

## Howard County Forestry Board Mini Grant Program

The Howard County Forestry Board's Mini Grant Program was established to support forestry related projects by schools, organizations, and individuals. Each year, the program funds projects that involve tree planting or education about the role trees play in the environment. Funds can be used for project materials such as the cost of trees and plants, stakes and shelters, signage or other educational materials, or other projects as approved by the Board

**Who can apply:** Howard County schools, nonprofit organizations, community associations, faith-based organizations, Scouts and individuals whose projects will take place in Howard County.

**How much can be awarded:** Up to \$1,000 per project

**Is match required?** Match is encouraged, but not required.

**Application process:** Applicants must complete a grant application. The application form can be downloaded [here](#) and must be submitted at least two weeks prior to a Forestry Board meeting to allow time for questions or clarification. The Board generally meets the second Monday of each month, except for July and December. Attendance and presentation of your project at a Board meeting is encouraged, but not required. All grant projects and funding amounts will be reviewed and voted on by the Board. Please email **Megan Mills** at [hocoforestryboard@gmail.com](mailto:hocoforestryboard@gmail.com) to submit your application and discuss the timeline for review.

### Examples of recently approved projects:

- A Girl Scout Gold Project to create a native woodland garden at Robinson Nature Center with informative signage.
- An Eagle Scout project to plant native trees and shrubs that will help reduce erosion on a steep slope at Howard Community College.
- Educational signage for the ARTboretum at the Community Ecology Institute's Freetown Farm.
- Removal of invasive landscape trees and replacement with native trees on HOA land in Columbia.

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**GRANT APPLICATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:**

Please provide a summary of your project including the positive impact your project will have on the environment and community. Include the number of volunteers involved, if applicable. Feel free to use more room or attach supporting documents such as maps, spreadsheets or pictures.

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**Project Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Monetary Request (up to \$1,000.00):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matching Funds and Source (optional):**

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**Please include an itemized budget including a list of materials to be purchased with requested funding. Direct questions and submit your grant application to Megan Mills at [hocoforestryboard@gmail.com](mailto:hocoforestryboard@gmail.com).**