Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.

Environmental Consultants Council

**Jean Lowry Sustainable Landscape Award**

An Environmental Consultants Council Award of **$500** may be awarded to a FGCMD club for an outstanding sustainable landscape project as outlined below. Applications must be received by November 1st of each year. Projects will be reviewed by the Officers of the Environmental Consultants Council, and the award will be presented at the winner’s Annual District meeting the following March.

Project Requirements

The landscape displays an understanding of environmental stewardship practices; there is an educational component that teaches benefits of sustainable landscaping to the local community; and there is evidence of successful efforts to improve or reverse degradation of natural resources. The **garden needs to be completed and maintained for at least a year** before it is eligible for an award to show evidence of the criteria listed below.

Award Criteria

Every landscape site has unique qualities and challenges – the award-winning landscape should exhibit **two or more** of the following characteristics/qualities:

* Communicates with the community about our region’s natural assets and stewardship practices
* Educates the community about the detriments of non-point source pollution in their backyards: pet waste, chemicals, herbicides, insecticides, sediment, and debris
* Increases infiltration and groundwater recharge with storm water runoff management to reduce flooding, erosion and filter water
* Eliminates invasive species; restores native habitat
* Provides abundant and proper habitat for pollinators
* Uses organic and sustainable maintenance practices that negate the use of chemicals, inorganic fertilizers, and machinery
* Provides improvements to, or restoration of, a forest, woodland, meadow, wetland, shoreline buffer, urban area or community greenspace.

**Please complete the following application (2-4 pages) and submit to Jackie Handley, Environmental Council Chair at** JHandley09@aol.com  **by November 1st**

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Club President: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Chair: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location of Project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date Project Began: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How were funds acquired: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Club member participation: Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List an estimate of the volunteer hours spent on the project.

(Volunteer hours are the total number of hours spent by each club member working on the project.)

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Were other organizations involved with this project? \_\_\_\_\_

List them and their contributions:

Description of Project:

 Please include a description of the project and the garden including a schematic drawing incorporating the placement of plant materials, and a list of all plant materials used; please include at least two photographs each of the garden before and after, and copies of any publicity or letters of appreciation received. Please explain how this garden/landscape achieves two or more of the “Award Criteria” and “Project Requirements” listed on page 1. How is this garden currently maintained and what is the maintenance plan for the future? Include any other information you think is relevant about this project that will help you win this award.

**Please use additional space as needed to explain and describe your project.**

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