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By the Numbers

Program Costs Expended To Date
\$125.9M

Local/Minority Business Participation
\$106.8M

Current Status Completed
 # of Sites May '19 Credits Acres
110 **2,167.70**

Reporting period as of August 2019.

Make sure you "Drop" back to the CWP website to view additional content about the partnership such as our Year 3 Annual Progress Report, the latest bid opportunities, and the CWP National Spotlight.



Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake

Prince George's County faith-based organizations are taking action in supporting the County Beautification Initiative. The Clean Water Partnership's (CWP) Alternative Compliance Program (ACP), provides tax-exempt, faith-based or other 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations the opportunity to qualify for a reduction of their Clean Water Act Fee by treating and reducing polluted stormwater runoff through the installation of small retrofit projects on their properties. Assisting these organizations is Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), a non-profit organization committed to providing educational programming, tools, and guidance to help congregations green their facilities and install projects on their grounds that help restore clean water. Originally named Chesapeake Covenant Congregations (prior to 2013), IPC has made significant strides in promoting environmental stewardship. Their mission, "to ignite the power of faith communities in the Chesapeake Bay region to honor all of Creation by working together to protect and restore our shared watershed", roots from a deep religious call to care for the Chesapeake Bay.

By way of support from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, IPC began working with organizations in the Alternative Compliance Program by introducing program information through one-on-one sessions and community meetings. They have also encouraged and assisted churches with creative methods to implement stormwater education such as hosting movie nights on water related topics and leading watershed themed vacation bible school. In working with the churches, IPC has identified that implementing green activities brings forth opportunities for additional



education as caring for plants and trees can be daunting if you're inexperienced in gardening. IPC provides that safety net serving as a resource, educating stakeholders and community members about the importance of caring for the earth so that many generations to come are able to enjoy it. IPC also offers Action Planning workshops in which they assist congregations in planning out projects and building consensus for the projects. These Action-Planning workshops are often followed up with Grant-Writing workshops. IPC has worked with congregations to help secure over \$250,000 in grant funding to install projects on their grounds or lead environmental programming

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CWP Congratulates Prince George's County Summer Youth Interns



Although summer vacation has concluded for Prince George's County students, many are heading back with a wealth of knowledge obtained through summer employment. The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) would like to recognize End Time Harvest Ministries, a long-time community partner, for the commencement of their Summer Youth Wellness Ambassador Internship program. Through the six-week program, fifty-five students were placed with twenty-eight Prince George's County businesses and non-profit organizations, and worked in various industries such as hospitality, education, agriculture, health/human services and public agencies. The students also participated in job readiness workshops and activities that increased their knowledge of connecting stormwater management to the health and welfare of the community. At the end of summer celebration, parents, employers and partners gathered to hear the students reflect on their experiences and tips on how they could implement what they had learned into everyday life.

The CWP would also like to recognize the Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP). This year, the CWP opened its doors to host the Department of the Environment's (DoE) SYEP Green Teens' Orientation and Graduation Ceremony which included a formal Summer Presentation and Recognition Luncheon. The Green Teens were assigned to various county divisions to include Animal Services, Resource Recovery, Stormwater Management, Strategic Services and Sustainability while a few had the great opportunity of placement in the Office of the Director! Guests were invited to witness the student presentations and hear their interpretations on becoming environmental stewards. During lunch, students utilized skills obtained at an etiquette workshop that they will be able to use both personally and professionally. In closing, students received accolades for a summer of great work. The CWP looks forward to strengthening relationships with both ETHM and SYEP and wish these students much success in the upcoming school year.

August is National Water Quality Month!

August has passed but we couldn't kick off fall without recognizing one of our favorite times of the year. The Clean Water Partnership continuously works with communities to educate and inform about the importance of treating polluted, contaminated waters and would like to share some tips on how you can help!

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean off your driveway—get toned arms while helping the environment!
- Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater—use the collected water to wash your car or water your lawn or gardens and save money on your water bill!
- Reduce or eliminate pesticide and fertilizer application by testing your soil before applying chemicals—save money and the environment by only applying when you need to!
- Take used oil or antifreeze to a service station or recycling center—most places do not charge a fee for recycling, some even offer discounts on future purchases!
- Walk pets in grassy areas and parks, instead of by waterways, and always pick up after your pet – you don't have to clean muddy pets or clothes and you can see gorgeous flowers!
- Get involved in your local community by adopting a watershed and organize stream cleanups, plant trees to prevent erosion, and monitor water quality—meet your neighbors, spend time the beautiful outdoors, and help the environment!

Interfaith Partners cont'd



within their communities. The great news is that these are workshops that are conducted throughout the state of Maryland and are open to the public.

So what's on the horizon for IPC? In 2020, they will be launching a Green Team Training program where faith-based organizations can send 3-5 leaders from their congregation to learn how to build a team of core leaders to spearhead greening activities at their facilities. They're aiming to create 45 green teams that will lead various programs and initiatives in helping to restore clean water. To find more information about this amazing organization, please visit <https://www.interfaithchesapeake.org/>.



D&F Construction Delivers Great Service and Continues to Excel in the Clean Water Partnership

D&F Construction Co. Inc. is a certified Minority Business located in Forestville, MD and a Prime General Contractor (GC) for the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) joining the program in 2016. D&F has become a truly dedicated partner in delivering quality stormwater projects throughout Prince George's County. Since joining the CWP, they have served as GC on multiple projects, increased their skillsets and capabilities in the stormwater management/green infrastructure and improved relationship management skills by working with a diverse mix of consultants and small businesses. A few of their staple CWP projects to date include the completion of Lower Laurel Lakes, Kettering Community Center and Glenarden Library, all in which the team received praise for adapting to schedule changes and collaborating with program partners on unique project characteristics. When met with challenges, the team has been quick to respond and offer lessons learned to other program team members and partners.

This summer, D&F is serving as the prime GC on eight CWP schools projects, scheduled for completion fall 2019, and has worked with the community outreach team to ensure that construction zones will be restored back to safety for pedestrian traffic. In the Cross Creek (Beltsville) neighborhood, the team participated in a community outreach meeting to prepare residents for the construction of 5 ponds and eased resident concerns in preparation of the large project. Furthermore, CWP maintenance manager Eric Jones, has recognized them for their willingness to go above and beyond on project close out and their attention to detail with final touches to ensure successful project completion. D&F recently joined Instagram and Twitter, and proactively seeks ways to increase visibility for their business and interact with the communities they serve. Whether they are discussing design plans with an engineer, conducting a site visit, or participating in one of the CWP's many outreach events, D&F and its team members have proven to be professional, engaged and a valuable asset to the CWP program.

Excitement Builds for Upcoming Fairmount Heights CWP Project

The Town of Fairmount Heights is ready for some stormwater action! Members of the Clean Water Partnership's (CWP) Community Outreach team met with residents in early August to provide an overview of upcoming construction for a micro-bioretention pond that will be installed near 61st Ave and Lee place. The meeting, held at the Fairmount Heights Police Department, was well attended and included participation from the Town Registrar, Mayor Lillie Martin and members of the town council. The outreach team discussed the construction timeline, staging plan, long-term maintenance of the project and answered questions about safety and travel routes. The team, who began working with the residents over a year ago, was thrilled to see that the Town of Fairmount Heights has an active green team who are constantly seeking ways to incorporate green infrastructure into the community. Also, through the Maryland Black Mayors Association, Town leadership and community members have participated in courses hosted by the Municipal Online Stormwater Training (MOST) Center. Fairmount Heights has installed rain gardens and rain barrels throughout the community and are looking forward to the micro-bioretention pond being completed this fall. A fun fact about Fairmount Heights; the town was formally incorporated in 1935, making it the second oldest African-American-majority municipality in Prince George's County, MD.



Contractor Outreach for CWP Firms Spans Across County Lines



Elizabeth Crittenden, Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Contractor Development Specialist, had the pleasure of participating in the Minority Outreach Fair, held by the Maryland-Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA). The annual event attracted hundreds of small, minority and women owned firms in the construction, construction services, supplier and professional services industries. Held at the Live! Casino & Hotel in Hanover, MD, firms from various parts of the region swarmed the event in hopes of making connections with organizations and agencies such as Baltimore Gas & Electric, Maryland Department of Transportation, DC Water and a host of top tier Construction Firms leading the efforts of the largest infrastructure projects in the state. Representing the CWP, Elizabeth was able to speak with several general contractors, engineers and professional services organizations that took interest in the CWP. "MWMCA events always attract a multitude of subcontractors and primes. I meet many water related companies as they visit the tables of WSSC, DC Water, civil construction projects, etc. Often I learn about upcoming stormwater projects and later share that information with companies who registered with the CWP," said Elizabeth. She also connects with agencies and organizations that may provide supportive services for small businesses and formulates partnerships for specific needs of CWP businesses. For example, she is working with First Nations Bank, whom she met at the fair, to set up a seminar for CWP contractors that will expose them to lines of credit that are more accessible for their businesses. Elizabeth and other members of the CWP's Contractor Development team, remain committed to finding local, small, disadvantaged and minority owned firms seeking to enhance their skillsets in the stormwater sector. To learn more about how your business can bid and inquire about the services needed within the CWP, please visit <https://thecleanwaterpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/CWP-Subcontractor-Registration-Application-060616.pdf>.

New Work on the Horizon for TreKnot Organization



The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) would like to congratulate Iberia Miles, CEO of TreKnot Organization, for being awarded contracted work on the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion Project. TreKnot, a minority, woman-owned small business, currently subcontracts with Capital City Associates for the CWP and provides Community Outreach services in the Alternative Compliance Program. TreKnot's extensive background in Compliance

Small Business Supportive Services, Community Outreach/Public Engagement and Training (OSHA, Flagger, First AID/AED and CPR) led to the 3-year award in which the organization will perform Civil Rights Compliance for the I-64 Design Joint Venture (JV). Iberia will manage and assist the JV to comply with the VDOT Civil Rights requirements as it pertains to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/ Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned Business (SWaM) Goals and supportive services, Labor Compliance, and reporting. Iberia has shared that her work with the CWP has provided opportunities to enhance relationship management skills by establishing and maintaining substantial relationships while performing outreach on many projects within a heavy construction schedule. She added that as with many construction projects, working with multiple stakeholder personalities have been challenging, however having the support of CWP personnel to navigate those dynamics, has provided opportunities to engage and provide better solutions for all-something that she will be able to utilize on this new project. Iberia will continue to perform community outreach services for the CWP and everyone wishes her much success on this exciting new project!

CWP Plans for Transformative Community Project at The Shops at Iverson



Plans are underway for a Clean Water Partnership (CWP) project to be constructed at Iverson Mall in Hillcrest Heights, MD. The CWP design team evaluated the site and has identified a need for stormwater improvements near the abandoned, rear parking location. The CWP is partnering with the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), a nonprofit organization that facilitates the development of healthy, equitable neighborhoods through community-engaged design and planning

services. NDC has experience in creating visionary designs and are proposing a community living center to include a neighborhood garden, a seating pavilion and a micro-bioretenion pond that will help treat rain runoff from the mall's roof. For years, the space has served as dumping ground for neighborhood trash and the mall's 2nd level parking garage is being used as impermanent living space for the homeless. Known to many County residents as Iverson Mall, the mall is enriched in history as it was the first shopping mall in the Washington D.C. area to be constructed, fully enclosed and climate controlled. The CWP hopes that the retrofit of the site engages community members and local, small businesses by providing education on the benefits of green infrastructure practices and careers in stormwater management.

Meet L.E. Blue, CWP's Newest Mentor Protégé Pilot Project Firm!

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L.E. Blue

The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) has awarded its Pilot Program Project to small business firm, L.E. Blue. L.E. Blue, launched operations in 1998 as a two man shop, working with fiber optic systems. They quickly became well versed in the underground utility space, and expanded their skills by working with water and sewer line related structures. Today, L.E. Blue is a highly engaged participant in the CWP's MPP and is utilizing best practices to improve their business portfolio and bid on innovative projects. Each year the CWP program selects a pilot project that allows MPP firms to observe and participate in the entire process of a CWP stormwater project, from concept through construction and maintenance. This year, L.E. Blue will work alongside the General Contractor to review estimating, bidding, and all other components of a project. Lonnie Blue, president of L.E. Blue, heard about the MPP through Michael Burke, CWP Director of Contractor Development/MPP. He shares that both Michael and Nicole Copeland, CWP Contractor Development Manager, have been trustworthy, hardworking and operating from a place of sincerity while helping small businesses to navigate their challenges. Lonnie's advice to other businesses in the MPP is to take advantage of all classes, workshops and events that are being offered to better position their companies for success.

Clean Water Partnership Community Outreach Team Innovates with QR Codes!



The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) Outreach Team consistently seeks ways to ensure that stakeholders are informed of upcoming projects and the program's overall success. The team recently premiered the usage of Quick Response (QR) Code on CWP door hangers in the residential neighborhood near Columbia Park Elementary School, one of the CWP's schools program projects. The door hangers are ideal for residents and businesses impacted by construction and the QR code allows viewers to scan and be diverted to a full informational notice on the CWP's website. The outreach team is then able to track the number of viewers and which operating types deem most popular. Furthermore, the addition of the QR code, minimizes the amount of flyers to be printed and aligns with the program's goals in promoting sustainability. The outreach team is excited about this new tool and plans to utilize this method on future projects.

In the Community—Catch us if you can!



1 End Time Harvest Ministries Summer Youth Program Celebration



2 Community Meeting at Cross Creek Neighborhood



3 Mentor Protege Program Kick-off Meeting

Project Highlights



Martin Luther King Middle School



Schoolhouse Pond



Before and After shots of deferred maintenance at CIP Transfer Site, Colmar Manor

CWP Delivery Partners



CWP Highlights



The National Association of Counties (NACo) granted Prince George's County a 2016 Achievement Award for the development of the Clean Water Partnership, in the category of Community/Economic Development.



The Maryland League of Conservation Voters honored the Prince George's County Department of the Environment's Director, Adam Ortiz, with the 2016 Environmental Leadership Award for his work with Corvias and the Clean Water Partnership.



The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes leaders to turn ideas into action. CGI Commitments to Action represent bold new ways that CGI members address global challenges—implemented through new methods of partnership and designed to maximize impact. Commitments can be small or large, global or local. No matter the size or scope, commitments help CGI members translate practical goals into meaningful and measurable results.

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ABOUT THE CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP: The Prince George's County and Corvias Public-Private Partnership (P3), also called the Clean Water Partnership, is an agreement between County government and the private sector to retrofit up to 4,000 acres of impervious surfaces using green infrastructure. This community-focused program works to address the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, while simultaneously focusing on the needs of Prince George's County residents and local businesses.