

Expanding Urban Conservation in Baltimore

Urban wildlife conservation in Baltimore just got a boost. Two of the Chesapeake Bay Field Office's urban wildlife conservation program partners, [Living Classrooms Foundation](#) and [Outward Bound Baltimore](#), were awarded grants to help the city restore natural areas and increase opportunities for residents to connect with nature.

Living Classrooms received a \$36,000 award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for its community programming at the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus (MCEEC). This grant will allow Living Classrooms to work with the Hispanic Access Foundation and other members of the [Masonville Cove Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership](#) to connect the Hispanic community to their local watershed through education and stewardship opportunities centered on urban watershed issues and the monarch butterfly and its habitat.

Outward Bound Baltimore received \$35,000 award and will partner with Lights out Baltimore, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Blue Water Baltimore, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, and friends groups to engage volunteers to create bird habitat, remove invasive plants, and reduce migratory bird hazards. Baltimore is now one of 26 [urban bird treaty cities](#) in the country. By restoring and conserving greenspace, Urban Bird Treaty cities enhance urban areas for migratory birds that nest, overwinter, or pass through municipal and urban and suburban neighborhoods as well as for citizens.

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