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ABOUT

The Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP) is a partnership between the University of Maryland Extension and Maryland Sea Grant that educates Maryland residents about stormwater management and provides technical assistance to increase implementation and adoption of small-scale Best Management Practices.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- One Water Partnership – Technical expert for Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake led project that works with faith-based organizations to implement stormwater practices on congregational grounds.
 - Baltimore Urban Waters Partnership - Federal program that works to increase collaboration between NGOs and local, state, and federal government agencies in the Baltimore region working on water resource and urban resilience issues.
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OUTCOMES & IMPACTS

Assisted Gwynn Oak UMC receive a grant for \$3,605

GRANTS

Co-PI on project team that received a \$29,956 Chesapeake Bay Trust for project on safe use of harvested rainwater in Baltimore City farms and gardens.

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WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE

During 2020, the Regional Watershed Restoration Specialist for Northern Maryland ("specialist") educated 47 Baltimore City residents through education and outreach events and one-on-one technical assistance. In partnership with Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, a grant was also secured to assist Gwynn Oaks UMC install three rain barrels on their grounds, hold a rain barrel workshop, and implement a native plant garden. The specialist also performed 4 site assessments, which may lead to additional congregations securing grant funds and implementing more projects in 2021.

Along with the Regional Watershed Restoration Specialist for Central Maryland, the specialist also started coordinating the Baltimore Urban Waters Partnership ("BUWP") in 2020. The BUWP is an existing federal program that works to increase collaboration between NGOs; researchers; and local, state, and federal government agencies in the Baltimore region working on water resource and urban resilience issues. The specialist organized and facilitated the Fall and Winter meetings, which were attended by an average of 48 participants.

The WPRP program helps communities address a range of stormwater issues to improve the well-being of Marylanders and the health of the Chesapeake Bay