



## Gardening Information & Resources

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### **Master Gardener Advice**

Talk with a Master Gardener, in person, on weekends at the Brookside Gardens library (Saturdays: 10:00 – 12:00; Sundays: 1:00 – 4:00). Address: 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902. Bring your weeds, photographs and samples with you!

Master Gardener advice also available on line ([hgic.umd.edu](http://hgic.umd.edu)) or by phone at 301-590-9650 (Montgomery County) or 410-531-5556 (Maryland Master Gardener Program)

### **Seeds**

The America the Beautiful Fund provides free seed grants for volunteer projects. To get an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Department N, 219 Shoreham Bldg., Washington, DC 20005.

### **Organizing a Garden**

The American Community Gardening Association's website provides a wealth of info on many aspects of organizing: see [www.communitygarden.org](http://www.communitygarden.org) Contact the City at 301 891-7220 if you would like organizing assistance. It may be possible to bring in an expert garden organizer to meet with your neighborhood group.

### **Inspiration**

Philadelphia's Green City initiative is one of the best of its kind anywhere, and the inspiring documentary, **Philadelphia: The Holy Experiment** (part of the PBS "Edens Lost and Found" series) has helped organize neighborhoods in many places, including right here in Takoma Park. The documentary shows how community gardening can transform both vacant lots and social disconnectedness.

To order a copy, go to: <http://shop.opb.org/product/show/17174> , but note also that as of January 2010, the City of Takoma Park library is in the process of acquiring a copy.

### **Local Greening/Gardening Organizations**

Takoma Horticulture Club: <http://www.takomahort.org/>

Friends of Sligo Creek (FOSC): <http://www.fosc.org/fosc.htm>

Takoma Committee on the Environment: [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov)

## **Other Grants**

### *Natural Resource Conservation Service, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)*

This is a US Department of Agriculture program administered through county Soil Conservation District Field Offices. The program funds up to 75% of costs for grassland, wetland or reforestation projects. See URL for a listing of offices:

**[http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip\\_public/USA\\_ma](http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndISAPI.dll/oip_public/USA_ma)**

### *Maryland Department of the Environment*

Periodically, wetland mitigation funds are available for wetland restoration/creation projects of 1 acre or more. Up to 100 per cent funding may be available. Contact George Beston at MDE for more information 410-758-5020.

### *Maryland Department of Environmental Protection*

The RainScapes Rewards Program has funds to support specific projects related to rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable pavers, native plants, urban trees, etc. There are both residential (\$500) and community (\$1500) awards. Contact Pam Rowe for more info

[Pamela.row@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Pamela.row@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### *Captain Planet Foundation*

Grants of \$250 - \$2500 for environmental projects that involve 6 to 18 year-olds in hands-on activities.

For full details see **<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html>**

### *Chesapeake Bay Trust*

Grants of \$200 - \$150,000 for projects that restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. For full details see

**<http://www.cbtrust.org>**

## **Miscellaneous Resources**

DC community garden resource site:

[www.dc-urban-gardeners.com/](http://www.dc-urban-gardeners.com/)

Educational gardens in DC:

[www.dcschoolyardgreening.org/](http://www.dcschoolyardgreening.org/)

Outdoor play and education through gardens designed for young people:

<http://www.whitehutchinson.com/children/articles/outdoor.shtml>

The University of Connecticut has an excellent interactive tool for researching plants and trees at:

[www.hort.uconn.edu/fmi/xsl/search.xsl](http://www.hort.uconn.edu/fmi/xsl/search.xsl)

Treemendous Program for discount trees, with recommendations on trees and order forms:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/Forest/tree\\_programs.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/Forest/tree_programs.asp)