

# RIVERDALE PARK

## Maryland PLANT Community - Awards Program

The [People Loving And Nurturing Trees \(PLANT\)](#) award is recognition for communities who care for their trees. Communities of all types can receive the award— schools, HOAs, parks, local governments, government facilities, scout troops and churches, just to name a few.

Your Community is probably already at one of the four levels of the PLANT Award program. Choose the level you feel best fits your community's activities in the last year. Over time your community can see your program grow, as your award level increases. The reviewing committee will look at your submitted documentation and then award the best fitting level!

The Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee of the Maryland Forestry Boards in partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources sponsor this program and review the applications. **Applications and supporting documentation are due in January.** Awards are mailed in mid-March so that you have it in time for Arbor Day celebrations in April!

There are four PLANT award levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Green. Successive levels require more formalized tree care activities. Although a community may remain at any level for an unlimited number of years, the goal of the program is to encourage a community to grow through the award levels by strengthening their commitment and care for their urban trees. The Town of Riverdale Park has been awarded at the Green level for 2019.

Awards are given based on the number of accomplishments completed by the applicant during the award year. A minimum of 4 accomplishments is required to be recognized. Acceptable accomplishments for **PLANT** awards range from holding a one-time tree event or ceremony (Arbor Day) to having built comprehensive ongoing planting and maintenance programs. **PLANT** is sponsored by the Maryland DNR Forest Service and the Maryland Community Forestry Council. To submit an application or for more information, please visit the DNR site at <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/plantinfo.aspx>.



At an Arbor Day celebration at Riverdale ES, Town of Riverdale Park received a [PLANT Award](#) from MD DNR forester, Horace Henry, in recognition of the town's reforestation efforts.

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Congratulations PLANT Award Winner!

Anne Gilbert  
MD Forest Service

The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee, of the MD Association of District Forestry Boards in partnership with the MD Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service is happy to present **Town of Riverdale Park**, with the **Green** People Loving and Nurturing Trees Award for 2016!

Danny Davis  
PLANT Advisor

Dawn Balinski  
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This award is to officially recognize your community's hard work in tree planting and care throughout 2016.

Wanda MacLachlan  
Grant Chair

The **Green Award** is for sustained programs that are organized, fully functional programs which are funded and have full-time equivalent technical assistance. They have continuity, planning, support and a budget (i.e. funds from a grant to support projects. The Green Award level is automatically awarded to towns and cities that are recognized as Tree City USA and Colleges and Universities that are recognized as Tree Campus USA.

Lyle Almond

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Planting trees is one way that everyone can contribute to our shared vision. Trees provide ecological, economic and quality of life benefits - protecting air and water quality, reducing energy costs, increasing property values and beautifying neighborhoods and highways.

Maryland appreciates your dedication to improving our public lands. As Marylanders, we take pride in our State and our natural world. We understand the value of stewardship and the importance of a sustainable future, and are committed to working together to create a greener State.

Sincerely,

Wayne Lucas  
Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee