



Unity Gardens 2026 Grant Recipients

SPRING

Berrywood Community Association – To replace invasive and non-native shrubs with native shrubs, perennials and ground covers to attract pollinators and further develop the interest of the community in the relationship between pollinators and the plants we choose to include in our landscapes

Elizabeth's Landing Community Association – To replace turfgrass with a native pollinator garden at the historic farmhouse in the community as part of a larger project to enhance the ecological function in a densely populated community.

Ferndale Early Education Center – As part of the school's 100th year celebration, to install trees and additional native plants to the nature play space where students learn during weekly STEM lessons.

Glen Burnie Pearls of Service – To install a native plant landscape at Hall United Methodist Church, a historic community institution serving Glen Burnie.

Lindale Middle School – To plant native Maryland trees and shrubs in the outdoor learning area to restore biodiversity, support local wildlife and create a sustainable, student-led environmental learning space via the school's STEM gardening club.

North Green Condominiums – To add native foliage to a barren area to prevent runoff and to showcase eco-friendly/sustainable gardening practices.

Olde Severna Park Community Association – To replace a community area of turfgrass with a pollinator garden of native shrubs and plants, demonstrating an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional lawns.

Rising Sun Inn – In partnership with WSA's Tree Trooper program, to install native plants appropriate to the Revolutionary War era and to educate visitors to this historic inn about the uses of Maryland plants for medicine, utility and beauty.

Saunders Point Citizens Association – For remediation and beautification of stormwater bio-retention areas in the medians of the community.



Severna Park Farmer's Market Plant Clinic – To install a native garden to educate the public and farmer's market patrons on sustainable practices, especially native plants, that support pollinators.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church – To install a native meadow to attract pollinators, birds and small wildlife and transform an unattractive area to one that is interesting and beneficial to the environment.

Wellness House of Annapolis – To renovate an existing garden to create a focus on native plants that will encourage members to enjoy nature on their healing journey.

Whitney's Landing Community Association – To update the community beach garden area by installing native plants to provide habitat for wildlife, which is becoming increasingly rare due to continued development.

Winchester on Severn Association – To build a native garden to enhance the entrance to the community, thereby setting the tone for the entire community and spotlighting their priority to be an enclave for environmental stewardship.

FALL

Boulevard Park Improvement Association - After 3 years of community-led invasive vine eradication, to transform a neglected area into a thriving native ecosystem with the addition of a variety of native shrubs and perennials.

Civic Association of Palisades - To add to a former project where native trees and shrubs were installed in a wooded entrance island by filling in open spaces with additional shrubs and perennial ground covers to convert traditional mulched areas to green mulch and to provide soft landings for beneficial insects.

Epiphany Episcopal Church - To enable the church to replant a section of their Peace Garden with native plants, where old and diseased plants were removed leaving a bare and sunny area attractive to invasive species and no pollinators.

Hatton Regester Green (via the Hollyberry Garden Club) - To plant native plants in a bare area surrounding a newly installed pavilion to help absorb the water coming off the roof and to add more natives to three other sites close to the structure.



Lothian Elementary School - As part of a comprehensive initiative to transform the school into a model Maryland Green School and Agricultural Learning Campus, to establish outdoor learning environments that demonstrate sustainable agriculture, native habitat restoration, pollinator conservation, therapeutic gardening, and watershed stewardship.

Islamic Society of Annapolis (in partnership with Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay)
- To restore a rain garden at Masjid Al-Ansar which is a mosque serving the greater Annapolis and Anne Arundel County areas.

Pastorate of the Visitation - Two Catholic churches in Pasadena - Our Lady of the Chesapeake and Saint Jane Francis - used our funds to expand previously installed pollinator gardens to add both visual interest to the properties and more perennials to their flower farm which provides native plants bouquets for the churches' alters.

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church - To fill in an area near the Fellowship Hall where English Ivy has been removed to create a Meditation Garden and to add more native plants to the parking lot area.

Revell Downs Homeowners Association - To plant native perennials and shrubs to stabilize and beautify an unplanted slope and in two existing garden beds at the entrance to the neighborhood. These areas are highly visible and will help generate excitement about the community's new Green Team.

Severn Grove Improvement Association - The community used our grant to establish a new garden of native shrubs to support wildlife, manage stormwater runoff, and educate the community about the value of native plants.

Severna Park Library (via the Hollyberry Garden Club) - To purchase additional native plants to support the ongoing transformation of a 6,000 square foot, heavily trafficked area into an educational native landscape.

St. John Lutheran Church - To create a place of beauty that is beneficial for wildlife and the members and visitors of the church.

Tanyard Cove North - This community association used our grant funds to plant native perennials and shrubs in their marina area for erosion control, wildlife benefits and aesthetics. The site had no vegetation except weeds and established trees.



Tawes Garden - In preparation for a 50th anniversary celebration in 2027, volunteers revitalized the extensive demonstration gardens at the Department of Natural Resources facility. Unity Gardens' funds were used to create a new garden of native shrubs and perennials clustered around a sculpture of a heron as a memorial to a DNR employee.

Yellow Metal Bees - This new non-profit used our grant to install a small native pollinator demonstration garden to support bees, butterflies and other pollinators while educating the local community about native habitat, pollinator stewardship and pesticide-free garden care.