

Bridgeview Greenlawn Community Enhancement

■ Problem:

The Bridgeview/Greenlawn community on Riggs Avenue in Baltimore had a high percentage of impervious cover, which prevented rain water infiltration, created flooding issues in the neighborhood, and contributed polluted runoff to nearby streams and the Chesapeake

■ Solution:

With guidance from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, a community open space was created by removing pavement and installing plants. The new space not only creates a community gathering spot but is expected to manage 242,000 gallons of stormwater per year. Ongoing maintenance will be conducted by the Bridgeview/Greenlawn Community Association with support from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and other project partners.



The Community Enhancement Project Plan

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The announcement of the Project with the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Key Project Facts

Cost: \$76,000

Scale: 242,000 gallons of water per year

Funding Sources: Baltimore City Stormwater Fees, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund through the Parks & People Foundation.

Partners: 1st Impressions; Biohabitats Inc; Bridgeview/Greenlawn Community Association; Civic Works; Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation; Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Episcopal Dioceses of Maryland; Holy Trinity Church; James Mosher Associates; Mosher Elementary School; Washington Gas Energy Services

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What is Polluted Runoff?

The growth of our cities has resulted in too many paved surfaces, which prevent rain water from being absorbed by the ground. Instead, the water runs off streets and buildings, collecting trash and dangerous chemicals on its way. This contaminated water overflows into our streams and rivers, creating public health hazards and toxic waters.

Storm water projects create safe paths for polluted runoff to be captured and filtered before it reaches our waterways. They keep communities healthy and the environment clean.

When communities and their local governments work together to solve big problems like storm water runoff, that's a story worth telling!