



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Ecologically Sound Landscape Design, Education and Consulting Services

Member since December 2009

Management and Leadership



Annual Environmental Goals

As Environmental Analysts, Landscape Designers, and Consultants we seek to educate clients on the opportunity they have to save money and build a future that protects and enhances the ecological function and beauty of the land in their care. It is most often less costly to work with the natural systems within a landscape than against them. No longer can a landscape be just beautiful, it has to provide diverse ecological function. One of our annual goals is for each project to incorporate 95%- 100% site appropriate, beautiful, native plants. We strive to educate our clients regarding habitat loss from invasive plant species and how each project can incorporate elements to benefit the environment through providing habitat, storm water management along with being functional, and visually pleasing for human use. It is our goal that the projects' end result will serve to improve the site's bio-diversity, conserve resources, and minimize maintenance needs. Environmental Matters, LLC is dedicated to working towards these goals.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Environmental Matters develops ecologically sound landscapes through vegetation management consultation, sustainable landscape design, and educates our clients on how to maintain a healthy environmental system. We bring ecologically friendly practices to our clients to improve biodiversity and reduce impact on natural resources in every project.

Environmental Matters is an environmental service provider in the following areas:

- *Vegetation Management Plan Development*
- *Forest Stand Delineation/Forest Conservation Plans*
- *Reforestation Plan Development*
- *Native Meadow Restoration*
- *Living Snow Fence - planning and design*
- *Riparian/Critical Buffer Planning*
- *Bio-Retention - planning and design*
- *Planting List Suitability Review*
- *Project Open Space, Heritage Trail - planning and design*
- *Rain Garden/Wetlands Living Classroom - planning and design*
- *Economical Ecological Vegetation Management Training for Developers and Municipalities*
- *Ornamental Native Planting Design*

Environmentally Preferable Procurement

Environmental Matters utilizes local vendors and suggests locally grown native plant materials in all our project designs. We also purchase recycled office supplies.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Environmental Matters offers a menu of services to government agencies, communities, and school systems that includes: consultation, design, and education on bio-diverse landscapes and outdoor educational opportunities.

Presentations in 2010:

- *Morgan State University, Graduate Landscape Architecture Program - Green Infrastructure Lecture*
- *North East High School science program, North East, Maryland - How We "Can" Impact the Environment from a Landscape Perspective, (5, 70 minute lectures)*
- *North East Middle School, North East, Maryland - "Pushy Garden Thugs" - Earth Day Invasive Vegetation presentations*
- *Philadelphia University, Landscape Architecture Program, Sustainable Planting Design Class - Highway Planting Design Lecture*

Presentations in 2009:

- *Morgan State University, "Green Infrastructure and Impact of Invasive Vegetation"*

- *Administrative Retreat for Maryland State Highway Administration, District 2, “Just because it’s in the grocery store- doesn’t mean it’s good for you”(discussion of invasive plants currently available in the nursery trade)*
- *Cecil County, University of Md. Extension “Silent Invaders (Invasive Vegetation)*

Waste

Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

By utilizing electronic files systems, we encourage reduced printing practices by e-mailing files and designs, etc. This alone has reduced paper usage by 60%. Environmental Matters also reduces solid waste by not consuming bottled water.

Recycling

Environmental Matters recycles reduces and reuses waste whenever possible, furthering our commitment to green practices. We shred and compost scrap paper for the vegetable garden and recycle ink cartridges. All other recyclable material goes to our municipal recycling program.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Environmental Matters reduces energy use in the office with natural day lighting and energy saving light bulbs.

Transportation

Employee Commute

Environmental Matters has a home-based office with zero commute.

Water

Water Conservation

Environmental Matters does not use potable water for irrigation.

Stormwater Management and Site Design

New location currently under design.

Other

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Member Affiliations:

- *Chesapeake Natives*
- *US Green Building Council*
- *DelawareNative Plant Society*
- *Maryland Native Plant Society*
- *Maryland Association of Environmental Outdoor Educators MAEOE*
- *Mid-Atlantic Plant Pest Council*
- *Delaware Invasive Species Council DISC*
- *Adkins Arboretum*
- *Chesapeake Conservation Landscape Council*
- *Society for Ecological Restoration*
- *Statewide Vegetation Management Team (past member)*

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