

- Current student in the Anne Arundel County Master Watershed Stewards Academy sponsored by the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center; Nominations submitted by the Spa Creek Conservancy and Mt. Olive AME Church to support their efforts in the Riverwise Congregations program.
- Currently participating in the planning and development of a Stormwater Education Station (SES) at Chambers Park with the Spa Creek Conservancy; SES will serve as community outreach tool to educate community on stormwater management best practices and the importance of effective stormwater management.
- Unity Gardens Project Coordinator (Spring 2014); coordinated a community greening project at Chambers Park (Spring 2014) with the installation of native Maryland plants, trees and shrubs to conserve and restore the local ecosystem. Developed landscape design, coordinated volunteer planting and sustainment efforts.
- Greenscape Project Coordinator (Spring 2014); coordinated a revitalization effort in conjunction with the City of Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department. Project included incorporating conservative landscaping at Chambers Park as well as educating volunteers on the benefits of native Maryland plants, trees and shrubs. Developed landscape design, coordinated volunteer planting and sustainment efforts.
- Coordinated effort in conjunction with the City of Annapolis' Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs with the installation of rain barrel and compost bins throughout Ward 3 (Fall 2013).
- Participated in the recent tree planting\giveaway initiative in conjunction with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Mt. Olive AME Church (Fall 2014) .
- Special Projects Committee Chairman for the Greater Parole Community Association, nominated by Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell-Charles

With Lon's outstanding leadership, our Spring 2014 GreenScape efforts at Chambers Park yielded 71 participants (we had everyone to sign in); and from the information that we received from the City's Department of Recreation and Parks, this was, by far, the largest number of participants ever at any GreenScape site in one day in the history of the program. Everyone feasted on a full lunch (from Subway) that was provided courtesy of the Parole Elementary School Alumni and Friends Association. All 71 participants received a certificate for their participation; and the 7 members of the Penn State Alumni also received a plaque, along with our Lead Volunteer Master Gardener. This is the first time that Ward 3 has ever done anything environmentally of this magnitude. Lon's efforts, hard work, tenacity, knowledge, organizational skills, and relationships with the community where he was raised (from a multi-generational Parole family), culminated in what we see environmentally in Ward 3 and at Chambers Park today. We take seriously: The headwaters of Spa Creek begin (its course) in Ward 3.

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