

# Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification

## Protecting Our Investment

*Turning poorly implemented  
stormwater practices*



*successful pollutant removing  
projects that are **properly designed,  
installed and maintained.***

The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification Initiative was launched by the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC), a coalition of multiple organizations and agencies within the mid-Atlantic region. Currently the Initiative is focusing on certification program development and piloting in Maryland and Virginia with an ultimate goal of a Bay-wide certification program. A consortium was formed to administer and coordinate the certification initiative concurrently and collaboratively in Maryland and Virginia. Consortium partners include: CCLC, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program, VA Coastal Zone Management Program, VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and Wetlands Watch. Wetlands Watch will be the Virginia Certification Coordinator and liaison; the CCLC will hire a MD Certification Coordinator and liaison. The certification will be developed in collaboration with local governments, community colleges, non-profits, private practitioners and landscape trade associations that share a common goal of consistently trained and certified conservation landscape professionals.

### **Certification Target Audience**

**Design Tier:** Landscape professionals who **design** “small scale” conservation landscaping practices: rain gardens, small bio-retention, bio-swales, turf reduction using native plants, tree plantings, reforestation including riparian buffers, rain barrels and cisterns.

**Installation Tier:** Landscape professionals who **install** the practices listed in the Design Tier.

**Maintenance Tier:** Landscape professionals who **maintain** the practices listed in the Design Tier and will address turf grass maintenance and invasive plant management.

### **Benefits:**

- Provide trusted, skilled contractors to local governments, non-profits and property owners.
- Protect green infrastructure investments—ensures properly designed, installed and maintained practices.
- Reduce duplication of landscape contractor training efforts across region.
- Increase trade marketability and earning potential - motivates landscape contractors to sell green infrastructure.

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Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation  
Arlington County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management  
Baltimore Community College  
Blue Water Baltimore  
Chesapeake Stormwater Network  
City of Hyattsville  
City of Hampton  
City of Norfolk  
District Department of the Environment  
Environmental Concern  
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection  
Montgomery County Community College  
Northern Virginia Regional Commission  
Prince Georges Department of Environmental Protection  
Virginia Cooperative Extension  
Virginia Environmental Professionals Organization  
Virginia Native Plants Marketing Partnership  
Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association

## CBLP Certification Initiative Timeline

2014: CBLP Development

2015: CBLP Pilots

**January 28, 2014**

**Virginia Consortium Partners invite you to join a discussion and share your thoughts about the CBLP Certification Initiative**

**at the Virginia Native Plants Marketing Partnership Forum**

**Primary Location: Germanna Community College in Culpeper, VA**

**Satellite Location: Tidewater Community College Student Center in Norfolk, VA**

*For additional information on how to register and be included in communication regarding this initiative, please contact one of the VA Consortium partners at the email addresses provided above or go to the <http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/CoastalZoneManagement/CZMIssuesInitiatives/NativePlants.aspx>*