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## By the Numbers

Program Costs Expended To Date

**\$117.8M**

Local/Minority Business Participation

**\$100.4M**

Current Status Completed

# of Sites May '19      Credits Acres

**100**      **2,165**

Reporting period as of May 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.



## Massive Clean-up Transformation at Lower Laurel Lakes

The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) partnered with the City of Laurel to improve water quality at Laurel Lakes (located at 142902 Oxford Drive) and led the efforts for a massive clean-up, enhancing the pond's already beautiful landscape. Known as Lower Laurel Lakes to those familiar with the CWP program, the project follows the successful summer 2018 completion of Upper Laurel Lakes. The CWP identified 3 areas of the pond with a high inflow of water activity and installed forebays to properly adequately treat the runoff. To install the forebays, the team dewatered the pond which brought years of trash to the surface. The team also discovered more than 2ft of a quicksand-like sediment build-up at the bottom, which proposed challenges for construction and the process of the trash removal. The pond floor base was unable to support any weight and caused unstable conditions for construction crews and any other pedestrians to walk across. Out of heavy concern for the amount of trash exposed, City of Laurel Councilmember, Carl DeWalt, organized a community clean-up for areas outside of the CWP work limits. He and the community's largest concerns were that the trash and plastic would create an eyesore and have unhealthy impacts on the environment. After consulting with the CWP, the community canceled the clean-up and worked with the CWP on other solutions. CWP construction crews were able to safely extract the sediment within the forebays, stabilize the area

to complete the work and then safely remove the trash. Additionally, City of Laurel employees and CWP crews safely worked along the edges of the pond, where there was no sediment build-up, and utilized long arm sticks to remove remaining debris. "We are so happy with the work that has been done to improve the water quality of the Lakes. Even with the minor disruption of the park, resident response has been overwhelmingly positive. The lake is such an important part of the Laurel community and everyone is happy to see the commitment that was made to making improvements. It was a pleasure working with the staff of the Clean Water Partnership. They have been very responsive to concerns raised by members of our community and provided up to date information along every phase of the project. We look forward to working with them on other projects in the City of Laurel" said Joanne Barr, Director, Laurel Department of Parks and Recreation. Parallel to the aesthetic benefits, the advance trash removal will reduce blockage of the trash racks and storm drains, which should prolong the need for expensive functional maintenance. The City of Laurel has also partnered with the Environmental Club at Laurel High School and Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad to safely plan clean-up days in the future. The CWP successfully finished the Lower Laurel Lakes project in May 2019.

## CWP Celebrates Eleanor Roosevelt High School Project Completion



On April 9, 2019, the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) hosted a ceremonial planting session following the completion of a micro-bioretention garden and sand filter installation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) in Greenbelt, MD. Members of the CWP operations, construction and design teams, were joined by guests to unveil the new interpretive signage and guide students in planting shrubbery around the newly installed best management practice (BMP). The City of Greenbelt Mayor, Emmett V. Jordan welcomed attendees and provided context on the budding partnership that has formed between the City of Greenbelt and the CWP, highlighting the need for more stormwater projects in helping communities and schools to become more sustainable. Joseph Gill, Director of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment provided an overview of stormwater management and how projects such as ERHS are helping the County to achieve its goals in treating impervious surfaces. Bradley Site Design and Soltesz, received recognition for the stunning project design, one of the largest in the school program thus far. Also receiving awards were prime general contractor, D&F Construction, subcontractor, Bourn Environmental and landscaper, Dirt Worx, all local small businesses who completed the ERHS project and are actively working on other CWP projects. Following remarks, attendees gathered at the newly installed interpretive signage, where Mayor Jordan and ERHS Principal Reginald McNeal unveiled the structure, positioned conveniently at the curbside of the device. The event concluded with a hands on guided planting session, in which students learned of their school's watershed and the native plants they were installing. The ERHS planting event is the first of many school planting events to occur this year for the CWP schools program.

## June is National Safety Month!

The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) proudly recognizes National Safety Month and ensures that each stormwater project is completed in a manner safe for workers, site visitors and the community. Here are a few of the many ways the CWP continues to adhere to safety:

- » The CWP's Contractor Development team has offered various safety training within the program and prefers contractors with OSHA 15, OSHA 30, and trench safety training.
- » Prior to each preconstruction meeting, General Contractors (GC) create a site-specific safety plan. The plans highlight potential safety concerns for the individual projects. It lists key personnel for the sub-contractors (subs), GC, and CWP program team.
- » GCs and Subs engage in safety talks during various phases of a project. These talks also happen after an incident or a "near miss." After an incident or "near miss" is reported to the CWP from one GC, managers inform the other GCs so that there are program wide safety "stand downs" on all active projects.
- » All Community Outreach and other CWP team members are equipped with branded identification badges, safety hats, fluorescent safety vests and goggles to ensure their safety when visiting project sites.

## At-Large Councilmember Mel Franklin Visits CWP



The Honorable Councilmember At-Large Mel Franklin visited the Clean Water Partnership office and team to discuss the success of the partnership and the continued efforts that support local, small and minority businesses across Prince George's County. Community engagement and education through stormwater management is vital to our program. We share Councilman Franklin's sentiments regarding the importance of targeted community and business engagement and outreach across the County which supports citizen education, opportunity and ownership. We look forward to the opportunities to continue to engage Councilman Franklin and the other Council members.

## CWP Hosts Contractor Recruitment Workshop for Stormwater Maintenance Providers



In late May, in collaboration with the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) hosted a contractor workshop to provide information to businesses interested in performing work on the CWP's maintenance program. Firms with skillsets in landscaping, paving, site work, concrete flatwork, and the installation of precast structures were in attendance as well as a few suppliers. John Mason, EDC Director of Economic Development, welcomed attendees, followed by a CWP program overview from Nicole Copeland, CWP Contractor Development Manager. Attendees were able to hear of budding opportunities from all four General Contractors working for the program and engaged in open dialogue about the scope of work required for the maintenance of the stormwater devices. CWP's Maintenance Program Manager, Eric Jones, highlighted before and after photos of CWP projects and provided details for the upcoming pre-bid meeting for the Aesthetic Functional Maintenance request for proposal (RFP). Upon closing, Elizabeth Crittenden, CWP Contractor Development Specialist, explained step-by-step instructions in completing the CWP subcontractor registration, hopefully eliminating errors that could cause a lag in the application process. The CWP contractor workshop events provide ample opportunity for those interested businesses to learn more about the program, the ability to capture real-time updates on available work, and the pleasure of networking with managers and leaders in various operational lanes of the CWP. The CWP has been slated to perform maintenance on all projects installed in Prince George's County over the course of 30 years and will continue to host events such as the contractor workshops to attract and retain local talent in the DC, MD, and VA region.

## CWP Participates in PGC Growing Green with Pride Initiative



What happens when the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) shows up at your school with paint sponges, shovels and gloves? Beautification for all! In early May, the CWP and hundreds of volunteers participated in the Prince George's County Growing Green with Pride event. In collaboration with Keep Prince George's County Beautiful, Prince George's County Public Schools, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, called upon businesses, schools, churches, and communities to adopt sites and roadways in a county wide clean-up, a push to enhance the aesthetic appearances of neighborhoods and streets. The CWP partnered with Tall Oaks Vocational High School and worked alongside students to plant native shrubbery around their newly installed micro-bioretention garden. The team also livened up the green space by painting sea creatures and earth inspiring graphics on the storm drain, promoting no dumping. "The meaningful environmental education project aligns with our state science and environmental literacy standards" said Tall Oaks' Environmental Science/Biology Teacher, Angela Killebrew. Ms. Killebrew, who also serves as the schools Green Team champion shared that by participating in the stormwater management activities, students were making an impact on a real world issue/problem within our local and global environment. The Growing Green with Pride aligns with the County's larger Beautification Initiative, a three-year program committed to implementing sustainable changes to keeping the County clean. The CWP looks forward to participating in more events as such and partnering with local schools, faith-based/nonprofit organizations and communities on these efforts.



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## CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT

### Tina Boyd & Associates

#### How long has your company been in business?

Tina Boyd and Associates (TB&A) was founded in 2005.

#### What is your specialty?

TB&A is a boutique public relations and community engagement company. Our target market is infrastructure projects in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. We provide public relations; community engagement; business outreach, compliance, monitoring and reporting; identity development and branding; event management and call center support.

#### What is a typical day like for you?

We manage multiple stormwater projects in construction simultaneously. Therefore, we incorporate an all-hands-on deck approach to our work. Our team assistant performs stakeholder research and identification. The Community Outreach Coordinators plan and implement our outreach campaigns. Constant communication with program management, general contractors and project schedulers is also factored into the daily outreach tasks. This coordination allows for actual real-time communication with our stakeholders. In addition to community outreach, we also organize team-building functions, community festivals and educational events as one more layer of service that TB&A brings to the CWP project..

#### What do you want readers to know about your company?

We are an award-winning, woman-owned company whose principals have combined more than 60 years of experience in government and community relations. The TB&A team is comprised of professionals native to the Washington, DC Metropolitan area who care primarily about the environment.

#### What CWP projects have you worked on or participated with thus far?

Our areas of concentration with the CWP program are Prince George's County public schools, community ponds and municipal projects. This combination has allowed us the opportunity to provide outreach services on a unique blend of projects. TB&A has completed more than 30 school projects and over 50 pond and/or municipal projects so far in phases 1 and 2. We are excited about the future with the Clean Water Partnership.

#### What are you looking forward to gaining from this program?

We look forward to the future of stormwater education with the program and the opportunity to expand our business endeavors with Prince George's County Government and Corvias. We are also excited about creating lasting relationships with our fellow Prince George's County businesses.

## Clean Water Partnership Mentor Protégé Firm Excited for Purple Line Project Work

Nikita Floyd of Green Forever Landscaping is one busy CEO. His 30 year landscaping business is thriving and he is actively working on one of the region's largest and most anticipated projects, the Purple Line Transit System. As a 2016 CWP Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) graduate, Nikita has worked on numerous CWP stormwater projects, building his skillset and challenging his team to be innovative in the growing environmental and infrastructure industry. Nikita mentioned that one of his biggest takeaways from the MPP, was learning the importance of structure and turning bids around quickly & efficiently. Those MPP lessons helped Green Forever to land a mid-six figure, tree clearing project with Purple Line in which he will be using the firm's new shiny toy, a Caterpillar 257 Series. The device, something he admits he would not have been able to afford years ago, allows fast and safe removal of tree roots without removing the soil or having to make multiple cuts. There is also a hydraulic bush cutter that allows fast cutting of forested areas up to 8 inches in diameter as if mowing a lawn. The addition of this new piece of equipment, is another testament to how fast the business is growing and the investments Nikita is making to set his business apart from the competition. Green Forever continues to perform CWP work and most recently completed landscaping for two school projects, Valley View Elementary and Tall Oaks High School. The CWP is committed to working with local, small, minority businesses, like Green Forever, in enhancing their capabilities, growing capacity and expanding their portfolio of regional projects.

## CWP Builds Excitement for School House Pond Project in Upper Marlboro



The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) has been working with the Town of Upper Marlboro to complete a stormwater project at the School House Pond on Governor Oden Bowie Drive. Adored by hikers, fisherman, county employees and runners, the 12 acre pond provides a serene backdrop for relaxing and gathering with family, friends and colleagues from all over Prince George's County. Members of the CWP's Community Outreach and Construction teams worked diligently with town officials to create a staging and project plan that not only meets the construction timelines, but also will cause minimal disruption to the community. The team also engaged with the Prince George's County Revenue Authority regarding access permissions at metered spaces surrounding the pond. With construction to kick-off in July 2019, the team attended the Upper Marlboro Community Day, held at School House pond, to meet the residents, businesses and community members that may be affected by construction. The CWP booth, stationed near one of the proposed forebays, was full of CWP treats and allowed attendees to engage with friendly faces to be seen for the duration of the project. Team members also reiterated that the construction would take place in 4 phases and that access to the trail path would be restricted (trail detour markers to be provided by the CWP). Community members appreciated the thorough planning and preparation, and shared that they were looking forward to seeing the outcome, which is expected to be completed in winter 2020. Individuals that are interested in learning more about the project or that have questions, may reach out to CWP Community Outreach consultant Kristina Bigby at [Kristina.bigby@thecleanwaterpartnership.com](mailto:Kristina.bigby@thecleanwaterpartnership.com).

## CWP Tracking to Implement First Shoreline Stabilization Project



The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) is in the early stages of planning its first Shoreline Stabilization project for the program. The team has tapped Straughan Environmental to lead the design efforts, a Maryland based firm that provides high quality planning, engineering, and management solutions to government and commercial clients. The Straughan team is no stranger to working with Prince George's County agencies and brings forth a wealth of knowledge in working with specialized program partners such as Maryland Dam Safety and Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. Similar to stream restoration, shoreline stabilization falls within the Ecosystem Restoration category of stormwater practices and provides benefits such as helping to reduce erosion, sustain natural habitats and enhance the aesthetic appearance of the area. Through an early vetting process, the team has identified two shoreline locations in the County and is working with the CWP team of experts to discuss the design, construction, outreach and maintenance components and how to align this practice with the current roster of CWP Best Management Practices (BMPs). The shoreline stabilization projects will also provide local CWP contractors the opportunity to learn additional skillsets and add to their list of capabilities. The CWP is excited for this new endeavor and is looking forward to working with Straughan to bring this new practice to fruition.

## Greenbelt Community Church Honors Stormwater Project with Raingarden Celebration



Nestled in a scenic community, lined with large trees and picturesque homes, you'll find Greenbelt Community Church, one of the Clean Water Partnership's (CWP) recipient of the Alternative Compliance Program. In celebration of the newly installed micro-bioretention device, the church invited its members, family, friends and the community to an after service Raingarden Festival to learn about the device's benefits and to discuss environmental efforts on the horizon. City of Greenbelt Mayor, Emmett V. Jordan, provided remarks and proudly recognized that Greenbelt Community Church was amongst a host of other organizations participating in the CWP program. CWP ACP Community Outreach Consultant, Iberia Miles, attended the worship service and celebration, and caught up with church member, Carol Griffith shortly after. Serving as a member of the church's green team, Carol shared that the congregation is excited about the new look of their grounds as well as having a solution to their stormwater runoff issue.

## CWP Outreach Firm Assedo Consulting is now in Laurel!



The Clean Water Partnership (CWP) is pleased to announce that Assedo Consulting, one of the program's community outreach firms, hosted a grand opening at their new headquarters in Laurel, MD. With expanding opportunities in Prince George's County, Baltimore and Delaware, CEO, Odessa Phillip knew that this day would come and chose an office with convenient access to I95 that offers plenty of free parking for clients and guests. As friends, family, clients and partners filled the office, members of the Assedo team introduced new faces, led games, provided updates on their latest contracts and thanked everyone for supporting them throughout the years. Their motto, "Engage, Educate, Empower", is weaved into the office's decor and design, creating a space that is inviting and collaborative. When Assedo started with working with the CWP back in 2016, they were a mighty team of 3, but have since, expanded to 11 employees and are making use of every inch of the new office! They will continue to welcome clients at their Baltimore office and are thrilled to have the new Laurel location as an option. The entire CWP team would like to congratulate Assedo and wish them much success and good vibes at their new place.

## In the Community—Catch us if you can!



1 Upper Marlboro Day at School House Pond



2 Good Neighbor Day, College Park

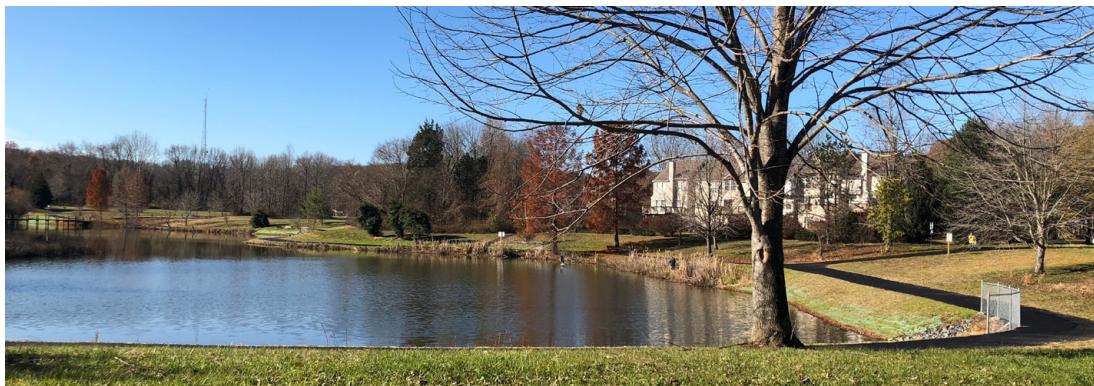


3 Career Day at Phyllis E. Williams Elementary School

## Project Highlights



Kettering Community Center



Sasser Pond



Greenbelt Community Church

## 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.