



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Ecologically Sound Landscapes



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Landscape design, consultation, and vegetation management services

Member since December 2009

Management and Leadership



Annual Environmental Goals

- *Protect and enhance the ecological function and beauty of the land in our care. No longer can a landscape be just beautiful; it must provide diverse ecological functions.*
- *Incorporate 95%- 100% site-appropriate, beautiful, native plants.*
- *Enlighten clients about habitat loss caused by invasive plant species.*
- *Demonstrate that visually appealing projects can incorporate environmentally beneficial elements by providing habitat and stormwater management.*
- *To improve bio-diversity, conserve resources, reduce or eliminate stormwater runoff and minimize maintenance needs.*



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Ecologically focused planting design, consultation, and vegetation management, including:

- *MDA licensed invasive vegetation management*
- *Planting List Suitability Review*
- *Invasive Vegetation Management Training for Developers and Municipalities*
- *Forest Stand Delineation/Forest Conservation Plans*
- *Plan development/Design for:*
 - *Reforestation/Forest Stand Delineation/Forest Conservation*
 - *Vegetation management*

- *Native Meadows*
- *Living snow fence*
- *Riparian/Critical Area Buffers*
- *Bio-Retention/Rain Garden*
- *Open Space, Heritage Trials*
- *Living outdoor classrooms*
- *Ornamental native plantings*



Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

- *Local vendor preference*
- *Locally grown native plant materials used in project implementation*
- *Office supplies made of recycled materials*



Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Ecologically Sound Landscapes offers services to government agencies, communities, and school systems that include: consultation, design, and education on biologically diverse landscapes and outdoor educational opportunities.

Pro bono Presentations:

- *2015 – Invasive Plant Identification and Control - Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy ‘Spring into Action’ Conference*
- *2015 - Invasive Plant Presentation and Identification Trainings to students at the U.S. Naval Academy and at-risk youth at Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy Capstone Project*
- *2014 – How to Eat an Elephant: Controlling Invasives in your Community- Anne Arundel County Water Shed Stewards Academy Spring into Action Conference*
- *2014 – Invasive Plant Identification and Control - Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy ‘Spring into Action’ Conference*
- *2014 - Habitat Restoration at North East Isles - Presentation to the All Seasons Garden Club*
- *2014 – Invasive Grasses and Their Control – Presentation to University of Maryland Master Gardeners Grass Class*
- *2013 - Native Plants, The Foundation of Biodiversity - Presentation to the All Seasons Garden Club*
- *2013 - Bringing ‘Life’ to your Garden - Presentation to the Top of the Bay Women's Organization and All Seasons Garden Club*
- *2012 - 2014 - Hands on Vegetation Management Training – Introduction to Environmental Science Class, Cecil Community College*

Waste



Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

- *Paperless filing system*
- *Reduced printing by e-mailing files and designs, etc.*
- *Re-using 7-11 glass cold pressed juice bottles instead of using bottled water*
- *Re-use of glass containers for native seed storage*
- *Composting landscape waste at our local, municipal composting center*
- *Re-using empty plant containers or returning them to the grower for re-use*



Recycling

- *Empty plant containers are reused at on-site, native plant nursery*
- *Ink cartridges recycled through supplier*
- *All other recyclable materials go to our local, municipal recycling program*

Energy



Energy Efficiency

- *Office uses natural lighting and energy efficient light bulbs*
- *Solar panels provide approximately 80% of our electricity*
- *Rechargeable power tools reduce carbon emissions*

Transportation



Employee Commute

- *Ecologically Sound Landscapes operates from a home-based office with zero commute*
- *Client visits are scheduled to minimize travel*

Water



Water Conservation

- *Rain barrels provide water for irrigation, reducing the use of potable water*

Stormwater Management and Site Design

- *Use of rain barrels*
- *Landscape design for stormwater management: rain gardens, downspout disconnects, bio-swales, etc.*

Other

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Member Affiliations:

- *Chesapeake Natives*
- *Delaware Native Plant Society*
- *Maryland Native Plant Society*
- *Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Pest Council*
- *Delaware Invasive Species Council DISC*
- *Chesapeake Conservation Landscape Council*
- *Society for Ecological Restoration*

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