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## CA, GGP and Howard County jointly awarded State grant to fund local watershed efforts

The Columbia Association (CA), General Growth Properties (GGP) and Howard County have been awarded the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund's (Trust Fund) Local Implementation Grant to fund projects for the Little Patuxent River. As part of CA's ongoing comprehensive watershed efforts, CA; Howard County; and General Growth Properties submitted a joint proposal for the grant. Funds will be allocated to restoration projects that can demonstrate reduction of nutrients or sediment. CA will receive a portion of the grant allocation that has been awarded to the partnership. Further details are forthcoming.

The state received 31 proposals totaling over \$100 million in requests. Proposals were reviewed by State agencies and the Governor's Scientific Advisory Panel. After careful review, the joint proposal was chosen to receive funding in fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

The ongoing watershed effort shows that Columbia is a community that is committed to respecting the land. For more information about the local watersheds and how to help, please visit [www.ColumbiaWatershed.org](http://www.ColumbiaWatershed.org).

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