Howard Community College opened its doors in 1970 and has an enrollment of nearly 14,000 credit students and 7,500 continuing education students.

**Environmental Achievements:**

- Collects all food scraps and food service items for composting amounting to over one hundred tons annually.
- Maintains certifications as a Certified Wildlife Habitat, Bay-Wise, and Gold Plant Community through the use of pollinator-friendly native plants, rain gardens, xeriscaping, and careful stewardship of forested areas.
- Converted to LED lighting, purchases EnergySTAR products, and is saving $50,000 annually by ensuring student workstation computers and monitors are shut down automatically each evening.
- Hosts the annual Howard County Greenfest and National Campus Sustainability Day.