environmental education, preservation and stewardship, and that's why it's important to contribute to the Keep Maryland Beautiful program," MDOT Secretary Greg Slater said. "It's good to know the funds MDOT provides goes to almost 20 different groups, ranging from community and neighborhood associations to conservancies and land trusts."

Recipients included schools, nonprofit groups, municipalities and land trusts in 19 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.
- 65 [Clean Up & Green Up Maryland](#) Grant 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.
- 13 [Janice Hollmann Grant](#) awards totaling \$40,000, 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.

2021 recipients of Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants include:

Anne Arundel County

Annapolis Green
Langton Green Inc.
Russett Community Association
Scenic Rivers Land Trust
Severn River Association

Baltimore City

Baltimore Community ToolBank
Baltimore Green Space
Baltimore Oliver Community Association
Baltimore Star Project
Bon Secours Community Works -
Department of Housing and Community
Development
Central Baltimore Partnership
City Neighbors Foundation
Civic Works
Druid Heights Community Development
Corporation
Ednor Gardens Lakeside Civic Association
Greater Baybrook Alliance
Gwynns Falls Community Association
HARBEL Community Organization
iCARRe Resource Center
Let's Thrive Baltimore Inc.
Living Classrooms Foundation

McElderry Park Community Association
MedStar Harbor Hospital
Overlea Community Association Parks &
People Foundation
Patterson Park Neighborhood Association
Sandtown South Neighborhood Alliance
The 6th Branch
The Heritage Crossing Resident Association
The National Aquarium
The Urban Oasis
Upton Gardens of Hope
Waltherson Improvement Association
Waverly Mainstreet

Baltimore County

3200 Carlisle Block Association Inc.
Back River Foundation t/a Maryland
Waterways Foundation
Catonsville Manor Community Association
Dundalk Renaissance
Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association
Greater Patapsco Community Association
Gunpowder Valley Conservancy
Harford Park Community Association
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County
Pahl's Crossing HOA
Reisterstown Improvement Association Inc.

Sussex Community Association Inc.
The Manor Conservancy
Turner Station Conservation Teams
University of Maryland Baltimore County

Calvert County

American Chestnut Land Trust
Project Spudnik
Town of North Beach

Caroline County

Downtown Denton Main Street Inc.
Town of Hillsboro

Carroll County

City of Westminster
Downtown Sykesville Connection

Cecil County

Cecil Land Trust

Charles County

Beyond the Classroom Inc.
Charles County Government, Department of

Public Works, Environmental Resources
Conservancy for Charles County Inc.
Keep La Plata Beautiful
Stella's Girls Inc.

Dorchester County
City of Cambridge
Town of East New Market
Town of Hurlock
Town of Vienna

Frederick County
Brunswick Main Street
Catoctin Land Trust
Downtown Frederick Partnership
Town of Emmitsburg

Harford County
Bel Air Downtown Alliance Inc.
Harford Land Trust Inc.
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

Howard County
Columbia Association
Patapsco Heritage Greenway
VolunTeens Co

Kent County
Town of Galena

Montgomery County
Charles Koiner Conservancy for Urban
Farming (CKC)
Urban Ecosystem Restorations Inc.

Prince George's County
Alice Ferguson Foundation
Keep Prince George's County Beautiful
The Mission of Love Charities Inc.
Town of Edmonston

Somerset County
Smith Island United

St. Mary's County
Friends of St Clements Bay

Talbot County
Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
Tilghman on Chesapeake Community
Association

Washington County
Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance

Worcester County
Lower Shore Land Trust

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan officially declared March 20, "Keep Maryland Beautiful Day" in 2017. Since that time state, city and local beautification efforts have focused on increasing urban greening, citizen stewardship, community education, and litter removal activities to Keep Maryland Beautiful. More information on the grants is available [online](#).

Forever Maryland Foundation is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to the conservation of our state's land, water, wildlife, and other natural values – values that can be experienced and cherished by everyone and will sustain healthy, vibrant, and economically resilient communities.

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If you would like more information on Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants, please contact Dina Lansinger at 443-640-1034 or dina@forevermaryland.org.