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March 31, 2016

Shayla Saunders, Office of the Mayor
City of Annapolis
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Ms. Saunders:

The Honoree Committee is submitting Spa Creek Conservancy to receive the Martha Wood Leadership Award for April, 2016. The Organization was selected based upon a strong sense of Community Involvement with Environmental Awareness Programs.

The Mission of the Conservancy is the stewardship of the Spa Creek Watershed through education, preservation, and restoration. Goals include: cleaning of Spa Creek from headwaters to Severn River; educating citizens of link between life styles and health of the Spa Creek watershed; reducing erosion, stormwater runoff and pollution.

In fulfillment of this Mission, the Conservancy has held several Events at the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis and specifically the Harbour House/Eastport Terrace Communities over the last year. On Saturday, May 30, 2015 an Eco-Fair was held at the Rosalie E. Mitchell Community Center (Eastport Community Center) as a fun, educational Family Event to learn about stormwater runoff in Hawkins Cove on Spa Creek. There were Environmental Awareness Games for Children, Hands-on Watershed Demonstrations and Green Technologies for the Home. Approximately 150 people participated this date from HACA and the Annapolis Community at large.

On Monday, October 19, 2015 the Conservancy held a Watershed Awareness Education Workshop for children in Housing Authority After-School Programs with hands-on activities; on Saturday, October 24, 2015 a Tree Basics and Watershed Awareness Education Event was held at the Eastport Center for adults. These activities culminated with the "TREEmendous Plantathon" held on Harbour House/Eastport Terrace Properties on Saturday, November 14, 2015 during which over 50 trees were planted on the Property with 50 plus volunteers including children under the supervision of the HH/ET Youth Coordinator. On Saturday, April 16, 2016 the Spa Creek Conservancy, partnering with the Eastport Girls Club, will mulch around the trees planted in the Fall; on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 the Group will hold an Environmental Education Event for the Eastport Girls Club during regular Meeting at the Center.





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For dedication to environmental awareness and community education, it is with pleasure that the Honoree Committee has selected Spa Creek Conservancy as the sixty-second recipient of the prestigious Martha Wood Leadership Award.

Sincerely,

The Honoree Committee

