

NEED A LANDSCAPE PRO WHO IS TRAINED IN SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE?



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The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) certification is a new program that provides training for professionals who practice sustainable landscaping in the Bay region.

Search online for certified CBLP pros in your area who have the expertise you need to design, install, and maintain sustainable practices like rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavers, cisterns, and native plantings. Implementing these and other practices on your property can improve the health of the Bay.

Find the CBLP directory at:
cblpro.org/directory/



CHESAPEAKE BAY
Landscape Professional

WHY HIRE A LEVEL 1 CBLP?

Level 1-certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professionals (CBLPs) have the skills and training to be trusted partners for environmental stewardship and green infrastructure projects. Certified CBLPs:

- **Pledge to promote and apply the Eight Essential Elements of Conservation Landscaping:**
 - Create landscapes that benefit the environment and function efficiently.
 - Use locally native plants that are appropriate for site conditions.
 - Remove and manage invasive plants.
 - Provide habitat for wildlife.
 - Promote healthy air quality and minimize air pollution.
 - Conserve and clean water.
 - Promote healthy soils.
 - Manage to conserve energy, reduce waste and use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- **Understand the regulatory framework of stormwater management and water quality laws, regulations and permits.**
- **Consult other licensed professionals when appropriate.**
- **Properly maintain stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and use sustainable landscape maintenance techniques:**
 - In accordance with a maintenance plan and prescribed schedule (or, in its absence, CBLPs will develop a plan and schedule).
 - Evaluate site or BMP conditions and recommend and perform simple corrective or restoration measures.
 - Identify and report critical maintenance needs beyond simple landscape measures to proper authorities.
 - Apply Urban Nutrient Management techniques.
 - Recognize and care for native plants and protective buffers.
 - Utilize Integrated Pest Management and adaptive management techniques.

WHY HIRE A LEVEL 2 CBLP-Designer OR CBLP-Installer?

Level 2 CBLPs have advanced training and work experience in the design (CBLP-D) and/or installation (CBLP-I) of Residential Stewardship Practices, such as rain gardens, permeable pavement, tree and buffer plantings, rainwater harvesting, and dry wells, typically installed as retrofits on existing residential, small commercial and institutional sites.

In addition to providing Level 1 services, CBLP-D or CBLP-I professionals will properly design, install and track stormwater practices to meet minimum design standards, achieve nutrient and sediment reduction goals, and comply with state and local laws and ordinances.

As partners in stormwater retrofit programs or on new development projects, Level 2 CBLPs will:

- Promote, design and install individual Residential Stewardship Practices or treatment trains for local retrofit, cost-share and stewardship programs.
- Create and construct sustainable landscapes with BMPs integrated into an attractive and functional landscape.
- Use native planting design techniques that reduce plant failure, improve public perception, and support habitat.
- Use design techniques that simplify, reduce and/or improve maintenance needs.
- Use installation and site protection techniques to reduce BMP failure, soil erosion/compaction, and tree or habitat loss during construction.

