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Patapsco Heritage Greenway Announces Mini-Grant Awardees

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Patapsco Heritage Greenway’s (PHG) Patapsco Valley Heritage Area (PVHA) Mini-Grant Program is designed to assist heritage-related sites, organizations and municipalities to develop new and innovative programs, partnerships, exhibits, tours, events, and other initiatives consistent with the regional goals and objectives stated within our state and county approved Management Plan.

The program, administered by the Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG), encourages mini-grant proposals that include collaborative partnerships, enhance preservation, encourage stewardship of natural resources, and promote heritage tourism.

This year PHG received over $37,000 in grant requests for the PVHA Mini-Grant Program. The PVHA Mini-Grant Program is funded by a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority for $25,000. Due to the large number of requests, this year’s awardees were chosen through a competitive process.

FY2020 Patapsco Valley Heritage Area Mini-Grant Awardees include:

* Benjamin Banneker Foundation, “Colonial Market Fair Re-Enactors”- $2,500
* Howard County Rec and Parks, “Rockburn Branch Trail”- $4,700 and “Title I Field Trip Opportunities with Living History and Heritage”- $2,000
* Catonsville Rails to Trails, “Extension of Short Line Trail to Main Street”- $4700
* Howard County EcoWorks, “Stream and Habitat Outreach”- $1,685
* Oella Historical Society “Video Oral History of Charles Wagandt”- $500
* Howard County Conservancy, “Family Bioblitz Program”- $2,000
* Greater Patapsco Community Association “Supporting Habitat and Stream Health of Patapsco River Tributaries”- $500
* Visit Howard County, “Holiday Promotion for Old Ellicott City”- $1,665
* Catonsville Tree Canopy Project, “November 2, 2019 Community Street Tree Planting (1,000th Tree Planted Celebration) and April 4, 2020 Community Street Tree Planting”- $3,750
* Howard County Historical Society, “Ellicott City Historical Walking Tour”- $1,000

All PVHA mini-grants require a 1:1 match with 75% cash match. This year, in an effort to open up our mini-grants to smaller organizations with less ability to provide cash match, PHG launced our micro-grant program. Organizations with an operating budget below $100,000 and a program budget below $1,000 could request to have 75% of their cash match covered by PHG. This year’s micro-grant recipients were Oella Historical Society and Greater Patapsco Community Association. We look forward to continuing our efforts to make our grants accessible to a wide range of partners doing work in the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area.

The Patapsco Heritage Greenway’s mission is to preserve, protect, interpret, and restore the environment, history, and culture of the Patapsco River Valley. PHG administers the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area and holds a variety of environmental and history based programs throughout the year.

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Additional background

* For more information about The Patapsco Heritage Greenway visit [www.patapsco.org](http://www.patapsco.org)
* For more information about The Patapsco Valley Heritage Area Mini- Grant Program visit <https://patapsco.org/about-us/pvha-mini-grant/>