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# Clear Creeks at Maryland State Game & Fish Protective Association (2017)

The Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association (MSGFPA) is a conservation club located on 25 acres in Perry Hall, MD. Formed in 1895, the MSGFPA is considered the oldest conservation club in the country! The **Bay-Wise Project at MSGFPA**, funded by a Chesapeake Bay Trust's Outreach and Restoration Grant, grew out of the club members' desire to protect fish and wildlife. Throughout the year, we worked with club members to install multiple Bay-Wise practices to reduce pollution, improve water quality, provide wildlife habitat, and attract beneficial pollinators.

## Project Accomplishments



The **Bay-Wise Project at MSGFPA** featured 9 free educational workshops throughout the year. With the assistance of approximately 300 volunteers, we were able to install the following on-site:

- 200 native trees and shrubs across 4 acres
- 6 rain barrels
- 1 rain garden
- 1 Children's Bayscape garden
- 2 microbioretention practices

GVC donated a new American flag for the MSGFPA property. The Project's Open House incorporated a flag retirement ceremony conducted by local Girl Scouts.



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## Bay-Wise Certification for the Club

Maryland State Game & Fish's primary interest in the *Clear Creeks Project* was to improve water quality and provide healthy habitat for fish and wildlife. By installing rain barrels and several conservation gardens, they also achieved Bay-Wise Certification for their property. Visitors can now view the blue Bay-Wise sign, which announces that the club follows sustainable landscape practices for a healthy Chesapeake Bay. There are also several educational signs that help visitors learn more about the Bay-Wise Practices installed on-site.



## Engaging local Scout troops

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy and the MSGFPA both seek to provide youth with meaningful nature experiences. Local Boy and Girl Scouts attended *Clear Creeks* workshops and a Girl Scout organized the October tree planting as part of her Golden Award effort.



## Award Winning Community Leader

MSGFPA Board Member, Tom Moore, earned the GVC's 2017 Community Leader of the Year award for his outstanding commitment to the project success.

**Learn how your organization can get involved with the *Clear Creeks Project***  
[gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org](http://gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org)

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