



Unity Gardens 2022 Grant Recipients

Unity Gardens is pleased to support these volunteer groups in their efforts to use the power of plants to address localized environmental issues like habitat loss, erosion, and stormwater runoff.

Anne Arundel Community College

Students from AACC's Biology and Environmental Club initiated a project to convert a decades-old English ivy bed into a pollinator garden to create a Monarch butterfly waystation.
Arnold

Anne Arundel Public Library Foundation

This grant will help protect existing native plantings surrounding the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library from invasive species by enhancing the existing gardens with additional native plants.
Annapolis

Belvedere Community Association

To provide plant materials to help mitigate runoff and absorb rainwater in the area adjacent to the Belvedere Community Association upper beach access path.
Arnold

Belvedere Elementary School

This grant will help fund a pollinator garden to increase natural habitat on the grounds as well as to create an additional outdoor area for learning. This garden will also beautify a high traffic entrance while increasing water absorption and decreasing polluted runoff to the storm drain/stream.
Arnold

Briarcliff on the Severn

To provide native plants to integrate into an erosion retention system of rain gardens and to promote natives in private gardens and community areas.
Arnold

By Water Community Garden/One Annapolis, Inc

To build and expand the native pollinator plants in a community garden that provides fresh produce and a therapeutic communal space to the By Water Mutual Homes community.
Annapolis

Chartwood Community Association

This project will provide erosion control for stormwater using sustainable native plantings while educating the local community about planting, caring for, and appreciating native plants.

Severna Park

Chase Creek Swim Club

A well-used path that is creating erosion problems will be replaced by a new more gradual path with native plantings to slow and spread rainwater, allowing it to soak into our soil instead of eroding the hillside.

Arnold

Chartwell Garden Club

To create an early spring to late fall flowering pollinator garden at B&A Trail gardens at Earleigh Heights Ranger Station.

Severna Park

Chelsea Beach Residents Association Playground Revitalization

A new garden will provide a positive, energizing space for members of the community to gather and play. The ative garden will also help preserve the lot from erosion as there is a creek located on the back side of the lot that flows directly into the Magothy River.

Pasadena

Colchester Community Association**Tina Russell Nickerson Memorial Garden Club (AKA "Colchester Garden Club")**

The garden club will revamp the entrance of their neighborhood. By introducing native plants, they plan to prevent erosion, support biodiversity, create a desirable environment for pollinators, suppress weeds, and eliminate the need for fertilizers and pesticides while also beautifying the area.

Severna Park

Crain West Community Association (CWCA)

This project will plant native species at the community recreation area in order to replace dead and diseased Chestnut Swamp Oak trees. By planting alternative native trees, shrubs and plants, the community hopes to ensure animal and insect habitats, maintain a future tree canopy in the recreation area, and limit neighborhood storm runoff to the nearby Bear Branch stream.

Millersville

Deep Creek Native Garden

To create a Watershed Steward Capstone project, in cooperation with the Cape Conservation Corps, that will help mitigate runoff into Deep Creek through the removal and replacement of invasive species with native grasses, shrubs, and ferns.

Cape St. Claire

First Baptist Church of Annapolis

The grant will replant three stormwater planters on the side of the church with native plants and introduce new planting beds that will connect the planters along that side of the church.

Annapolis

Friends of Eastport Volunteer Fire Company

To help with the construction of new native gardens at Hero's Park, a memorial park dedicated to first responders, and in particular fire fighters.

Eastport

Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc./ Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

This grant will be used to further the transition of the Plant Mural in Tawes Garden, located at the public gardens at DNR Headquarters on Rowe Blvd, and incorporate more native perennials into the design.

Annapolis

Hollyberry Garden Club

This grant will provide funds to purchase additional native plants and mulch for the existing native garden at the Severna Park Library Branch, which hosts over 1,000 visitors daily.

Severna Park

Holly Point Community

To improve the entrance island of the community by removing non natives/invasive species and replacing with native pollinators that will also help reduce runoff. In addition, the grant will support new natives along a path to the water to stop hillside erosion and enhance beauty.

Severna Park

Loch Haven Civic Association

This project aims to remove species overtaking a corner lot and will provide native plants that offer greater benefits to wildlife and promote biodiversity.

Edgewater

Manhattan Beach Civic Association

To stop continued erosion from stormwater runoff from inland sources and to help keep beach soils intact when exposed to higher and more frequent tides/king tides.

Severna Park

Mayo United Methodist Church

The purpose of this grant is to plant native species to provide pollinator habitat, alleviate nuisance flooding on a sidewalk, and to provide education to parishioners and students on the benefits of native pollinator gardens and controlling stormwater runoff through planting natives.

Edgewater

Montessori International Children's House

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to replace the Upper Elementary classroom flower bed with native plants that enhance the wildlife habitat in that space.

Annapolis

Monarch Academy Public Charter School

Students participating in Adventure and Community classes helped design and will plant the first phase of an ongoing native gardening project that will serve to restore biodiversity, buffer a waterway, as a natural learning space.

Glen Burnie

Moonflower Garden Club

The grant will be used to install native plants and shrubs to help restore two beds at the Hatton-Regester Green park along the B&A Trail in Severna Park. Both areas had invasive grasses removed, and one area has started to be used as a cut-through pathway due to the loss of vegetation.

Severna Park

North County High School

Students at North County High School participating in an Urban Agriculture program, in partnership with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins Food System Lab, will incorporate a native pollinator garden into their Urban Ag initiative.

Glen Burnie

Pine Valley Homeowners Association

This grant will establish the first native plant pollinator garden on Pine Valley HOA property and provide educational signage on benefits of native plants to the community.

Arnold

Riviera Beach Resident Council, Inc.

To create the Echo Drive Pollinator Garden, the first project of several planned for Riviera Beach. It is a small project intended as a pilot that will garner interest and support from the community for future tree plantings, stormwater erosion control projects, rainscaping and invasives removal.

Pasadena

Round Bay Community Association

This project will cover a sloped area where established vegetation had to be removed and will prevent runoff, provide habitat and an educational experience for the community regarding the benefit of native plants.

Severna Park

Shade Garden at Kinder Park/Watershed Stewards Academy

To assist at Watershed Steward candidate in completing a capstone project by funding the installation of a native, woodland garden that will educate about how planting native species protects bird, pollinator, and other wildlife habitat, and serves to reduce pollution by allowing for greater stormwater runoff infiltration.

Millersville

Severn Grove Improvement Association

To establish the first project of three to transform grassy community spaces into thriving, native gardens to support local wildlife, capture carbon, absorb water and provide beauty.

Annapolis

Severna Park Community Center

To replace many nonnative shrubs on the campus of the Severna Park Community Center with native shrubs that will support pollinators and birds.

Severna Park

South River Landing Condominiums, Inc.

To provide funds for native plants that will absorb run-off from entering Almshouse Creek and the Chesapeake Bay.

Edgewater

Watergate Improvement Association, Inc.

To provide native plants to install in a conservation landscape designed to absorb rainwater, provide filtration of nutrients and pesticides in the soil and groundwater, and thereby reduce the flow of pollutants into nearby waterways.

Annapolis