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EPA gives \$75,000 grant to Living Classrooms Foundation for program at Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus

(BALTIMORE, October 2, 2014) – The U.S Environmental Protection Agency today announced a \$75,000 environmental education grant for the Living Classrooms Foundation to help the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus provide community outreach and watershed educational experiences to about 600 elementary students from Baltimore City Public Schools.

“EPA is excited to support this environmental education project that inspires students to achieve their potential through hands-on environmental projects,” said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin. “It is essential that we educate and motivate young people about the importance of keeping our treasured waterways safe and healthy.”

The Masonville Cove Environmental Education Campus, 1000 Frankfurst Ave., Baltimore, was developed through a partnership between Living Classrooms Foundation, the Maryland Port Administration, the National Aquarium, and the Maryland Environmental Services.

The goals and objectives of the program at the environmental education center include increasing public awareness about storm water runoff and how to prevent it. Ultimately, the program strives to achieve a measurable reduction of runoff pollution in the community and improve the environmental health of the Patapsco River watershed and the Chesapeake Bay.

“Thanks to this generous grant, hundreds of Baltimore City students will be better connected to our most valuable environmental treasure: the Chesapeake Bay,” said Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. “From increased environmental literacy, to new community clean-up programs, I’m excited about what these watershed experiences will mean for our students, and for our Bay.”

The Masonville Cove Campus, which opened in April 2009, acts as a gateway to connect underserved individuals and communities to the outdoors and the Chesapeake Bay through environmental education and stewardship activities.

For more information on EPA’s environmental education grants, visit: <http://www2.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants> and for more information on the Masonville Cove Environmental Campus, visit:

http://www.masonvillecove.org/pages/education_center/edu_center.html .

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