

# Butterfly, Bird and Bay Friendly Garden Tour Stops

This self guided tour showcases a variety of gardens and landscaping features that support butterflies, birds and other wildlife while also helping to manage stormwater by slowing and filtering the water before it flows into our area streams.

The tour is on October 6th, 2018 from 9 AM-Noon with opening remarks at Constitution Park. Each location will have a representative on site to answer questions about the gardens and how their installation. Each location except the private home is open to the public and can be viewed year round. You may want to revisit these sites another time to see them during a different season and observe how they change through the year.

We like to improve what we do! After you have taken the tour, please help us by filling out our very brief three question survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZH4EJZPWhZtz8FB63>



## Locations:

### Constitution Gardens Park

112 Brookes Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Parking: On street

As you stroll along a winding path you will find whimsically designed conservation landscaping (gardens designed with native plants that help to reduce the flow of stormwater) incorporated into a nature based play space children and adults can enjoy. You will also see examples of permeable pavement and rain gardens with weirs to help manage water flow. A video of the installation is available here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3GPyRyp\\_jQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3GPyRyp_jQ)

This garden was installed in 2015.

### Epworth United Methodist Church

9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Parking: You will find a large lot behind the church.

Walk around the back of the building to the gardens that face Frederick Road. Here you will find a large cistern that catches water running from the roof of the building. The water is reused in the congregation's vegetable garden and flower beds. Conservation landscaping runs the length of the building along the wall with the cistern. A green roof connects the administration buildings with the church. This project was funded by a Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) grant through a partnership with the Epworth United Methodist Church, and the Muddy Branch Alliance. This garden was installed in 2016.

## **Woodland Hills Home Owners Association**

Tennis court grove area near 300 Wye Mill Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 and other locations throughout the property.

Parking: Park nearby; spaces are not reserved.

The Woodland Hills community has demonstrated a strong commitment to the environment with multiple environmentally-sensitive installations throughout the property including swales filled with native plants, maintaining native tree canopies for shade and habitat, and installing permeable pavement in various locations to protect tree roots and abate continuing costly concrete replacements. Depending upon the time of year, you may find several species of milkweed and monarch butterflies throughout the community. These projects have been funded through grants from the CBT, the City of Gaithersburg, the Muddy Branch Alliance and funding from the Home Owners Association. Installations have occurred over the past decade.

## **Private Residence**

19 Turnham Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, garden located around the corner on Turnham Court

Parking: On street, please do not block any driveways.

This Turnham Lane property features a series of water management techniques starting with rain barrels that catch the water from the roof and direct it into a rain garden filled with native plants. The rain garden replaced a lawn and serves to hold the water on site, allowing the water to absorb back into the ground. Other rain barrels are attached to soaker hoses that allow the water to seep out slowly into garden beds thus water running off this property is significantly reduced. This project was part of a grant funded project managed by the Izaak Walton League. This garden was installed in 2016.

## **Pleasant View Historic Site**

11810 Darnestown Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Parking: In lot between school and church

This site features two sunny conservation landscaping installations, tree plantings and a native plant shade garden beneath a very large mulberry tree. All of these installations replaced existing lawn and help to reduce the volume of water that runs off this property to the nearby Muddy Branch Creek. Rain barrels, descriptive signage and additional plants will be added. You will find many of the plant species have name tags. To date more than 300 volunteers have helped with this project and learned something about native plants and stormwater management. This project was funded through a CBT grant to Earth Stewardship East in partnership with the Trustees of Pleasant View. This garden was installed in 2017, additional installations are in progress. For a plant list, photos of plants and volunteers, and history of this site, visit [www.eartheast.org](http://www.eartheast.org).