

# Ecological Health

## Small Steps to a Wealth of Difference



### ▼ Watershed

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[Watershed Stewards Academy](#) – free help with erosion and stormwater issues

[Cleanscapes](#) – shared cost county program for reducing impermeable surfaces and stormwater runoff

[From My Backyard to Our Bay](#) – actions to take (a Howard and Montgomery County collaboration)

[Use Fertilizers Responsibly](#); [Maryland’s Home Fertilizer Law](#); [Soil Testing](#); [Choosing a Lawn Care Service](#)

[Disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease](#) (not down your drain)

### ▼ Free Native Shrubs and Trees

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Howard County Programs: [Tree Canopy](#); [Turf to Trees](#); [Stream ReLeaf](#); [Annual Giveaway](#)

[Trees for Bees](#) (opens April 1 for residents through Bee City)

### ▼ Increasing Biodiversity

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[Maryland Native Plants Program](#)

[Attract Pollinators to Your Garden](#); [Pollinator Gardens](#)

[Invasive Species](#)

*Did you know that our houses border Howard County’s [Green Infrastructure Network](#)? This is a protected area of ecological significance that helps support native plant and animal species while helping human populations by cleaning air and water resources, maintaining natural ecological processes, and contributing to everyday quality of life.*