

# Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification

## Protecting Our Investment

*Turning poorly implemented  
stormwater practices*



*successful pollutant removing  
projects that are **properly designed,  
installed and maintained.***

The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification Initiative was launched by the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC), a coalition of multiple organizations and agencies within the mid-Atlantic region. Currently the Initiative is focusing on certification program development and piloting in Maryland and Virginia with an ultimate goal of a Bay-wide certification program. A consortium was formed to administer and coordinate the certification initiative concurrently and collaboratively in Maryland and Virginia. Consortium partners include: CCLC, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program, VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Habitat Partners and Wetlands Watch. Wetlands Watch will be the VA Certification Coordinator and liaison; the CCLC will hire a MD Certification Coordinator and liaison. The certification will be developed in collaboration with local governments, community colleges, non-profits, private practitioners and landscape trade associations that share a common goal of consistently trained and certified conservation landscape professionals.

### **Certification Target Audience**

**Design Tier:** Landscape professionals who *design* “small scale” conservation landscaping practices: rain gardens & bio-swales, turf reduction using native plants, tree plantings, buffer plantings, rain barrels/ cisterns, and impervious cover removal.

**Installation Tier:** Landscape professionals who *install* the practices listed in the Design Tier. Will include downspout disconnection or dry wells and rain barrel/cistern installation.

**Maintenance Tier:** Landscape professionals who *maintain* the practices listed in the Design Tier and will address urban nutrient management “turf/lawn care” and invasive plant management.

### **Benefits:**

- Provide trusted, skilled contractors to local governments, non-profits and property owners.
- Protect green infrastructure investments—ensures properly designed, installed and maintained practices.
- Reduce duplication of landscape contractor training efforts across region.
- Increase trade marketability and earning potential - motivates landscape contractors to sell green infrastructure.

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## CBLP Collaborating Partners

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Anne Arundel Community College  
Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works  
Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy  
Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation

## CBLP Collaborating Partners

Arlington Co. Office of Sustainability & Environmental Management  
Baltimore Community College  
Baltimore Civic Works  
Blue Water Baltimore  
Center for Watershed Protection  
Chesapeake Stormwater Network  
City of Hyattsville  
City of Hampton  
City of Norfolk  
City of Rockville  
Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District  
District Department of the Environment  
Elizabeth River Project  
Environmental Concern  
Green Jobs Alliance  
Howard County  
Howard County Community College  
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
James City Co. Engineering and Natural Resource Division  
James River Association  
LID Center  
Lynnhaven River NOW  
Montgomery Co. Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Montgomery County Community College  
Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District  
Prince Georges Department of Environmental Protection  
Stormwater Maintenance and Consulting  
Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program  
Virginia Cooperative Extension  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
Virginia Native Plants Marketing Partnership  
Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association

## Certification Development & Piloting Timeline

