

# **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Landscape Beautification Competition**

## **2016 APPLICATION**

Entries Due June 3, 2016



2015 Golden Trowel Award Winner – *Cambridge Walk II Homeowners Association* Photo by *Paula Knepper*

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The Montgomery County Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection, in partnership with Keep Montgomery County Clean and Green (formerly the Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Task Force), invites you to participate in the **ANNUAL LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITION**. This contest encourages residents, businesses and organizations to create landscaping and neighborhood beautification projects that improve the overall appearance of the County.

**ENTRY GUIDELINES.** The goals of the competition are to encourage landscaping projects that support beauty without toxicity, help reduce stormwater runoff, minimize water use, provide wildlife habitat and keep pesticides and fertilizers out of local streams - and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. To accomplish these goals, the use of native plants is highly encouraged. Landscape entries cannot contain non-native invasive species.

**WHO MAY ENTER?** Any person or group maintaining commercial, public or community property, or rainscapes projects in Montgomery County is eligible. \*Please note: Each person/group may enter a maximum of five projects, not including those in the sustained maintenance category.

**WHO ARE THE JUDGES?** Members of the Landscape Design Council of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Montgomery County Master Gardeners, Montgomery County College and Government staff and representatives of the horticulture and landscape design business community. Judging will occur at the end of June.

**HOW WILL WINNERS BE HONORED?** Award Winners will be notified in the Fall and posted on the County web page.

**ENTRY CATEGORIES:** Submit only **ONE** entry per site.

\*Note: Some categories below include entry options for both professionals (landscapers, contractors) and non-professionals.

<b>Rainscapes</b>	<b>Commercial/Retail</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Public/Private/ Institutional</b>
<i>Professional / Non-Professional</i> RainScapes rain gardens or conservation projects that meet <a href="#">RainScapes Program guidelines</a> , are designed to handle stormwater and are visible to County residents. Include the year of installation in the application.	<i>Professional</i> Outdoor landscaping projects designed and maintained by professional landscape architects or contractors at locations such as shopping malls, restaurants, retail businesses, gas stations, etc.	Outdoor landscape projects installed and maintained by an individual or group of people ages 18 or younger. Adult supervision is permitted, but youth must be responsible for the majority of the work.	<i>Professional / Non-Professional</i> Outdoor projects at locations such as schools, government buildings, residential communities, hospitals, churches or libraries.
<b>Community Spaces</b>		<b>Special Category: Sustained Excellence</b>	
<i>Non-Professional</i> Community plantings visible to County residents and installed and maintained by community residents through homeowner associations, garden clubs or civic organizations.		<i>Non-professional</i> Projects receiving three Awards of Excellence and then maintained at that level for two more years will receive the Golden Trowel Award and be retired from the competition.	<i>Professional</i> Professionals receiving at least nine Awards of Excellence over three years or a total of 15 over five years will receive the Golden Trowel Award.

**QUESTIONS? Email:** [mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov) or **Call:** 240-777-7155 and leave a detailed message.

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**Please detach entry form on next page. Entries must be received by June 3, 2016.**  
**Winners will be notified by mail or email.**

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Please Fill out Form Completely and Print Clearly

**NAME OF ENTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Print EXACTLY how certificate, if awarded, should read)

**ADDRESS OF ENTRY:** (Include directions from nearest major intersection)

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**Please select your entry category and indicate whether this is a recently established project:**

**Category:**

Recently Established

(Fall '15- Spring '16)

\_\_\_ 1. **Rainscapes** \_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_ Non-Professional

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\_\_\_ 2. **Commercial/Retail**

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\_\_\_ 3. **Public/Private/Institutional** \_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_ Non-Professional

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\_\_\_ 4. **Community Spaces** \_\_\_ Non-Professional

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\_\_\_ 6. **Youth** (18 and under)

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\_\_\_ 7. **Sustained Excellence** \_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_ Non-Professional

**Description of Project:** (Specify exact area to be judged. Include information about purpose, objectives, problems encountered,, maintenance, and persons or groups involved.)

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**Property Manager/Sponsoring Organization/Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Group(s)/Landscape:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Who is responsible for maintaining project)

**CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAYTIME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*Please detach this form and mail by June 3, 2016 to: \*\*\*

**2016** KMCB Annual Beautification Awards  
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