

Green Landscaping Partnership Letter of Intent

Acknowledging the location of the Eastern Middle School within the nested watersheds of Sligo Creek/Northwest Branch, the Anacostia River, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay, the Green Landscaping Partnership seeks to accomplish the following:

- A. To reduce the negative environmental impacts and to boost the environmental contributions that can be made through Environmentally Beneficial landscaping at the **Eastern Middle School** site.
- B. To educate students, parents, and the community at large about the problems of stormwater runoff and about the benefits of Environmentally Beneficial Landscaping (i.e. Bayscaping, Rainscaping) for both public facilities and their own back yards. Educational opportunities will include: incorporating landscaping into the school curriculum, holding school and community work events, and installing educational signage.
- C. To improve the appearance of the schoolyard by the addition of color and interest to the site.
- D. To use this partnership and its resultant landscaping as a model for other schools and other public institutions in the region.

To accomplish these objectives, **Friends of Sligo Creek** and the **Neighbors of Northwest Branch** agree to:

- 1. Participate in three workdays in 2005
- 2. Provide landscape-design assistance
- 3. Work with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection to install a mutually agreeable signage
- 4. Prepare a grant application to install a rain garden near the main entrance to address the issue of the soggy ground.

The Eastern Middle School PTSA agrees to:

- 1. Participate in three workdays in 2005
- 2. Implement an Environmentally Beneficial Landscaping Plan to the extent of funding availability
- 3. Include one or more articles on landscaping in the PTSA newsletter

The Anacostia Watershed Society agrees to:

1. Provide expertise and assistance in removal of invasive plants from the school site
2. Provide public recognition of the project

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