



Green Housing Consulting Elkridge Workforce Housing

Location: Elkridge, Maryland
Client: Seawall Development Company

Description: The Green Neighborhood Program of Howard County is a voluntary program encouraging development that conserves and protects natural resources, while providing sustainable communities that are energy and water efficient. The program requires developers to gain 90 out of 167 points on the Green Neighborhood checklist to be eligible for the incentives that the program provides. The Green Neighborhood checklist includes but is not limited to items such as developing a habitat management plan, providing onsite stream or wetland restoration, exceeding the minimum forest conservation requirements, using bioretention facilities in lieu of traditional storm water management, minimizing impervious area, using high efficiency light fixtures, and creating a diversity of uses for the development space. Seawall Development Company (SDC) is pursuing the Green Neighborhood recognition for their Elkridge workforce housing project in Elkridge, Maryland.

To support SDC in pursuing Green Neighborhood recognition, Straughan Environmental Services, Inc. (SES) developed a Habitat Management Plan for the proposed development site. The Habitat Management Plan included:

- outlining the maintenance of existing and proposed vegetation
- developing an invasive species management plan
- developing a management implementation schedule
- developing a cost estimate for implementing the management plan

Additionally, SES has provided SDC with a concept plan for wetland mitigation and open space creation on a nearby parcel of land. Residents of the workforce housing would have access to the open space as would the wider community.