

# Watershed Steward Academy

Join us now!

The Watershed Steward Academy is a great place to learn, because:

- The Watershed Steward Academy was established to educate and empower volunteers to protect environmental resources
- Team-oriented environment
- Convenient hybrid learning
- Expert instructors with real-world experience
- Cooperative program from the University of Maryland Extension and Howard Community College



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## Howard County Watershed Steward Academy

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## Improve local water quality by:

- Planting native trees and plants, and removing invasive plants
- Organizing educational events such as rain barrel building workshops and seminars on backyard stormwater management.
- Engaging Homeowners Associations
- Conducting residential site assessments
- Planting stream side forest buffers
- Recommending, designing, and installing storm water remediation
- Providing workshops and presentations to the community



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## Help protect, restore, and aid in the conservation of local watersheds within your community.

### Join the academy to learn how!

To become a Master Watershed Steward, you need a keen interest in the environment, a willingness to learn more and most importantly, **a strong desire to make a difference in the community.**

When certified, you will become a part of a network of local professionals and volunteers who work to reduce storm water pollution.

Whether you are a teacher, an accountant, a construction worker, a homemaker, or retired, you can become a Master Watershed Steward!



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## Requirements

- A background check, required for University of Maryland Extension volunteers.
- Course participants complete the certification process which has a lecture component (September – December). This is generally a weekly virtual Tuesday evening set of sessions with occasional Saturday outings.
- There is also a capstone project component that involves a practical demonstration of acquired skills through community-based activities (January – July).
- You can maintain your Master Watershed Steward status by giving at least 20 additional volunteer hours and attending at least 8 hours of update training annually.



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