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Spring into ACTION! Conference Overview

8:00 am **Annual Steward Action Summit and Breakfast: Connecting Stewards to Action**

9:15 am **Registration**

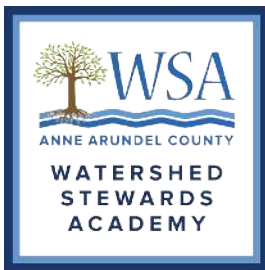
9:30 am **Opening**
Keynote Address: Steve Raabe

10:30 am **Session 1**

Track A. Nature Knows Best <i>Restore Ecosystems & Produce Food with Forest Gardens</i>	Cafeteria <i>Lincoln Smith</i>
Track B. Detoxing Our Landscapes <i>Land Management without Pesticides</i>	Second Floor, C283 <i>Jay Feldman</i>
Track C. Dynamic Engagement <i>Increasing Diverse Engagement through Citizen Stewardship</i>	First Floor, Media Center A <i>Kate Fritz</i>
Track D. WSA PRO <i>Getting it Right: Rain Garden Retrofits in Public Spaces</i>	Second Floor, Lounge <i>Kate Austin</i>

11:45 am **Session 2**

Track A. Nature Knows Best <i>1. Restore Ecosystems & Produce Food with Forest Gardens</i>	Second Floor, C282 <i>Lincoln Smith</i>
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Track C. Dynamic Engagement <i>Understanding Behavior Change</i>	First Floor, Media Center A <i>Steve Raabe</i>
Track D. WSA PRO <i>Schools of Thought: A Review of Stream Restoration Design Approaches from a Builder's Perspective</i>	Second Floor, Lounge <i>Liam O'Meara</i>



Spring into ACTION! Conference Overview

12:45 pm Lunch
Awards Program

1:45 pm Gallery and Exhibit Walk

Zone 1: Funder Office Hours
Zone 2: Sponsors, Non-Profits and Vendor Exhibits
Zone 3: The Doctor Is In: Ask an Expert
Zone 4: Engagement Tools and Techniques
Zone 5: What's New with GIS?

3:00 pm Session 3

Track A. Nature Knows Best Cafeteria
How Healthy Soil Can Help Restore the Chesapeake Bay Rich Mason

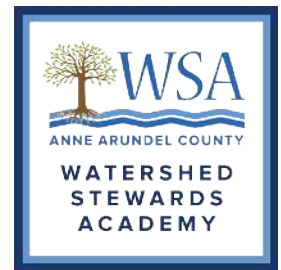
Track C. Dynamic Engagement First Floor, Media Center A
Let's Do Something BIG: Lessons learned from the trenches of large project implementation
Bob Royer, Chris Becraft, Betsy Love, Lou Etgen, Molly LaChapelle, Trish Hennessy-Webb and
Claudia Donegan

Track D. WSA PRO Second Floor, Lounge
Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and YOU Erik Michelsen

4:15 pm Closing Remarks: Spring into Action! Cafeteria
Watershed Raffle and Silent Auction

4:30 pm Conference After-Party immediately following the Conference Closing:

The Greene Turtle
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Session One

A. Nature Knows Best

Restore Ecosystems & Produce Food with Forest Gardens

Cafeteria

Lincoln Smith

Forest gardens produce an abundance of food and supplies while restoring a healthy forest ecosystem. In this workshop, we will review the principles of forest gardening with examples from Forested's 10-acre research site in Bowie, MD. Lincoln will discuss forest garden methods, some of the great plants you can grow and how to take care of them. Learn from Lincoln's 10 years of forest garden successes and learning experiences.

B. Detoxing Our Landscapes

Land Management without Pesticides

Second Floor, C283

Jay Feldman

Because of their hazards to human health, adverse impacts on air, land, water and ecosystems, as well as their contribution to global climate change, pesticide use and chemical-intensive pest management practices must be shifted to sustainable land management systems that eliminate a reliance on toxic chemicals. Learn why and how people and communities are moving to adopt organic systems that recognize the power of biological systems at a time when increasingly smaller doses of systemic chemicals wreak havoc on pollinators and biodiversity.

C. Dynamic Engagement

Increasing Diverse Engagement through Citizen Stewardship

First Floor, Media Center A

Kate Fritz

What do diversity, equity and inclusion mean to you? How can we, as a restoration community, make meaningful progress to increase the diversity of those engaged in restoring Anne Arundel County waterways? Join this dynamic work session that will lay the foundation for the upcoming WSA Diversity Summit. We need you! Be part of changing the landscape of citizen engagement.

D. WSA PRO

Getting it Right: Rain Garden Retrofits in Public Spaces

Second Floor, Lounge

Kate Austin

Six years into Lancaster's Green Infrastructure Plan, inspections, maintenance and retrofits are key to keeping the City's GI practices functioning at optimum. Ms. Austin will present on the challenges of operating and maintaining GI practices in parks, right of ways and public properties and opportunities to improve upon previously implemented designs. This session will provide design, operation and corrective maintenance case studies of bioretention practices built on public land in the City of Lancaster, including rain gardens and vegetated curb extensions.



Session Two

A.1. Nature Knows Best

Second Floor, C282

Restore Ecosystems & Produce Food with Forest Gardens

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A.2. Nature Knows Best

Cafeteria

Trees 101

Frank Rogers

This TED style talk will quickly cover the science of exactly how forests improve lands and protect waters. Most of us know trees produce oxygen and offer shade that fights the urban heat island effect. Attendees will learn about many more benefits. To name a few, trees fight free radicals, stave off asthma, and improve cognitive skills. One study showed that people who have a view of trees from their hospital recovery room heal faster! "Food forests" are an emerging urban trend but people have been eating trees, every day, for years. What? My cereal has cellulose! Wood pulp in my parmesan is good for me! Along with fun factoids, attendees will pick up some quick, sharp, "elevator talk" about the science of how living with trees and protecting healthy forests have a direct impact on personal health. Attendees will leave equipped with tools to explore scientifically and quantify the benefits of trees to engage policy makers and municipal managers in making pro-tree decisions.

B. Detoxing Our Landscapes

Second Floor, C283

Land Management without Pesticides

Jay Feldman

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C. Dynamic Engagement

First Floor, Media Center A

Understanding Behavior Change

Steve Raabe

Dig deep into the behaviors and motivations of the citizens of Anne Arundel County as understood through a special Anne Arundel County fielding of the Citizen Stewardship Indicator. How does behavior adoption in Anne Arundel County compare to the rest of Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed? How can these data inform your work on the community level to change behaviors and increase the adoption of beneficial practices?

D. WSA PRO

Second Floor, Lounge

Schools of Thought: A Review of Stream Restoration Design Approaches from a Builder's Perspective Liam O'Meara

This is a review and discussion of the most commonly employed approaches to stream restoration in our region today from the perspective of someone who implements them. Design practitioners largely have the same goal, but there are several different philosophies when it comes to the best method for improving the natural function of streams. Surprisingly, in relatively small field, these can be radically different views and science has yet to prove which is most optimal. We'll review Natural Channel Design (NCD), Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance (RSC), Legacy Sediment Removal (LSR) and Passive Restoration/Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs), while briefly looking at examples of each approach.



Gallery and Exhibit Walk

The Gallery and Exhibit Walk Has Expanded!

Float between any of five Gallery Zones and enjoy a variety of interactive exhibits and stimulating conversations. Specific times apply to Zones 1 and 5. A detailed map of the zones can be found in your conference folder.

Zone 1: Funder Office Hours

Second Floor of the Media Center, Room B202

*** By Appointment Only. Sign up at the Registration Desk through lunch.

Sign up for a one-on-one appointment with the region's most prominent funders. Sign-up sheet is located at the Registration Desk. A full list of funders is in your conference folder.

Zone 2: Sponsor, Non-profit and Vendor Exhibits

Atrium and Second Floor Hallway

Connect with the area's most active restoration companies. Learn about how local watershed organizations are working for clean water. Shop for products and services that will help you reduce your pollution to local waterways.

Zone 3: The Doctor Is In: Ask An Expert

First Floor, Media Center A

Do you have an environmental problem that needs a diagnosis? Not sure what you should do about that pesky invasive vine in your woods? Want to know which plants are best to attract pollinators? This zone is staffed by the area's experts in invasive plant management, native plants and pollinators, horticulture and design. We'll get hands on too with a demonstration on proper pruning and mulching techniques.

Zone 4: Engagement Tools and Techniques

First Floor, Media Center B

This hands-on zone will reinvigorate your stormwater outreach! From eco art, to interactive games for students, to mindfulness techniques, learn and share ideas for engaging your community.

Zone 5: What's New with GIS?

Second Floor, Room C231

***One Session Only: 1:45-2:15 pm

Master Watershed Stewards Lara Mulvaney and Dave Gillum will provide a refresher course on the updated Watershed Protection and Restoration Program's GIS Mapping Application. Recent system updates provide powerful new tools and expanded potential to help you identify, plan and communicate about restoration projects in your community. This session will also include an introduction to other mapping applications such as MD iMap. Previous experience with mapping applications is suggested to get the most out of this session.

**Thanks to you, dedicated Master Watershed Stewards,
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Session Three

A. Nature Knows Best

How Healthy Soil Can Help Restore the Chesapeake Bay

Cafeteria

Rich Mason

A presentation and hands on demonstration of how soil provides clean water for people and our waterways. A discussion of how accelerating the use of soil as a restoration tool can have profound benefits for clean water, healthy food production and climate change. Included will be a primer on soil biology which provides the foundation for the cycling of carbon, nutrients, water and terrestrial life on our planet.

C. Dynamic Engagement

First Floor, Media Center A

Let's Do Something BIG: Lessons learned from the trenches of large project implementation

Betsy Love, Lou Etgen, Molly LaChapelle, Trish Hennessy-Webb, Chris Becraft, Bob Royer and Claudia Donegan

Stewards Betsy Love and Molly LaChapelle are tackling projects that challenge even the most seasoned restoration professionals. Learn how they and their partners from Underwood & Associates, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, WSA and their communities have navigated the pitfalls of community engagement, permitting and project management.

D. WSA PRO

Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and YOU

Second Floor, Lounge

Erik Michelsen

Learn about the steps being taken to improve Anne Arundel County's water resources. We'll detail the restoration, implementation and ecological evaluation work associated with the County's clean water obligations under its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).



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Kate Austin is the Green Infrastructure Asset Technician for the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In this role, she reviews permits, inspects stormwater management practices, coordinates and, with her staff, performs maintenance on the city's 75 rain gardens and vegetated curb extensions. This is no small feat in a city of 7.4 square miles with an average of 50% impervious surface.

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Chris Becraft works for Underwood & Associates. From contract award through final construction, Chris supervises and coordinates the planning, design/permitting, and construction of all ecosystem restoration projects to ensure they are completed on time and within budget. In particular, Chris works collaboratively with clients, inspectors, client engineers, project partners, and all Underwood & Associates staff to ensure all expectations are met and all deliverables are achieved. Chris has a Bachelor of Science in Economics and minor Environmental Science from St. Mary's College of Maryland and previously worked for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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Claudia Donegan is a 1982 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Annapolis. In 1986 she graduated from Denison University where she received a degree in Geology and immediately returned to Maryland to work on the Chesapeake Bay restoration movement. After 9 years with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation she began working in Montgomery County as a Stream Ecologist, which led to her present work at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources working with local governments throughout Maryland on nutrient pollution issues and outreach and education. For 7 years, Claudia served as the Chair of the City of Annapolis Environmental Commission, and is a founding member of the St. Mary's Parish Environmental Stewardship Committee. At DNR, she is proud of her 10 years as a Tributary Team Coordinator, her involvement in the establishment of the Maryland Children In Nature Partnership and recently, the completion of the first ever national local-level TMDL-focused Watershed Implementation Plans. Claudia now works to further ecosystem restoration projects throughout the State as part of the Habitat and Restoration Conservation Program, in the Chesapeake and Coastal Conservation Service. Claudia lives in Annapolis with her husband Mike and their two children, Eva and Fiona.

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Lou Etgen is currently the Alliance's Maryland/DC Director after serving several stints as the Interim Director and Deputy Director. His interest in the support of local watershed groups has led to the creation of our annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum and our community networking tool, the Chesapeake Network. His Anne Arundel County work includes managing several large scale restoration projects that emanated from the RiverWise Congregations partnership.

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Jay Feldman, Executive Director of the national environmental and public health group Beyond Pesticides, has a 30-year history of working with communities nationwide on toxics and organic policies, and agricultural and land management practices that maintain ecological balance, biodiversity, and avoid reliance on toxic chemicals. Jay has successfully fought for the removal of some of the most hazardous chemicals ever on the market and helped draft the Agricultural Productivity Act, which established the Low-Input Sustainable Agriculture (LISA) program at USDA that became the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, and later the Organic Foods Production Act. He currently serves on the executive board of the National Organic Coalition. Jay has written extensively in his organization's journal, *Pesticides and You*, and in opinion pieces from the *New York Times* to the *Los Angeles Times*, about the unnecessary use of pesticides given the effectiveness of sustainable and organic practices. He is now heading up a project with the National Park Service to adopt sustainable turf management throughout the system. Jay has dedicated his life to working with local people and community groups to empower and support action where government and chemical companies failed to provide adequate protection of health and the environment. Prior to his founding Beyond Pesticides in 1981, he served as the health programs director of Rural America, an advocacy group for rural areas and small towns. Jay has a Masters in urban and regional planning with a focus on health policy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1977), and a BA from Grinnell College (IA).

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Kate Fritz is the Executive Director of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. Her interest in the Chesapeake extends beyond her love of kayaking and fishing, and has led her to many volunteer opportunities locally. She is a certified Master Watershed Steward, and was a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA).

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Trish Hennessy-Webb is the part-time Systems Administrator for WSA and maintains the WSA database and manages day to day financial processing for the office. Her background includes almost 20 years of environmental engineering and project management experience, including creating Watershed Management Plans and working alongside EPA developing the Stormwater Phase II Rule. In 2009, while she was a Steward in Class 2, she stepped in to help WSA while Suzanne was on maternity leave. After intermittently assisting WSA over the years, Trish joined the staff in 2015. Since moving to Maryland in 2008, Trish is enjoying her semi-retirement by spending her time with her family on the Magothy River.

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Molly LaChapelle, Master Watershed Steward Class 7, used the skills and connections gained through that experience to win design funding for Berrywood Community Association Cattail Creek Stream Restoration Project. Molly is currently leading her community through the collaborative design process. The Cattail Creek Restoration project is unique because the design coordinates Cattail stream restoration with the restoration of the community recreation area. Molly was awarded the WSA Steward of the year in 2017 and is a member of Magothy River Association.

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Betsy Love is a former convention director who brings organizational and development skills to her passion for clean water, native habitat, and climate resiliency. As a Master Watershed Steward, she led a successful initiative to mitigate a 28 acre municipal stormwater pipe drainage system polluting Back Creek at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Watergate Pointe in Annapolis. This 1.2 million dollar project serves 8 best management practices of the Chesapeake Bay Program at a very accessible site. She is currently working to develop a 4 acre looped trail with teaching signage to offer environmental organizations, nature groups and public/private schools with the end goal of facilitating growth in environmental stewardship. Betsy became actively involved in cleaning up waterways as an officer of the Severn River Association in 2005 when a friend became seriously ill after swimming in the Severn with a scratch on his leg. She serves St. Luke's Episcopal Church as Environmental Committee Chair and is a director at Back Creek Conservancy and Severn River Association. Awards include Master Watershed Steward of the Year, Sierra Club's leadership award, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Maryland leadership award, and the Severn River Association's Green Heron Award.

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Rich Mason grew up in Anne Arundel County Maryland and spent time messing around on the Chesapeake Bay and several of its tidal rivers. This led to a career in natural resources and his current position with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Chesapeake Bay Field Office. He leads a small team that works to restore wetlands, streams, forest, and grassland habitat throughout Maryland. He developed a program for schools to restore wildlife habitat on school grounds and has been involved with several water quality studies on streams and rivers. He has also worked with for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation leading three day field trips on Chesapeake Bay for high school students. His passion for the outdoors and wildlife led him to develop the FrogLog which is a wildlife saving device used in swimming pools. He lives in Crownsville Maryland with his wife Barb, and two children Joe and Lilia.

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Erik Michelsen is currently the Administrator of Anne Arundel County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and is charged with managing a \$250 million dollar restoration program to clean up the county's waterways and satisfy its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and Chesapeake Bay TMDL requirements. He previously served as Executive Director of the South River Federation where he helped attain funding for and implement over \$6 million in water quality improvement projects as well as spearhead the passage of a statewide requirement for stormwater utilities in Maryland's Phase 1 MS4 jurisdictions. Mr. Michelsen graduated from the University of Richmond and did graduate work in experimental psychology at Villanova University.

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Liam O'Meara is President of EQR, the largest and most accomplished ecological construction company of its kind. His background in infrastructure construction and his passion for the environment has brought him to lead over 200 employees in the charge to reshape the Chesapeake Bay Watershed into the pristine natural treasure it's meant to be. His project portfolio includes miles of stream restoration for federal, state, local, and private clients. Liam holds a MS in Development from the University of Maryland, and is a USGBC LEED Accredited Professional. However, his most important joint venture, with his wife Emily, has brought them to lead their 3 tiny eco-warriors in the fight to be the happiest and greenest family they can be. Liam grew up playing in the streams, creeks, and rivers of Anne Arundel County, and strives to deliver that experience to future generations.

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Steve Raabe is president of OpinionWorks, a full-service market research firm based in Annapolis, Maryland. Steve Raabe founded OpinionWorks in 2001 to provide mission-driven clients with critical insights into consumer behavior and public attitudes based on scientifically-sound survey research. He has built an active survey research firm specializing in helping for-profit, non-profit, and public sector clients reach and engage their customers, stakeholders, and the public on important issues. His expertise is understanding the cues to individual and consumer behavior through probative interviewing and representative sampling. Mr. Raabe attended American University in Washington, D.C., earning a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and graduating cum laude in 1986. He is a past member of the City of Annapolis, Maryland Conservancy Board and has founded a park and heads the tree-planting initiative in the West Annapolis neighborhood. He is an active community volunteer, having served on the Board of the Lighthouse Shelter, a homelessness prevention organization located in Annapolis, and for various other local projects. Steve and his wife are active historic preservationists, having restored an 1812 Federal-style house and operated it as a bed and breakfast for five years.

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Frank Rodgers, Director of Cacapon Institute, is a member of the CBP Forestry Work Group, leader in the Potomac Watershed Partnership, and ISA Certified Arborist. Frank was involved in early urban tree canopy mapping in Baltimore and made the breakthrough of mapping land cover by property parcel—the scientific foundation of today's stormwater utility fees. Frank dates his environmental legacy back to his 1978 Eagle Scout project on Rock Creek. He served Parks & People Foundation (Baltimore) as an Urban Watershed Forester and currently works across the Upper Potomac and Potomac Highlands in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

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Bob Royer is a retired vice president of Northrop Grumman International Systems and enjoys volunteering on the Berrywood Community Watershed Committee. The committee is launching a \$950k restoration project for Cattail Creek, funded by Maryland State DNR and AA County/Chesapeake Bay Trust. The committee is also coordinating this restoration project with a Berrywood Community recreational space infrastructure improvement program which will further enhance the restoration efforts by enabling the removal of existing bulkheaded areas to become a living shoreline habitat. In preparation for the execution of the restoration project, Bob led a separate grant effort funded by AA Forestry/Chesapeake Bay Trust for invasive vegetation removal and reforestation planting. Bob also volunteers his time with the Magothy River Association (MRA) in support of the MRA's extensive water quality measurement program of both open river and shore emplaced monitoring stations. Bob has also participated on the circumnavigation of the river to monitor the health and growth of the Magothy's grasses and sub aquatic vegetation.

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Lincoln Smith runs Forested, a 10-acre forest garden in Bowie, MD. He tests forest farming methods; designs forest garden landscapes, farms, and parks; trains aspiring forest farmers; holds forest-to-table events; and generally helps people reconnect with the forest. www.Forested.us

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Missy Jones, owner of Architectural Gardens, is a Master Watershed Steward in Anne Arundel County. In 1969, her father a landscape contractor, moved to Round Bay on the Severn River where she enjoyed daily recreational activities of swimming, boating and crabbing. Her passion is everything water related and aspires to do what is right, to apply common sense and a practical attitude to problem solving. In 2004, Missy created Architectural Gardens, a landscape company specializing in design/build and maintenance of residential landscapes with an environmental approach. Over the years, Missy and her team have encouraged homeowners to be mindful of conservation landscaping techniques when making improvements to their property, thus reducing the negative impact of storm water runoff into the local watersheds. The list of services for Architectural Gardens includes but is not limited to: drainage solutions to manage storm water runoff, design services for conservation landscaping, installation of permeable hardscapes and maintenance of bioswales for HOAs, county owned BMPs or for privately owned homeowners. As a certified woman-owned business, Architectural Gardens believes in conservation of our natural resources, preservation of our 'sense of place' and protection of our wildlife. Please visit www.arch-gardens.com for more information.



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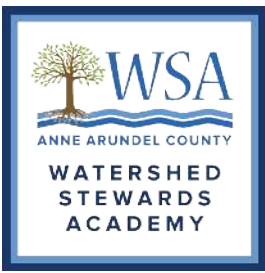
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Bray Hill, LLC

Bray Hill, LLC is an environmental planning and design firm specializing in water quality projects, including stream restoration, living shorelines, wetland creation and stormwater retrofits. The owner, Colin MacLachlan, is a Maryland registered landscape architect with more than 20 years of experience successfully designing and implementing environmental projects in Maryland. Bray Hill's services include:

- environmental site assessments
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Recent clients include:

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We provide respectful working conditions for our employees and commit to the community by participating in charitable outreach in local schools, Christmas in April, See Forever Foundation, Annapolis Historic Society, The River Keepers, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and more. Matt Ciminelli was in the first group of professionals in the nation to obtain the certification as a Green Roof Professional. We are certified LiveRoof installers and Interlocking Concrete Products Industry and National Concrete Masonry professionals.

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Mel Wilkins is a founding member of Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC) and program developer and manager for the Back Creek Nature Park Stormwater Education Experience (SEE) and Quiet Waters Park Watershed Education Experience (WEE) initiatives. He was awarded the distinguished 2004 Ellen Fraites Wagner Award from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The award recognizes a Maryland citizen for his or her exceptional contributions to the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. In addition to acting as a watershed restoration and mitigation project development and management consultant for over seventeen years, he has executed over 50+ SCC watershed programs consisting of 100's of stormwater Best Management Practices; including green roof, wetland restoration, filtration and infiltration systems, living shorelines, streambed - ravine restoration, conservation landscaping, and pervious concrete installations. All with a focus on ultra-urban Environmentally Sensitive Design and Low Impact Development challenges. He has developed and implemented several community small watershed assessment and action plans. His ecologically sensitive gardens have been nationally recognized, e.g., ARC of Central Maryland Sensory Garden for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Since 2009, WSA has certified over **200** Master Watershed Stewards representing over **100** communities and **25** houses of worship from Brooklyn Park to Herring Bay.

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