



## *Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts*

### Grant Program - Final Report Form

Please follow the format below to fulfill the requirements for your MASCD grant and assist us in collecting important tracking information about our program. Failure to submit a final report may impact future grants. *Any unused funds must be refunded to MASCD.*

#### **1. GRANTEE INFORMATION**

**Organization Name:** Prince George's Soil Conservation District

**Project Leader:** Kim Rush Lynch & Kim Summers

**Project Name:** Envirothon Training Kits

**Date:** June 6, 2022

#### **2. PROJECT SUMMARY**

Please summarize the implementation of your project and describe how you achieved the deliverables stated in your mini-grant proposal. Please note when your project began and concluded. If it has not concluded, please let us know what your estimated end date is. Describe any outreach or educational activities that have occurred (e.g. training, brochures, press releases, or public events) related to the project. You may attach photos, digital images, newsletter articles, or press clippings to supplement your written description. Please describe how you acknowledged the MASCD as part of your project.

*Both grants helped with the purchase of ten (10) training kits for our County Envirothon Program. The kits include hands-on tools and materials from each of the 4 major Envirothon topics plus lessons to accompany the materials. The kits were assembled and distributed in March of 2022 to six (6) participating high schools throughout Prince George's County along with lesson plans housed on the school system's shared Envirothon google drive folder. There are three (3) additional kits available for future school participation, as well as one kit that will be housed with our County Resource Specialists to be used, as needed, for specialized in-person training. These kits were especially helpful during a time when the school system wasn't allowing field trips to the William S. Schmidt Center where we typically hold our fall and spring trainings as well as the County competition. MASCD's funding was acknowledged during our Fall/Spring Training, during our County Competition, in both a [press release](#) and on our [Envirothon website page](#), and on the signage attached to the kits.*

*Please note that the first \$1,500 grant (2020) was originally requested to be used for transportation for our County Envirothon Competition and Fall/ Spring Training; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and cancellation of in-person events, we pivoted our efforts and used both \$1,500 grants for the purchase of training kits.*



*Envirothon Training Kit  
Content List (Per Kit)*

- 1 – Soil pH Test Kit*
- 1 – The Globe Soil Color Book*
- 1 – Tree and Log Scale Stick*
- 1 – Fabric Diameter Tape*
- 1 – 10 BAF, Clear, Prism*
- 1 – Clinometer w/ Percent and Topo Scales*
- 1 – Freshwater Fish Printing Discovery Kit*
- 1 – Flounder Fish Printing Replica*
- 1 – Peterson Field Guide – Freshwater Fishes of North America*
- 1 – Mini Observation Container*
- 1 – Freshwater Invertebrate Sorting Sheets*
- 1 – Freshwater Invertebrate Flash Cards*
- 1 – Macromania Kit*
- 1 – Pocket Guide to Eastern Streams*
- 1 – Packet Guide to Eastern Wetlands*
- 1 – Pond Life Guide*
- 3 – Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America*
- 3 – Peterson Field Guide to Mammals of North America*
- 3 – Peterson Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians Eastern & Central North America*
- 1 – Stainless Steel Soil Knife*
- 1 – Life in the Chesapeake Bay*
- 2 – Spray Bottle*
- 2 – Measuring Tape (3 pack)*
- 1 – Pair Male Turkey Legs*
- 1 – Whitetail Deer Jambone*

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have written consent from all subjects in the photos/video submitted including all minors under the age of eighteen.

### **3. PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Please describe the status of your efforts to evaluate the outcomes of your program. Please summarize your results here, as well as the evaluation methods and tools used. If the results are not yet available, please indicate when you expect them to be available.

*Because PGSCD did not allow field trips at the time of our County Competition, it was held virtually. We were impressed by how well the students performed and received feedback from teachers, coaches, and students that the kits were helpful in their training, and therefore, their performance on the Envirothon testing. Since we have only held one event since the distribution of the kits, and the event was virtual, it is difficult to fully appreciate the extent to which these kits were beneficial; however, we expect to see positive outcomes in future trainings and competitions as a result of the usage of tools and materials provided in the kits. We plan to solicit additional feedback this coming year.*

### **4. PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY**

Please describe any efforts to sustain this project/program beyond the terms of your mini-grant. If any significant challenges will prevent long term sustainability, describe them here.

*The training kits have been permanently donated to participating schools. We expect to see the benefits of these materials and hands-on training for many years to come. The Envirothon is supported by the Prince George's Soil Conservation District, MD-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, William S. Schmidt Education Center as well as local businesses. If more kits are needed in the future due to additional school participation, we will initiate fundraising efforts to acquire additional sponsorships.*

### **5. PROGRAM EXPENDITURES**

Please list project/program expenditures associated with the funds you received for your mini-grant to show that awarded funds were spent as intended in the grant request. Please itemize as much as possible, and include match information (in-kind services, donations, volunteer hours), if any. Receipts are required.

Please include the following additional information:

Total awarded: \$3,000 (two grants \$1,500 each) Total spent: \$3,000

Is a refund due to MASCD? yes/no Make refund checks payable to MASCD and send to Marguerite Guare.

*The total cost of the kits was \$10,640.22. We received a total of \$3,000 in grants from MASCD, \$2,200 from local business sponsors, and the remaining costs were covered by the Prince George's Soil Conservation District.*

*Please see attached Envirothon Training Kit Cost Sheet and Donation Spreadsheet.*

**6. SIGNATURE**

**Report prepared by**



Signature

**Kim Rush Lynch**

Print Name

**June 6, 2022**

Date

**Please return Final Report form to:**

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts

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