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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 September 7, 2023 at 4 pm EDT

[Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program](#)

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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](#)

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

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



Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program



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Application closes September 7, 2023
at 4pm EST



<https://cbtrust.org/grants/chesapeakeoyster/>



Contact Amber Cameron at
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--- OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ---

These opportunities are not funded by the Trust

[Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#)

[Career Opportunity - Power Plant Siting Assessor](#)

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources seeks a full-time Power Plant Siting Assessor to assess the impacts of power plants in a scientific manner while under close or moderate supervision. This requires the management of complex technical evaluations of the environment, economics, and engineering issues conducted for the purpose of achieving a balance between providing adequate electricity at a reasonable cost while protecting our natural



resources. These evaluations consist of objective, comprehensive technical analyses of multidisciplinary sets of issues and lead to a consolidated set of policy or operational recommendations. This position performs other duties that are required to complete all tasks associated with this job's functions.

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--- AUGUST PROJECT HIGHLIGHT ---

Row, Row, Row Your Boat:

Capital Rowing Clubs (CRC) Row and Clean the Anacostia (RACA) Project

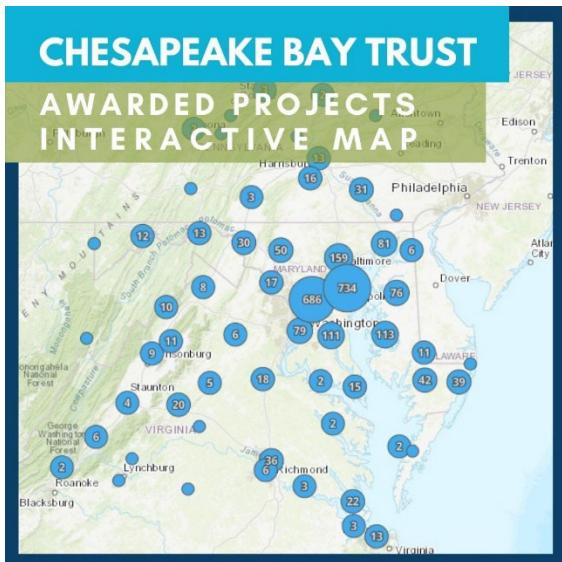
With a grant award from the [DOEE Community Stormwater Solutions program](#), Capitol Rowing Club (CRC) has been engaging students from various schools and exposing them to the sport of rowing. Among their work, they hold a special program called Adaptive Rowing for individuals with disabilities. Through this grant, CRC purchased a wakeless launch that would facilitate adaptive rowers to get in and out of the water. Rachel Blessing from CRC reported *"our adaptive athletes have returned to the water and greatly appreciate the new launch. Many of the youth rowers have been volunteering with the adaptive program to help athletes get their boats, oars and other equipment to the dock."* If you think this is a big task, CRC is also bringing an engineering component into their program. With the collaboration of a naval engineer and marine biologist their rowers are learning about key design features of naval cleaning apparatuses and how to preserve marine life in the process. The students will have a design contest throughout the month of July to make their own marine life friendly devices. We look forward to seeing the creative results of this contest. The G3 Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the DC Department of Energy & Environment.

If you want to learn more about this program visit:

<https://www.capitalrowing.org/crcwp/join/special-programs/adaptive-rowing/>



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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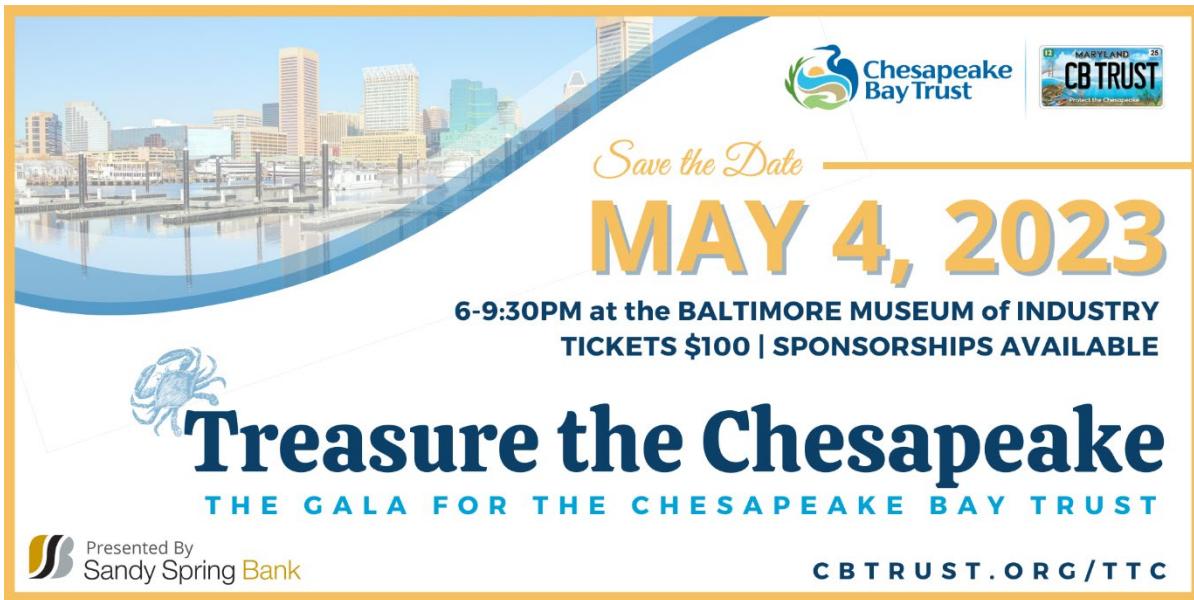
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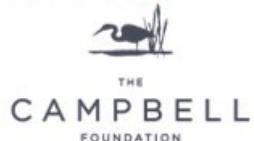
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ABOUT THE TRUST

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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