

BSU C4/Sustainability/GA Accomplishments FY 2024 (July 2023-June 2024)



Grant/proposal success

Prince George's County Stormwater Management Grant-- BSU completed the requirements of the PG County & Chesapeake Bay Trust Stormwater Grant for restoration of Peace Park (\$25k)

Habitat Restoration Grant --BSU and 'the Alliance' is granted @ \$600k grant to create a management plan to restore the natural habitat on the BSU/Uhler tract trails.

Additional grants applied for: HBCU Campus Trees program through the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Proposals in consideration: EPA Community Change Grant; U.S. DOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant; U.S. Department of Energy;

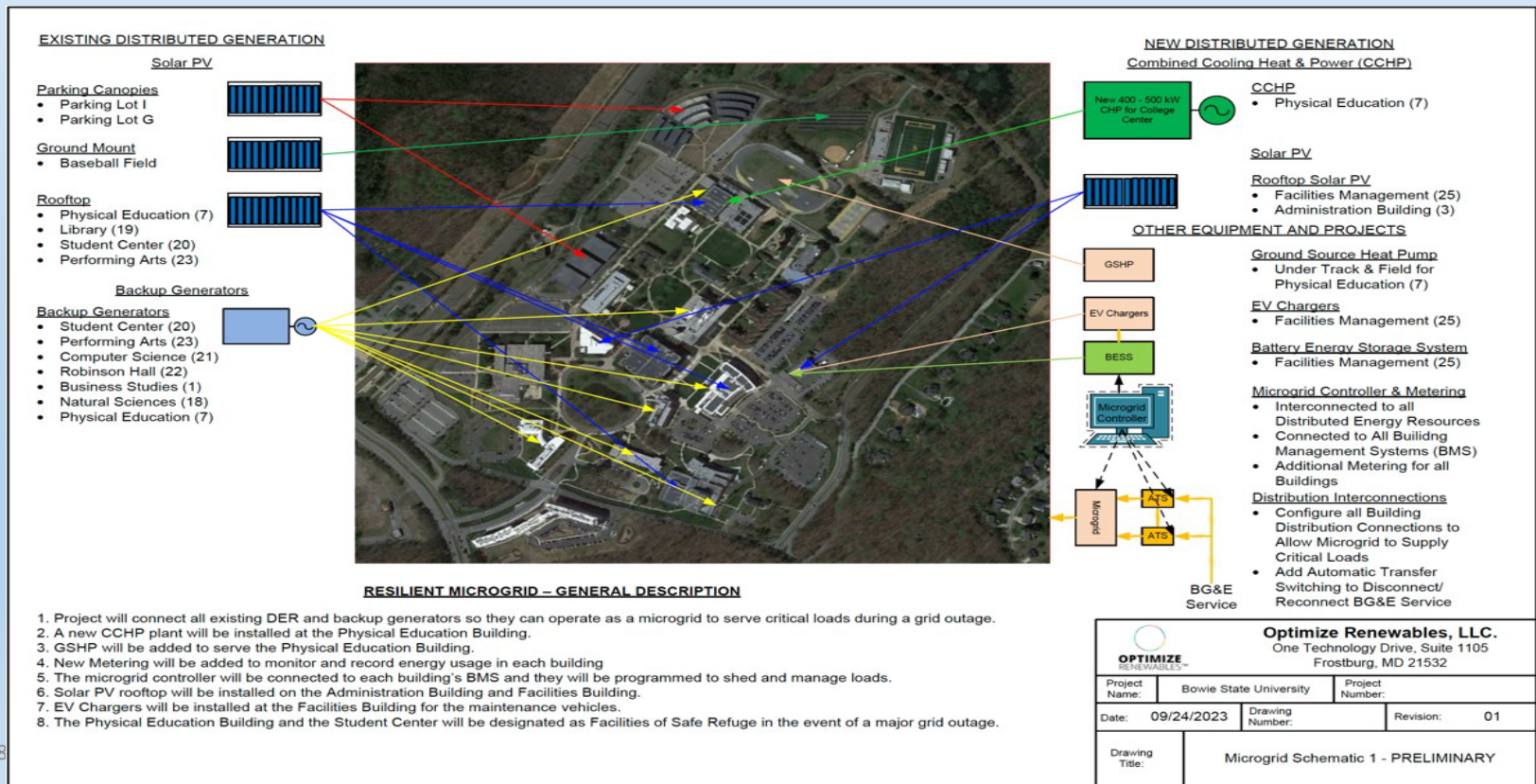


Grant/proposal success

Maryland Energy Administration: Resilient Microgrid Feasibility Study

BSU with support from Optimize Renewables successfully completed a one + year feasibility study on the campus which included: identification of critical loads, monitoring current energy usage, making recommendations & preparing BSU for the next phase---

FUNDING!!! **Phase 2-- \$1.05 million** (granted-- in progress)



BSU involvement with State wide policy

BSU held the first state wide listening session for the Climate Solutions Now Act for the MD Dept of the Environment



Green Ambassadors & Coordinator participate in first kick off of Maryland Climate Teach-In (only college)



Coordinator pushes to effect legislation: To initiate Climate Education Week in MD (HB 993)



BSU hosts several external & public events

- Public Listening Session: Maryland Pathways report: Climate Solutions Now Act-- July 2023
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Annual Summit -- August 2023
- Environmental Literacy Summit (NOAA)– November 2023 (VIP: MD Secretary of the Environment, Serena Mcilwain)
- Climate Ambassadors & Network Meeting– December 2023 (VIP: MD Adrian Boafo)
- Prince George’s County Student Environmental Alliance Summit--- April 2024 (VIP: Deputy Secretary of U.S. Dept of Commerce, Don Graves)



Improvement of Annual events: Campus Shredding Events and Climate Career Expo

Campus-wide Shredding Events totaled
@ 24.1 tons of paper. The most in one fiscal
year in history!

July, 2023

May, 2024 (MLK Building)

June, 2024

Career Expo: 1st time-- Central MD HBCU

Climate Career Expo

Addition of Morgan State & Coppin State.

(VIP: Serena McIlwain, Maryland

Secretary of Environment)



Student, Faculty & Staff Professional Development

Students:

- Participation in first ever HBCU-MSI Chesapeake Bay Summit
- Continued participation in Chesapeake Watershed Forum



Staff/Faculty:

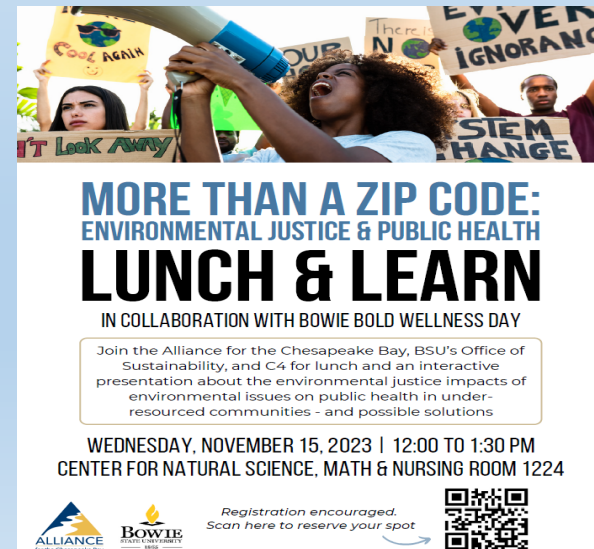
- Second Nature Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit, Long Beach, CA
- AASHE Annual Conference, Boston, MA



Seminar Series

*Seminars coordinated by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

- Nov 2023: Lunch & Learn: Environmental Justice & Public Health Seminar
- Feb 2024: Breaking the Fourth Wall: Decolonizing the Environmental Movement
- Apr 2024: Building a Better Future: A Panel on Justice-Centered Climate Action



BSU Green Ambassadors' Accomplishments



Peace Park Restoration Service Day:
November, 2023

BSU Green Fall Festival

Participation in 'Dinner with a Bulldog'
with Collington Senior Community

'Mind over Matter' with Yoga & Tai Chi



Celebrate and Serve at the Strength 2
Love 2 Community Farm



Peace Park Spring Planting: April, 2024

Spring Move Out Program: May, 2024

Earth Month 2024:

April 3



Maryland Climate Teach-In Kick Off (MCCC)

BSU will be part of a historic, first time event as the Sustainability Coordinator along with student Green Ambassadors participate in a panel & other activities as part of the kick-off event for the statewide initiative - Maryland Climate Teach-In at Annapolis HS, home of Maryland's Teacher of the Year

Climate Action Panel: Building a Better Future



Dynamic panel speakers from Baltimore Tree Trust, Baltimore City Health Department, and Natural Resources Defense Council will come together to focus on how we can create a more just and equitable society by taking action on climate change.

April 12



Project Clean Stream Event

As a community service effort-- all BSU members are invited to join the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at nearby Horsepen Branch Park (1 mile from campus) to collect trash & other debris from the park which has a waterway that eventually leads into the Chesapeake Bay.

Earth Month 2024:

April 18



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PEACE PARK RESTORATION DAY OF SERVICE

Thursday, April 18th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Peace Park (behind Alex Haley Hall)

Join us to restore BSU's local ecosystems by planting native flowers and shrubs at Peace Park!

FREE PICK-UP & DELIVERY

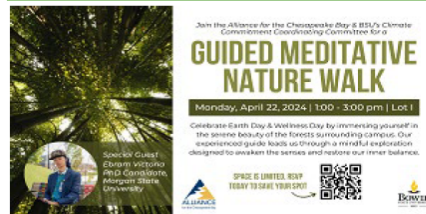
COMMUNICATE & REGISTER HERE

Logos: Alliances, Bowtie, and others.

Peace Park Spring Planting

BSU volunteers will choose to plant a variety of native plants and trees on the Peace Park area of campus to help restore the local ecosystem and help beautify the campus.

April 22



Join the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay & BSU's Climate Commitment Coordinating Committee for a

GUIDED MEDITATIVE NATURE WALK

Monday, April 22, 2024 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Lot 1

Celebrate Earth Day & Wellness Day by immersing yourself in the serene beauty of the forest surrounding campus. Our experienced guide leads us through a mindful exploration designed to awaken the senses and restore our inner balance.

Special Guest: Doreen Vetrovec, PhD Candidate, Morgan State University

SPACE IS LIMITED. READY TODAY TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!

Logos: Alliances, Bowtie, and others.

Basking in Nature Walk (in collaboration w/ Apr 19 Wellness Day)

Celebrate Earth Day & Wellness Day by taking a guided Nature Walk and Forest bathing experience on nearby trails with a trained yogi as we immerse ourselves in the serene beauty of the forest in literally 'our own backyard' as our experienced guide leads us through a mindful exploration known as forest bathing.

April 25



BSU's Annual Earth Day Celebration

Join Green Ambassadors, the BSU Sustainability Team & the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to celebrate Earth Day at the newly restored Peace Park.

Date: Thurs, April 25th
Time: 12:30 - 4:00pm
Location: Peace Park (behind Alex Haley Hall)
FREE FOOD
LOVE GAMES

Peace Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

You're warmly invited to join us in celebrating the completion of the Peace Park Conservation Landscaping Project. We will host a small ceremony to rededicate the park and the old stadium will host tables, lawn games, sustainable art projects, and more.

Date: Thursday, April 25th
Time: 12:30 - 1:00 pm
Location: Peace Park (behind Alex Haley Hall)

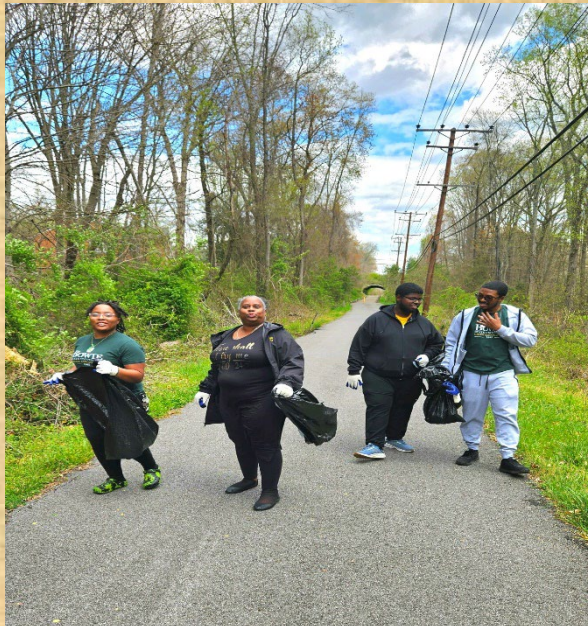
Logos: Alliances, Bowtie, and others.

Earth Day Celebration

A celebration of Earth day with the opportunity to 'disconnect' from electronics, go outside and celebrate Earth Day with music with a DJ, FREE food trucks, games, educational activities & more! This will be preceded by a small ceremony with the unveiling & dedication of the newly restored Peace Park area

Earth Month 2024:

Climate Teach-in kickoff and stream clean up



Earth Month 2024:

Nature walk and planting event



8/7/2024

Earth Month 2024:



April 29

PG SEAS (Student Environmental Alliance Summit) at BSU

- Student Center Ballroom
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BSU serves as host to a county-wide summit featuring a day of presentations, interactive rotations around the campus, dynamic speakers and fun, enriching experiences to PGCPs high schools exposing them also to career options, leadership and advocacy activities and contemporary environmental research.

Education/mentorship



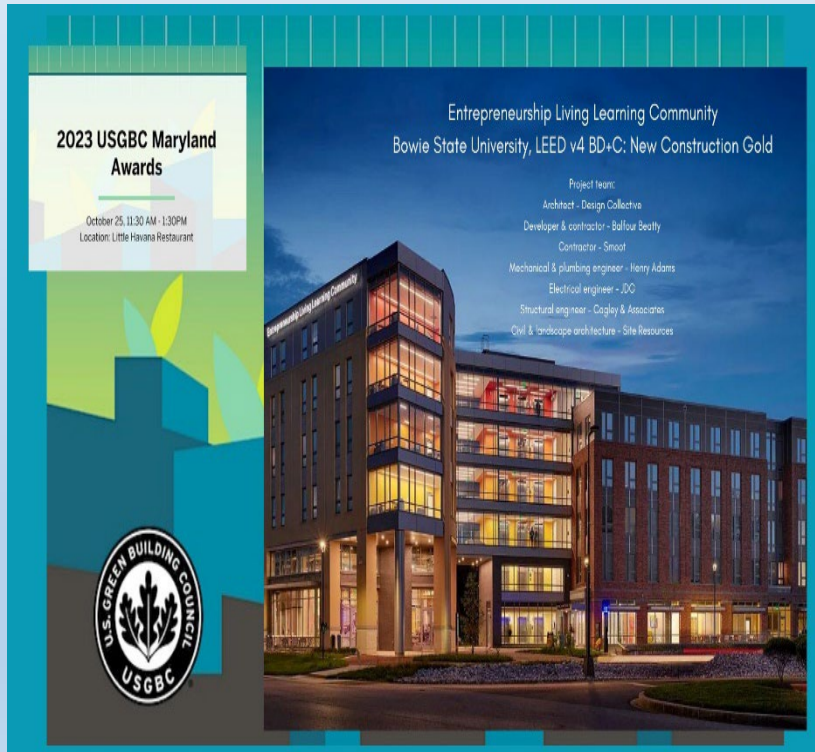
Earth Month 2024:

Earth Day Celebration/Peace Park ribbon cutting



University accolades:

ELLC Building receives 2023
USGBC Maryland Award for



BSU receives Tree Designation
Campus for two straight years



University Coordinator accolades:

Receives Visionary Award from
Greater Washington Region
Clean Cities Coalition, Oct 2023



Received Climate Registry
Climate Leadership Award,
May 2024



Peace Park restoration completion

Additional work may continue into Fall 2024

- Over 120 native plants & flowers
- Several native trees
- Solar street light
- University logo
- Swinging bench
- Interpretative signage



University purchases first electric passenger vehicles

BSU Transportation Fleet Goes Green!



The BSU Office of Transportation is going green with their latest addition to the fleet—an EV!

Information and training instructions will be forthcoming.



Other accomplishments

- BSU completes first full year of food composting with a weight of 11.5 tons!
- BSU green programs featured in online publication with USGBC
- University signs MOU with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Collaboration with BSU Wellness Day and U.S F&WS for site nature walk
- Creation of first 'Green Move Out' featuring donation of clothes and books during Residence Hall move out



8/7/2024



20



Thanks to:

C4 Committee

BSU Career Development Center

Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition

Offices of Auxiliary Services and Conference & Event Services

Office of Facilities Management

University Relations and Marketing

A HUGE, SPECIAL THANKS to the:

BSU GREEN AMBASSADORS and

ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY!!

