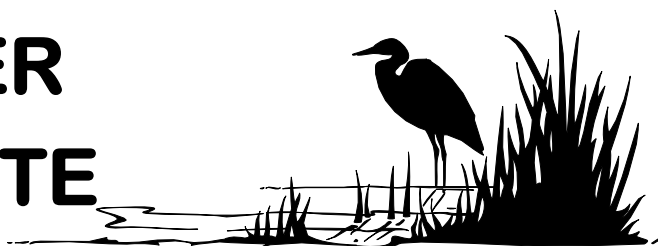




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BAY-WISE MASTER GARDENER UPDATE



To: Bay-Wise Master Gardeners and Mike Ensor, Josue Lopez, Herb Reed, Steve Allgeier, Susan Trice, Georgia Eacker, Brian Clark, Esther Mitchell, Neenah Hoppe, Ben Beale, Heather Buritsh, Annette Ipsan, Jon Traunfeld

From: Wanda MacLachlan

Subject: Bay-Wise Update

Date: May 25, 2007

Greetings

Summer is almost over and you are probably wondering what's been happening with the Bay-Wise program since the Fall of 2006. The answer is, "lots." Last year marked the 10th anniversary of the Bay-Wise Program and we had a busy fall with a record number of Bay-Wise Advanced Training sessions plus a hands-on rain garden workshop to commemorate the anniversary.

September and October 2006 brought us six advanced training sessions around the state. This year is looking just as exciting with two spring advanced training sessions, the addition of one more county to our certification program

and at least two fall advanced training sessions scheduled. So before we go too far into the future, planning upcoming classes, let's take a look back at our accomplishments since our last newsletter from summer, 2006. This e-newsletter covers the period from July 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007.

Certified Landscapes

According to my records, thirty six new Bay-Wise Master Gardener landscapes have been certified since our last newsletter.

Congratulations to all those listed below for your recent landscape certifications.

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Certified Landscapes From June 2006 to August 2007

<i>County</i>	<i>Certified</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Certified</i>	<i>Name</i>
Anne Arundel	6/21/2006	Marilyn Kinkel	Carroll	6/22/2007	Carolyn Seabolt
Anne Arundel	6/21/2006	Dick Inman	Charles	11/4/2006	Betty Kostkowski
Anne Arundel	8/22/2006	Carol Dowling	Charles	11/4/2006	Jessica Milstead
Anne Arundel	9/18/2006	Jeanne Brush	Frederick	10/20/2006	Donna Darr
Anne Arundel	9/28/2006	Paul Keck	Harford		Suzanne Arthur
Anne Arundel	3/31/2007	Patti Muir	Harford		Carol Metzger
Anne Arundel	4/23/2007	Susan Barbi	Harford		Carol McCormack
Anne Arundel	5/24/2007	Diana Keener	Harford	7/6/2006	Marianne Mathews
Anne Arundel	6/6/2007	Carolyn Jordan	Harford	7/17/2006	Gerry Bullis
Anne Arundel	6/6/2007	Wesley Jordan	Harford	7/24/2006	Laura Keller
Baltimore	9/7/2006	Linda Mistler	Harford	10/18/2006	Beth Ireland-Brady
Baltimore	9/7/2006	Elizabeth Musgrove	Harford	5/22/2007	Carol Hooper
Baltimore	10/28/2006	Paulette Kirkpatrick	Harford	6/1/2007	Cheryl Clelland
Baltimore	10/28/2006	Pam Spencer	Howard	5/8/2007	Sylvia Rampini-Huestis
Baltimore City	10/28/2006	Jennifer Forrence	Kent	5/3/2007	Vida Morley
Baltimore City	10/28/2006	Jeavonna Chapman	Kent	5/9/2007	Cheryl Anthony-Roberts
Calvert	6/27/2006	Veronica Cristo	Prince George's	6/30/2007	Esther Mitchell
Calvert	6/27/2006	Kathleen Mickley	Prince George's	6/30/2007	Franchella Kendall
Calvert	9/20/2006	Lambert Heikes	Prince George's	7/12/2007	Carrie Mullen
Calvert	4/9/2007	Karen Anderson	Prince George's	7/21/2007	Laura Schell
Carroll	6/22/2006	Carol Hose	Queen Anne's		Anne Benintende
Carroll	6/22/2006	Nancy Frick	Queen Anne's		Sue D'Camera
Carroll	7/13/2006	Patricia Silberman	Queen Anne's		Eugenie Fitzgerald
Carroll	7/13/2006	Robin Fishpaw	Queen Anne's	5/3/2007	Linda Doub
Carroll	7/21/2006	Maryanne Turner	Queen Anne's	6/19/2007	Debbie Pusey
Carroll	7/21/2006	Barbara Childs	Queen Anne's	6/22/2007	Susan Seth
Carroll	7/21/2006	Kelly Bollinger	St. Mary's	7/25/2007	Ann Hoover
Carroll	6/15/2007	Kay Sedlak	Talbot	5/3/2007	Sherald Reagle
Carroll	6/15/2007	Mindy Wade	Washington	10/20/2006	Annette Ipsan
Carroll	6/15/2007	Marilyn Phillips	Washington	10/20/2006	Karen Greeley

Bay-Wise Advanced Trainings

Since our last newsletter we've had nine Bay-Wise Advanced Trainings. **Harford County** concluded its training last September with nine new Master Gardeners. Congratulations to **Suzanne Arthur, Linda Baker, Gerry Bullis, Beth Ireland-Brady, Linda Kalayan, Marianne Mathews Carol Metzger, Linda Mistler, and Elizabeth Musgrove.**

Howard County added eleven new Bay-Wise Master Gardeners to their ranks. Congratulations to **Helen Bahr, Susan Bauer, Ed Blacka, Carroll Caverly, Linda Decker, Beth Felsecker, Bob Nixon, Lisa Nylund, Sylvia Rampini-Huestis, Eva Roswell and Jan Marie Williams-Nguyen** for completed your training at the beginning of October.

Charles and St. Mary's Counties combined forces to complete their training in mid October. The sixteen newest graduates are **Linda Bronsdon, Mary Beth Chandler, Robert Eppley, Ronda Goldman, Yvonne Irving, Betty Kostkowski, Diane Kramer, Leslie Martin and Jessica Milstead** from Charles; **Jean Griffin** from Calvert and **Michael Bush, B. Marie Gardiner, Cherie Heely, Ann Hoover, Beverly Middleton and Linda Williams** from St. Mary's County. During the last class we all converged upon the homes of Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, **Betty Kostkowski and Jessica Milstead** and took turns learning how to certify their landscapes.

Frederick County hosted a group of eleven eager folks in October. Congratulations to **Joanne Brown, Pat Cowperthwaite, Carol Coyle, Donna Darr, Barbara Jones, Ted Lambert, Ernest J. P. Muhly, Avonell**

Watson and Miora Weldon from Frederick and **Karen Greeley and Annette Ipsan** from Washington Counties for passing the course. The last day we dodged raindrops as we traveled to the landscapes of **Donna, Karen & Annette** to learn how to certify.

Carroll County hosted a group of nineteen folks from three counties. Congratulations to **Kelly Bollinger, Sheila Bowman, Linda Broadfoot, Naomi Carter, Cheryl Davis, Jeanette Gilmore, Robin Kummer, Adelaide Lagnese, Karen Moody-Springer, Marilyn Phillips, Carolyn Seabolt, Kay Sedlak, Lana Trabert, Maryanne Turner and Frances Williams** from Carroll; **Ren Bowman** from Howard; and **Roberta Frechette, George Poggio and Reiko Royster** from Frederick Counties for completing the course.

On the last Saturday in October eleven Master Gardeners formed a brand new Bay-Wise group in **Greater Baltimore**. Congratulations to **Jeavonna Chapman, Teresa Chapman, Jennifer Forrence, Dianne Graham, Jonathan Hamaker, Kate Joyce, Paulette Kirkpatrick, Emma Smith, Pam Spencer, Loren Western and Ava Worrell** for a job well done. Special thanks go to **Jennifer Forrence, Pam Spencer, Paulette Kirkpatrick and Jeavonna Chapman** for welcoming the group to your homes and gardens so they could learn how to certify landscapes. The group was exposed to everything from a rural farmette to a neat postage stamp row house garden during the last training session.

The **Anne Arundel County** group started 2007 off by hosting a session for fifteen new recruits and eight returnees in March. Congratulations

to **Marilyn Bandy, Jeanne Brush, Ann Fischer, Beki Howey, Dick Inman, Christine Johnston-Scee, Carolyn Jordan, Wesley Jordan, Paul Keck, Diana Keener, Anne Kennedy, Patti Muir and Bonnie Pavlak** from Anne Arundel and **Karen Anderson and Lambert Heikes** from Calvert Counties for a job well done. It was nice to see **Susan Barbi, Carol Dowling, Judy Graham, Marilyn Kinkel, Carol Miller, Susan Steele, Siobhan Percey and Susan Smith** again as they joined us for a refresher. The group is grateful to **Patty Muir** for allowing us to come to her beautiful home to learn to certify client landscapes.

Prince George's County is the newest county to start a Bay-Wise committee. We are all excited about this opportunity to bring the certification program closer to the nation's capital. Congratulations to **Hada Flowers, Christine Gordon, Trish Gravatt, Irene Jewett, Franchella Kendall, Teri Merl, Esther Mitchell, Carrie Mullen, Dianne Nickerson, Linda Rines, Lydia Robles, Laura Schell, Sarah Urdaneta and Barbara Valentich** for completing the course during Saturdays in April. And thanks to **Franchella and Esther** for offering their landscapes for us to learn how to certify.

And finally, the end of April ushered in the newest group of Bay-Wise Master Gardeners on the upper Eastern Shore. Queen Anne's County hosted the training for sixteen people from five different counties. Congratulations to **Mary Allen, F. Anne Benintende, Cindy Freymeyer, Gennis Morris, Kathleen Phillips Debbie Pusey and Susan Seth** of Queen Anne's; **Shirley Bailey** from Dorchester; **Cheryl Anthony-Roberts, Vida Morley and Colleen Raudenbush** from Kent; **Penny**

Balgley, Heather Buritsch, Marlies Mraz and Anne Worthington from Talbot and **Roger Tilden** from Caroline Counties for making it a fun learning experience. And a special thanks to previously trained Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, **Linda Doub and Sherald Reagle** for welcoming us to your homes to train the newest group how to certify landscapes.

Upcoming Advanced Trainings

So far three more Bay-Wise Advanced Trainings are planned for this fall. The trainings will take place in Harford, Montgomery and Frederick Counties. See the chart below for the tentative dates and times.

Host County	Dates	Time	Contact Person
Harford	10/3, 10	9:30 to 3:30	
Fred/Wash	10/11, 15, 19	9:30 to 3:30	stprice@umd.edu
Montgomery	10/16, 23, 26	9:30 to 3:30	sdubik@umd.edu

If you know of others in your county who might be interested in taking the training, please have them contact the county Master Gardener Coordinator listed to sign up. The fee is \$25 (\$30 in Frederick/Washington) for the course. You, as Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, are also welcome to attend for a refresher if space allows.

News From the Counties:

Anne Arundel

The Anne Arundel County Bay-Wise program has two new chairs, this year: **Judy Graham** and **Carol Dowling**. Judy reports that she and Carol work with a group of about 16 active Bay-Wise Master Gardeners in their county. They certified 10 landscapes since last year. Judy also reports that, "*Besides our 38 yard*

visits, the committee has given seven presentations to Home Owners Assoc. based on the yard stick; one was outdoors w/ refreshments called "Beer and Bay!" Thus we have made contacts that have ended up asking for yard visits.

"Our biggest number of contacts resulted on Earth Day at Quiet Waters Park in April, where we had our display and handed out 50 brochures to homeowners. There was also a MG Open House at QWP in June, when we met more of the public drawn out by our plant sale.

"We have certified a yard full of natives that will appear as an article in What's Up Annapolis magazine in their October issue.

"This year we are incorporating the interns by scheduling them to attend activities of each committee; so far Bay-Wise has seen seventeen intern helpers/observers. We hope some will become full-fledged members next year."



Future Bay-Wise Master Gardener?
(Judy Graham's 14-hour old grandson, Max)

Calvert

Judy Kay, Calvert County Bay-Wise Chair is pleased to report that *"In 2006, the Bay-Wise program in Calvert County was given a boost*

by a Mill Creek Nutrient Reduction Strategy forum sponsored by the Calvert County Watershed Planner which included a Master Gardener Bay-Wise segment in its program. Contacts made there resulted in about 25 yard visits, of which 13 were certified.

"There was some carryover from that forum in 2007. We also promoted the program at our "Garden Smarter" series of seminars at the Prince Frederick Library, Bay-Wise presentations to Ferry Landing Woods Garden Club and North Beach Community. Contacts made at those events, at Mind, Body & Spirit Day at Annemarie Gardens in Solomon's Island, and by referral resulted in 16 yard visits as of August 20. Of those, we have certified 9 yards. Master Gardener Interns are also enthusiastic about the program and 4 of them have had their yards certified this summer and more yard visits are scheduled. We will have a booth at Family Day on the Bay on September 9 and Patuxent River Appreciation Days on October 6 and 7. At each of these events, we will encourage the use of native plants by giving away New York Ironweed and Cardinal Flower perennials to those who are interested in the Bay-Wise program or in learning more about native plants.

"In Calvert County, we are surrounded by water on three sides (the Chesapeake Bay and Patuxent River) and numerous creeks and bays penetrate the land. Calvert County Master Gardeners are well aware that the gardening practices we use in the landscape can be harmful to the health of the Bay or that we can garden and maintain landscapes in ways that control runoff and keep pollutants out of the waterways while providing habitat for the declining numbers of wildlife. Thus, all CCMG, whether Bay-Wise trained or not, actively promote the Bay-Wise program as a venue that

allows us to meet and advise homeowners on a one-on-one basis about ways they can help improve the environment. We think it is a wonderful program!"

Carroll

Carroll County Bay-Wise program co-chair, **Dick Heiser** reports that *"early in 2007, the team prepared individual display cases at the five Carroll County libraries (Eldersburg, Hampstead, Westminster, Mount Airy and Taneytown).*

The first displays were on Bay-Wise Gardening and the second displays were on Gardening with Native Plants. Bay-Wise material was also displayed at Bear Branch Nature Center, Charlotte's Quest Nature Center and at various garden centers across the county.



Jeanette Gillmore and Sandy Hudspeth with their Bay-Wise display at Eldersburg Library

"Bay-Wise is also being promoted at the Mount Airy Farmers Market on the last Wednesday of each month from June through September. A Bay-Wise PowerPoint presentation was also presented at the North Carroll Library and also presented to a Biology 100 and Environmental Science class (150 students) at the Carroll Community College."



Native plant display at Eldersburg Library

Master Gardener, **Cheryl Davis**, further explains that she, Jeanette Gillmore and Sandy Hudspeth set up the Bay-Wise display in the lobby of the Eldersburg Library this April. It looked great. The display stayed there for a month. The three of them developed a second display on native plants to coincide with the new native plant garden being constructed at the library.

Charles

In Charles County, committee chair, **Ronda Goldman** is pleased to announce the formation of a Bay-Wise Master Gardener committee. This group completed its first Bay-Wise Advanced Training late last year. She reports that *"the Charles County Bay-Wise Program is off to a great start. With six dedicated committee members the program is growing slowly but steadily. The launch date was March 10, 2007 at the annual Charles County Landscaping Workshop. There were approximately fifty residents present and she and Leslie Martin presented a PowerPoint presentation that outlined water quality issues and the Bay-Wise process. Many of the residents requested further information and expressed interest in certification. William Butler of Butler Video Productions approached Ms. Goldman with the idea of creating a "program for the development of videos*

that...will clearly expand the scope of awareness on how the citizens of Maryland can effectively have a positive "impact" on the conditions of the Chesapeake Bay." This project is currently in the discussion and exploration phase.

"The Bay-Wise program also received more exposure by being a part of the Continuing Seminar Series on April 26, 2007. The Charles County Department of Planning & Growth Management hosts monthly information sessions that inform the residents of current issues. The presentation is recorded and later aired on the county cable station. Seven individuals were present. Other speaking opportunities included the LaPlata Garden Club meeting (approx. 30 present) and the P.D. Brown Library Garden Series.

"The next Bay-Wise speaking opportunity is scheduled for September 26, 2007 at the Charles County Garden Club: Beautification Award Ceremony. The county commissioners will be present as the Garden Club awards businesses, residents, and public facilities for maintaining beautiful landscapes.

"The following Bay-Wise articles were published in the Master Gardener publication, The Compost: "Are You Bay-Wise?" "Bay-Wise Wants You!" an and overview of the Bay-Wise process.

"Overall, the program has reached over 100 county residents."

Frederick

Bay-Wise Master Gardener Chair, **Elyse Phillips** reports that *"The Frederick County Master Gardener Bay-Wise program has been on hold for the first part of this year. However,*

plans are in motion to have a joint training with Washington County Master Gardener's in October. The Frederick County Master Gardener Bay-Wise program has 10 properties around the county scheduled for certification. They are also participating in the Great Frederick County Fair, September 15-22, and Bay-Wise is very much a part of the daily activities with a display board and hand outs and talks about the Bay. This year we will be focusing on 'Then and Now'. The Fair is always exciting and Bay-Wise is always an integral part of discussions."

Harford

Linda Masland shares with us the two times she and her husband, **Bruce**, taught "Who Polluted the Potomac?" to 23 fifth-graders and 20 third-graders recently. "As always, the kids loved the program and the teachers got into it as well!"

Chair, **Christine Marotta**, reports their group of twelve active members has certified the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, Riverside Elementary School, Harford Glen Science Center & School, Havre de Grace Concord Point Lighthouse & Light Keepers House, Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Larry Franz Woodland Walk at Liriodendron, Harford Community College Campus & Athletic Fields, Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School, Havre de Grace Susquehanna Museum & Lock, Exeter Green Development Entryway and the Eden Mill Nature Center. This is in addition to the 68 residential sites they've certified since they started their program. They've also been busy with numerous presentations around the county as well as having an article or two written about their work in the local newspaper.

Howard

Bay-Wise Master Gardener Chair, **Holly McFarland** reports, *“Rather than concentrate on certifying MG landscapes as Bay-Wise, we are trying to broaden our reach by beginning to seek out county public properties that meet our B-W standards. So far we have certified the Howard County Central Library and the Ellicott City Senior Center. Our next big project in the works is working with Howard Community College to help them become more Bay-friendly.*

“This year we have created several exhibits displayed at our county libraries that highlight certain bay-Wise principles: one on IPM, another on Planting Wisely (emphasizing native plants) and another on Bay-Friendly Fall Gardening Chores. More are in the works.

“For the first time, the Bay-Wise Landscaping Principles were officially incorporated into the 2007 MGI curriculum- we gave our presentation to the MGI class, handed out yardsticks, and encouraged all to work towards having their landscapes certified.

“We again hosted a Spring Garden Tour in May that highlighted one of our MG’s certified landscapes which emphasized Bay-Wise landscaping principles; 45 people attended.

“We have long wondered how we might interact or influence developers within our county. In an attempt to learn how we might do this, we invited Mina Hilsenrath from the Department of Planning and Zoning to come speak to our Committee about the Forest Conservation Act and accompanying Landscape Manual. She has asked for our help and input when the manual is due for revision this fall.

“As part of our outreach to the community, we have also developed some “Planting Tips for Cul-de-sacs.” Village residents can request funds for planting these areas, only many may not know where or how to begin. We are developing packets to hand out to the residents wanting to beautify these areas containing planting tips, plant lists and suggested templates. We expect to have the lists refined by the end of summer in time for fall planting: Long Reach will be our first village to target.

“We have also begun to supply seasonal Bay-Wise garden tips/short articles to the Columbia Village newsletters to help remind residents to be Bay-Wiser!”

Prince George’s

Franchella Kendall and Carrie Mullen, Prince George’s Co. Bay-Wise Co-Chairs, are excited to share the chair of this newly organized group. And they have reason to be excited. Even though they just completed their first Bay-Wise Advanced Training this June 30th, they already have six certifications under their belt. The landscapes of four Bay-Wise classmates, one Master Gardener (that hasn’t yet taken the training) and Piscataway Community Park in Ft. Washington have received certification from this ambitious group.

Queen Anne’s

Annie Ittu, Master Gardener and Q. A. Co. Bay-Wise Chair, reports *“the two public garden certifications this year resulted from MG training projects.*

The Butterfly Garden at Eastern Neck WR, past Rock Hall, is a large magnificent garden on the Bay that is kept up by a hard core dedicated group of two new MGs, Alice Macnow and Peggy Christie and the gardens

original groundskeeper. They hope to utilize the gardens more in a teaching capacity for the schools. There are informational flyers available on-site. The Centreville Library Rain Garden is a partnering of MG Advanced Native Plant Training class, with Corsica Restoration Project and Department of Public Works. It was created to show an example of low impact gardening developed with native plants. It is going very well, in spite of having to supply "rain" this summer."

St. Mary's

Fran Cook, Master Gardener and St. Mary's Co. Bay-Wise Chair, reports that she, Sue Vieth and Ann Hoover certified a couple of home landscapes at the end of July. The certifications were documented by a writer from the local "Enterprise" newspaper. It's always nice to get a little press . . .

Washington

Annette Ipsan, Master Gardener Coordinator and Bay-Wise Chair reports that "*since only 2 Master Gardeners completed the program, we plan to launch the program actively in Washington County after our October 2007 Bay-Wise training program which at least 10 Master Gardeners plan to attend.*"

More Assorted Stuff

Bay-Wise Website

After many years of putting it off, last year I finally published a website. We are continually trying to keep it updated. View it at www.baywise.umd.edu

Since I am quite the webpage novice (that's why I've put it off for so long) the site is rather

primitive when compared to other sites. However, I think it does contain basic information about the program and its tenets. There is also a special page for you, Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, to order publications and display boards directly from my office.

Please take a look at it and give me your feedback. Also, if there is anyone out there that is proficient in cyberspace and would be willing to help out with improving and maintaining the pages, let me know.

Upcoming Conference



Mark your calendars for the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council's Fall

Conference, "Turning a New Leaf." The conference will take place in Annandale, Virginia on Friday, November 9, 2007. CEU credits may be available. Keynote speaker Keith Tomlinson will address ecologically smart landscaping for the Chesapeake Basin. Concurrent sessions will cover designing and planning communities; emerging techniques in stormwater management (including rain gardens); and "how-to" workshops focusing on techniques and practices. Closing speaker Doug Tallamy will explore how to create an ecosystem that will support and encourage our local biodiversity.

The registration fee of \$95 (\$105 if postmarked after October 15) includes continental breakfast, sessions, lunch, exhibit floor, and an evening reception (with cash bar).

The full day's agenda and registration information can be found at

www.chesapeakelandscape.org. Come learn about sustainable landscaping practices that benefit the health of the Bay and network with other Master Gardeners, homeowners and landscape professionals.

Interested in Protecting Trees?



The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) is a volunteer group of citizens, professionals, and government officials united to protect and enhance Maryland's forest ecosystems. MUCFC is a sub-committee of the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards. Every county in the state has a Forestry Board. The primary functions of the Committee are to 1.) Promote and coordinate the Maryland Community PLANT award program that officially recognizes communities planting and caring for trees, and 2.) Administer grants to communities, through their local Forestry Boards, that promote planting and care of trees. If you are interested and would like more information about membership, please contact Steve Parker 410 313-7251 or me 410-531-5973.

If you are interested in applying for a grant of up to \$1,500, or learning more about MUCFC, visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/programs/urban/mcfc.asp>

Is Your Landscape Certified?

Are you among the few, the proud, the "certified?" Has your landscape been certified as Bay-Wise yet? If you answered "no" to these two questions, it is time to move into action. One of the successful indicators of the Bay-Wise Landscape Management Program is to have all Bay-Wise Master Gardeners' landscapes certified as demonstration landscapes. So far there are 187 "demonstration landscapes" throughout the state. If your's isn't one of them, *and you know who you are*, contact your county's Bay-Wise committee chair to set up an appointment. The process is easy & fun and one of the rewards is increased visibility in your neighborhood as an expert on ecologically sound landscaping.



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