

Blue Water Baltimore

Blue Water Baltimore began as five separate organizations that were each addressing water issues in the Baltimore area. In 2010, all five organizations legally merged, creating Blue Water Baltimore. Blue Water Baltimore strives to restore the quality of Baltimore's waterways in order to support a healthy environment and thriving urban communities. Volunteer events with Blue Water Baltimore often include stream clean ups, tree plantings, and storm drain stenciling.

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Check out their event schedule at www.bluewaterbaltimore.org/events

You can also donate to Blue Water Baltimore. Donations assist their efforts in the following ways:

- \$25 provides bags and gloves for one stream clean-up
- \$50 paints a mural on a Baltimore City storm drain
- \$75 plants one tree in a park
- \$100 fuels Baltimore Harbor WATERKEEPER's patrol boat for one month
- \$250 installs four rain barrels at a school
- \$500 removes concrete and plants a street tree
- \$1000 installs a rain garden

Garden Harvest

Garden Harvest is a non-profit farm located 30 minutes north of campus in Glyndon, Maryland. Their mission is to produce and distribute fruit and organically grown vegetables to emergency food agencies, including soup kitchens, pantries, and shelters in Baltimore. All produce is delivered within hours of harvesting to provide the freshest, most nutritious food to the people who need it most.

Volunteers make the work of Garden Harvest possible. With only 3 full-time staff, volunteers are needed to do a variety of essential farming activities. For the fall, volunteers are needed to do harvesting, weeding, planting, mulching, and fence building. Activities for groups would depend on the size of the group and the time of year. No previous skills or experience is necessary, though experience is always appreciated. Groups should bring work gloves, water bottles, sunscreen, and wear closed toe shoes. In the event of rain, we will have to cancel so rain dates are advisable.

Hours: Volunteers should commit to serving at least for two hours, though three hours is the most common time, between 9:30am – 3:00pm.

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Irvine Nature Center

The Irvine Nature Center is located in Owings Mills, about 25 minutes away from Loyola. The center is on 116 acres of land and includes a green exhibit hall, classrooms, an outdoor classroom, an amphitheater, and trails. Volunteers can work on a variety of projects, including invasive species removal, garden or trail maintenance, and event projects. Volunteers are also needed during the Pumpkin Fest in October, the main outreach event at the center.

Hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm, seven days a week.

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Volunteer Blog: <http://irvinevolunteers.wordpress.com/>

The Loading Dock

The Loading Dock is a non-profit building materials reuse center, where members of the community are able to get building materials that have been gathered from previous building sites. Reusing these materials keeps them out of the waste stream and reduces the amount of materials that need to be manufactured. If you're interested in volunteering, there are several projects available. Check out these descriptions!

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Maryland Environmental Trust

Volunteers with the Maryland Environmental Trust can work in their office in Crownsville or can work in the field as a Land Steward. Land Stewards must attend a training and commit to monitoring 8 properties per year.

Contact: Jamie Salabogi, Volunteer Coordinator
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Project Clean Stream

Project Clean Stream volunteers improve their community and the areas around the Chesapeake Bay watershed by removing trash, tires, and other discarded items from area streams and nearby roadsides. Over 3,600 volunteers have removed 118,000 pounds of trash and debris from area streams!

For annual date, visit their website: <http://cleanstream.allianceforthebay.org/>