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GRANTS: Upcoming Deadlines and Open Programs

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant-making strategies are shaped by three core objectives: environmental education, demonstration-based restoration, and community engagement. We look to these objectives as basic touchstones for developing our programs, engaging new partners, and communicating about our work.

Application Due August 3, 2023 at 4 pm EDT [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#)

The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and BGE an Exelon Company, Charles County, the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, the City of Gaithersburg, the City of Rockville, the City of Salisbury, Harford County, Howard County, the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration, Queen Anne's County, and Tradepoint Atlantic.

This grant program encourages outreach, community engagement activities, and on-the-ground restoration projects that increase knowledge, change behavior, and accelerate stewardship of natural resources that involve residents in restoring local green spaces, waterways, and natural resources.

Application **Extended** and now Due September 14, 2023 at 4 pm EDT [Nontidal Wetlands Award Program](#)

This program is a partnership between the Trust and the Maryland Department of the Environment to seek proposals for nontidal wetland projects in Maryland. This program provides funding to implement cost-effective wetland projects to provide valuable wetland

functions, including habitat for a wide range of species and improved water quality, flood attenuation, recharge of groundwater, and aesthetics in the State's local watersheds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, Youghiogheny River, and Atlantic Coastal Bays.

Rolling Deadlines

Anne Arundel Community Tree Planting Mini Grant

The Anne Arundel County Community Tree Planting Mini Grant Program is a partnership between the Anne Arundel County Forestry Board and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to provide small community-based grants to help communities and organizations increase the number trees and tree canopy in neighborhoods, parks, and communities. This program only funds within Anne Arundel County.

Charles County Forestry

The Charles County Forestry Grant Program is a partnership between the Charles County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that aims to fund cost-effective reforestation projects in the County to increase tree canopy and as a result create forest habitat and improve water quality in the county's local watersheds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant

The Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program is designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. This program funds small-scale activities such as tree plantings, rain gardens, stream cleanups, and storm drain stenciling, among others.

Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate

The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health. Seven types of stormwater practices are eligible for rebates: rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

Urban Trees Mini Grant Program

The Urban Trees Mini Grant Program is designed to support non-profit organizations such as faith-based institutions, community and homeowners associations; service, youth, and civic groups by providing funding of up to \$5,000 for small native tree planting (15 trees or less) implementation projects.

GRANTEE NEWS

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Nontidal Wetlands Award Program



To support no net loss of nontidal wetland acreage and functions in the state of Maryland.

Application Due Date Extended to:
Thursday, September 14th, 2023
at 4:00PM EST



[**Click Here to View the Request for Proposals and Learn More**](#)

Maryland Department of the Environment Nontidal Wetlands Award Program

The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust seek proposals for nontidal wetland projects in Maryland. This program seeks to implement cost-effective wetland projects to provide valuable wetland functions, including habitat for a wide range of species, flood attenuation, recharge of groundwater, and aesthetics in the State's local watersheds. For more information, contact [Sarah Koser](#) or [Sadie Drescher](#).

[**Click Here to Start a New Application**](#)

[**Click Here to View the Recording of the Virtual Information Session**](#)

Outreach and Restoration Grant Program

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks proposals for outreach and restoration projects. This grant program encourages outreach, community engagement activities, and on-the-ground restoration projects that increase knowledge, change behavior, accelerate stewardship of natural resources, and advance community and environmental health. For more information, contact [Danielle Hamilton](#).

[Click Here to Start a New Application](#)



The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program

IS NOW OPEN!

 Deadline is Thursday August 3rd at 4pm EDT
 <https://cbtrust.org/outreach-and-restoration/>
 Contact Danielle Hamilton at dhamilton@cbtrust.org

[Click Here to View the Request for Proposals and Learn More](#)

[Click Here to Register for the Virtual Information Session on May 31st from 11am-12pm](#)

--- OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ---

These opportunities are not funded by the Trust

Anacostia Watershed Society

Watershed Stewards Academy

The Watershed Stewards Academy equips and supports community leaders to recognize and address local pollution problems in their nearby streams and rivers. WSA provides community leaders with the tools and resources they need to bring solutions to these problems, restoring their local waterways and the communities they affect. Participants become Master Watershed Stewards when they complete the coursework and an approved capstone project.

For more information, contact [Ariel Trahan](#).

Are you ready to become a stormwater leader in your community?

Watershed Stewards Academy

30+ hours of virtual & in-person training * Offered twice a year in both Spring and Fall * Field work and experiential classes

Now Recruiting for Spring 2023 Classes

Classes run from April 12 - May 31
Combination of virtual and in-person field experiences at sites throughout the watershed

Applications are open until class is full.
Tuition is \$100, with scholarships available.



Learn more at anacostiaws.org/wsa



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

[Click Here to View the Application](#)

Anacostia Watershed Society

Career Opportunity - Top Fundraiser

The Anacostia Watershed Society seeks a full-time Director of Development and Communications—a top fundraiser—to lead a high-performing team of development, marketing, and communications professionals in formulating and implementing a creative multi-year strategy that enables the expansion of the organization's donor base, revenue, visibility, and influence, while maintaining benchmark best practices. The Director works cross functionally with all departments, is a member of the Leadership Team, an important partner to the President/Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors and Board Development Committee, and a lead ambassador to high-level partners and donors.



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

The Director is an integral part of the organization and contributes to the watershed's restoration and the engagement of diverse communities, partners, and other stakeholders to deliver on our mission to protect and restore the Anacostia River and its watershed.

[Click Here to View the Application](#)

For more information, contact [Erin Borgeson Castelli](#)

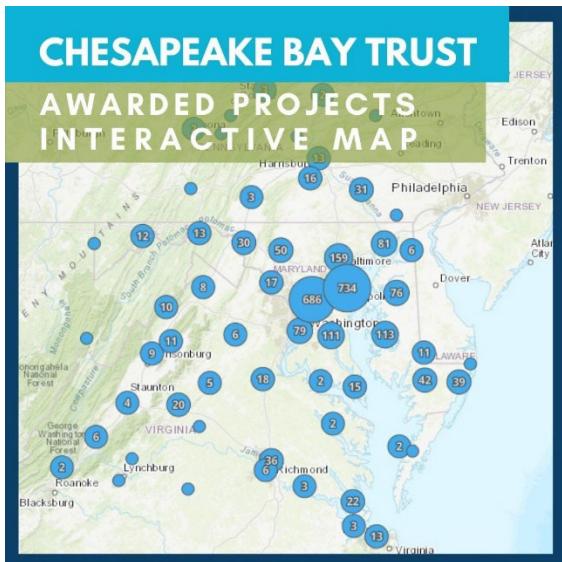
--- JUNE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT ---

Urban Farming: Fighting for Food Justice!

With a grant award from the [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns \(G3\) Grant Program](#), Reefs to Ridge expanded urban agriculture, restored ecology, and implemented stormwater management practices at BLISS (Baltimore Living in Sustainable Simplicity) Meadows in Baltimore, Maryland. This project resulted in a 10 acre land reclamation geared toward food justice and creating equitable access to green space in the Frankford neighborhood in northeast Baltimore City. Over 250 trees, shrubs, and native plants were planted, and this project directly supported the expansion of the existing urban garden and farm. The area behind the farm was rehabilitated, with invasive species being removed and the land recontoured into "bioswales" enabling the establishment of cover crops, native pollinator habitat, and a native wildflower meadow. An extensive overhead irrigation system was installed throughout the intervention area to support the rapid establishment of these habitats. After successful establishment of these areas, the irrigation system was moved to the urban farm area in order to support expansion and increased production. The G3 Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.



**Showcasing YOUR Projects on the
-- Chesapeake Bay Trust Awarded Projects Map --**



Our interactive map currently displays over 3,000 awards throughout the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River. Updated annually, the map allows you to search projects by area, funding partner, and/or environmental topic. Find projects in your community and see what's happening across the region!

[Explore the Map](#)

NEW Resource

- To Estimate Pollutant Load Reductions -

Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator (Green-SIMPLE)

Intended Use:
The Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator ("tool") was developed to help Chesapeake Bay communities more easily and consistently estimate the water quality benefits of proposed stormwater retrofit and implementation projects. The specific audience for this tool includes local governments, non-profit organizations, neighborhood community associations, consultants, state agencies, universities and others conducting planning and implementation of stormwater retrofits in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The tool is an easy-to-use spreadsheet that is consistent with the pollutant loading rates and load reduction efficiencies used in the Chesapeake Bay Model. It allows users to estimate pollutant load reductions from individual projects as well as to compare a suite of candidate projects based on factors such as cost-effectiveness, pollutant load reduction, maintenance burden, and constructability. The multi-link comparison can assist with watershed restoration planning and implementation prioritization.

The tool is useful for local governments, non-profit organizations and neighborhood community associations applying for stormwater retrofit implementation funding through the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant program or other programs by providing a simple option for users to estimate the water quality benefits of their proposed projects, and providing a consistent set of project metrics (e.g., % Site of nitrogen reduced) that funders can use to help inform decision-making.

While the tool provides a simpler alternative to more complex models such as the Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool (CAST) or HEDAT, it is not intended to replace on-the-ground field assessment to evaluate potential locations for community retrofits or development of concepts for candidate sites by qualified individuals.

Credits:
This tool was developed by Amanda Pollock, PE, Karen Cappella, Jordan Kix, Dan Geraci, PE, and Greg Hoffmann, PE, Center for Watershed Protection, Inc. with funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator (Green-SIMPLE)
Version 1.0
December 2022

The Green Stormwater Infrastructure siMple Pollutant Load reduction Estimator (Green SIMPLE) was developed to help Chesapeake Bay communities more easily and consistently estimate the water quality benefits of proposed stormwater retrofit and community greening projects. The tool is an easy-to-use spreadsheet that is consistent with the pollutant loading rates and load reduction efficiencies used in the Chesapeake Bay Model.

[Try the Green SIMPLE Tool \(Excel File\)](#)

--- BAY PLATE ---

More than just a License Plate!



Did you know that proceeds from the sale of Bay Tags are distributed to local community groups, schools, and non-profits? They fund tree planting, clean-ups, stormwater projects, environmental education programs, and other conservation and restoration programs! Bay Tags also come with great perks like prime parking, discounts at restaurants, merchandise and service discounts, car washes and so much more. Learn more [here!](#)

--- GRANTEE RESOURCES --- Resources for Applying and Managing Awards



How to...

- [Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant \(Video\)](#)
- [Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award \(Video\)](#)
- [Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19 \(Video\)](#)



The Native Plant Species Selection Guide

is a downloadable PDF guide that walks through the importance of using native plants, when and how to use them in projects, and other resources available to find and purchase native plants in the Chesapeake Bay region.

[**Download the Native Plant Species Selection Guide**](#)



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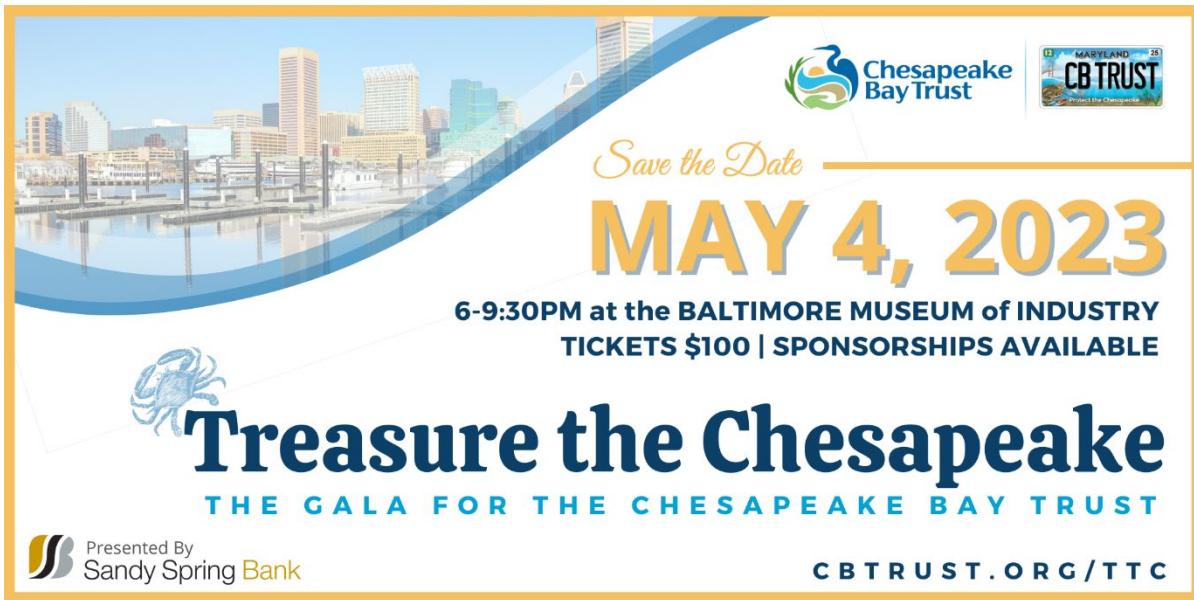
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Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram for current Trust happenings. We'll share project successes from grantees and ensure you're aware of the work being done by other local organizations and communities to restore and protect our natural resource treasures.



ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust shares a bold vision for a restored and protected Chesapeake Bay watershed and other natural resources in our area—from the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake to the Youghiogheny River. We uniquely empower local community-based groups on the ground with the resources they need to take on a meaningful and measurable role in restoring forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities.



The Trust empowers these groups by providing grants and technical assistance. Every year, about 400 groups are awarded project money or provided other assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded \$140 million in grants and engaged hundreds of thousands of resident stewards in projects that have a measurable impact.

The Trust has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for over two decades: on average 90 percent of the Trust's expenditures are directed to its restoration and education programs.



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