



Community Engagement Mini Grant Mentorship Program

2017 – 2018 Potential Mentor List

Thank you for your interest in the Community Engagement Mini Grant Mentorship Program. In light of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's commitment to engage new audiences in the environmental community and empower under-engaged organizations, we have created a Mentorship program to develop working relationships between organizations who are experienced in grant-writing and project management and those that are new to the Trust's programs. Please see [click here](#) to learn to more about the Mentorship Program.

Below, in alphabetical order, is a growing list of organizations in Maryland who would like to serve as a Mentor to a new applicant. When selecting a Mentor, keep in mind their location, organization mission and the types of skills they can offer that would best fit the assistance that you want/need. Once you think you have found the right organization, you may directly contact the organization using the provided contact information to begin the program.

*Please contact the Trust for questions and assistance:
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ADKINS ARBORETUM
A Chesapeake Native Garden

1. Adkins Arboretum

Location: located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland approximately 90 minutes from the metropolitan areas of Washington, DC, and Baltimore.

Description: Adkins Arboretum is the only arboretum or public garden that focuses solely on plants native to the Mid-Atlantic coastal plain. Because of its location on the Delmarva Peninsula, at the junction of the piedmont and the coastal plain where northern and southern plant life overlap, the Arboretum provides a diverse habitat that supports more than 600 species of native shrubs, trees, wildflowers, grasses, and ferns. Visitors to the Arboretum's 400 acres experience native plants in a natural setting, as well as in cultivated gardens and restoration projects.

The Arboretum serves its community by preserving and restoring the region's native flora, and thus plays an important role in protecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Adkins Arboretum is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is "to be a model for land management that engages all ages in conservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of the Chesapeake region's native landscapes through education, recreation, art and community events." Established in 1980 within Tuckahoe State Park, the Arboretum became an independently operated nonprofit in 1995. Its 400 acres include woodlands, managed meadows, natural and man-made wetlands and landscaped grounds surrounding the Visitor's Center.

Through its education programs and science-based approach to land stewardship, the Arboretum promotes the appreciation and conservation of native plants to its 900 members and more than 15,000 annual visitors. The Arboretum strives to reach a broad audience—children, families, gardeners, nature lovers, photographers, artists, hikers, bikers, as well as professional land planners, natural resource managers and horticulturists—through guided walks, lectures, demonstrations, children's programs, art exhibitions, and seasonal community events. The Arboretum's native plant nursery offers the region's largest selection of ornamental native plants for Chesapeake gardeners and landscapers. Tours of the Arboretum, including its gardens and natural areas, are led by trained docents year-round. The Arboretum also offers more than 150 adult education programs throughout the year on topics ranging from horticulture to landscape design to natural history. Arboretum educators use the children's garden, the wetland boardwalk, and the woodland paths for educational programs offered to preschool, elementary, and middle school students. The Arboretum Visitor's Center and grounds are also used for training purposes by higher education institutions and professional organizations, including Chesapeake College, Washington College, Maryland Extension Service Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Detailed information about the Arboretum can be found at www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Contact: Ginna Tiernan, gtiernan@adkinsarboretum.org

2. Annapolis Maritime Museum



Location: 723 2nd Street, Annapolis, MD 21403

Description: The Annapolis Maritime Museum (AMM) educates youth and adults about the Annapolis area's rich maritime heritage and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay through programs, exhibits and community events. We accomplish this mission through an engaging suite of hands-on programming and by bringing visitors to our unique location, at the mouth of Back Creek overlooking the Chesapeake Bay.

The Education Center at the AMM annually serves more than 6,000 students. We aim to help construct a connection between people and the environment by leading hands-on activities that foster positive outdoor experiences and help stimulate critical thinking. These experiences can help establish a foundation for future sustainable

environmental decision making. AMM offers three free core programs, as well as field trips, family programs, afterschool, summer camp, and more.

The AMM has extensive experience applying for and receiving grants from the CBT. The staff at the AMM can assist with program development especially in environmental education, using the CBT grant portal and assembling and reviewing grant packages.

Contact: Sarah Krizek, Education Director - education@amaritime.org



3. Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS)

Location: Washington DC area. While the majority of our programs take place at locations across the Washington DC metro region, the ANS headquarters is located at Woodend Nature Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, MD just inside the

Beltway and west of Rock Creek. We also host programs at our Rust Nature Sanctuary in Leesburg, VA.

Description: Founded in 1897, ANS is the oldest independent environmental organization in the DC metro area. Our mission is to inspire residents of the greater Washington, DC region to appreciate, understand and protect their natural environment through outdoor experiences, education and advocacy. Each year, ANS provides more than 28,000 residents of all ages across the Washington DC region with opportunities to connect to the natural world through: conservation activities from water quality monitoring, restoration, advocacy and environmental stewardship projects to empowering communities to protect their local streams and develop greener neighborhoods; school-based environmental education programs at all grade levels in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia; and classes, workshops, forays and other activities for teachers, adults, children and families. Our web address is www.anshome.org.

ANS would be glad to offer the following assistance to organizations applying for the Community Engagement Mini Grant:

- Using the CBT grant portal
- Preparing grant packages
- Environmental education or conservation advocacy program development

Contact: Lisa Alexander – lisa.alexander@anshome.org, 301-652-9188



4. Town of Edmonston

Location: Edmonston, Maryland (Prince George's County)

Description: The specialties of our grants have been: low impact development measures (i.e. green streets, rain gardens and trees) and outreach to underrepresented populations as well as health-related measures (edible forests, green job training and pervious sidewalks).

- We have been successful in getting grants from Chesapeake Bay Trust, Safe Routes to Schools, Kaiser's Healthy Eating, Active Living and Maryland Heritage Trust Areas.
- The town's motto is "Green is not only Edmonston's favorite color, but it's our way of life."
- We can help up to 20 hours per mentee.
- Edmonston's demographics are that its population is 48% Latino and 35% African American. The town lies in the developed tier of Prince George's County-approximately 2.5 miles from the District of Columbia.

Contact: Rod Barnes - 301-699-8806, rbarnes@edmonstonmd.gov



5. The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT)

Location: LSLT is located in Snow Hill, Maryland, on the banks of the Pocomoke River.

Description: The Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) is interested in being a mentor to organizations on the Lower Shore. The LSLT is dedicated to preserving rural lands, to promoting vibrant towns, and to building a more healthy and connected Eastern Shore. Our new home is not only picturesque, but it serves our mission. In this spot we welcome prospective members and negotiate new conservation easements, all within sight of the type of resources we protect.

Areas of expertise:

Community outreach, fundraising, land protection, rain gardens and pollinator garden installation, volunteer recruitment

Contact: Kate Patton, kpatton@lowershorelandtrust.org

Please keep the LSLT in mind for possible inquiries about the mini grant mentoring. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 443-234-5587.



6. Maryland Water Monitoring Council

Location: Annapolis, Maryland (Anne Arundel County) and statewide

Description: Founded in 1994, the [Maryland Water Monitoring Council \(MWMC\)](#) serves as a statewide collaborative body encouraging effective collection, interpretation, and dissemination of environmental data. The MWMC strives to improve communication within the Maryland water monitoring and management community regarding issues, policies, and resource management. The Council is aligned under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources with a Board of Directors having representatives from local, state and federal agencies, private industry, academia, and citizen and regional organizations.

The MWMC addresses the full range of aquatic and watershed resources in Maryland - ground and surface waters, freshwater, estuarine and marine environments, and associated watershed resources. From environmental justice to climate change adaptation; from surface water regulatory programs to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL; the Council is an excellent venue for both professionals and lay persons to keep abreast all of all things watery in Maryland.

The MWMC sponsors a number of standing committees and ad hoc workgroups that meet regularly throughout the year. These groups work through a process of consensus to help achieve the Council's purpose and goals. Committees and workgroups sponsor workshops from time to time.

The Council also sponsors workshops and holds an [Annual Conference](#) to promote an exchange of information within Maryland's water monitoring community.

The Council's mission is to:

Provide documentation of all of the varied monitoring activities that are taking place in the State of Maryland;

Provide a forum for effective communication, cooperation, and collaboration among the individuals and organizations involved in monitoring;

Promote the use of quality assured procedures for sample collection, data management, analysis and assessment; and

Facilitate the development of collaborative watershed-based monitoring

The Maryland Water Monitoring Council is pleased to offer the following skills to organizations applying for a CBT Mini Grant:

- Drafting the basic requirements of a grant proposal.
- Using the CBT Grant Portal to submit a grant.
- Advice on outreach and hosting workshops/conferences.
- Providing expert advice on issues related to water monitoring and assessment, programs and policy.

Contact: Dan Boward, MWMC Executive Secretary – dan.boward@maryland.gov; 410.260.8605



7. Pigtown Main Street

Location: Pigtown Main Street is located in the Pigtown neighborhood of Southwest Baltimore (city).

Description: Since 2000, Pigtown Main Street has revitalized the Pigtown neighborhood of Southwest Baltimore, with a focus on Washington Boulevard, Pigtown’s commercial corridor. We engage residents and small business owners through cleaning and greening initiatives. We also offer technical assistance to small business owners, partner with property owners to recruit new small businesses and host free neighborhood events that foster community pride and attract customers to our shops.

Contact: Ben Hyman, director@historicpigtown.org

8. Potomac Conservancy

Location: Silver Spring, MD



Description: Potomac Conservancy’s mission is to safeguard the lands and waters of the Potomac River and its tributaries and to connect people to this national treasure. We work throughout the 15,000 square mile Potomac region leading a powerful local movement of 21,000 river champions comprised of local landowners, activists, volunteers, partners, and donors who are fighting with us to keep pollution out of the Potomac River and local streams. The Conservancy’s overall goal is to ensure the Potomac River boasts clean drinking water, healthy lands, and connected communities.

Our three areas of expertise are land conservation, policy and community outreach. The Land Protection program helps protect the Potomac from future threats by permanently protecting land in the headwaters regions. The Policy team fights for local policies that reduce pollution and improve quality of life through sustainable and smart growth, land conservation and green infrastructure improvements. The Community Conservation program offers hands-on volunteer and recreation programs that connect people to the river.

We can assist with:

- Preparing winning grant proposals
- Reviewing applications
- Using the CBT web portal
- Developing program strategies



9. St. Mary's College of Maryland

Location: St. Mary's City, MD

Description: [St. Mary's College of Maryland](#) (SMCM) is Maryland's honors college, a selective, public liberal arts college - a vibrant community of scholars and learners. We foster a rigorous and innovative curriculum; experiential learning; scholarship and creativity; close mentoring relationships; and a community dedicated to honesty, civility, and integrity. We are committed to diversity, access, and affordability. Our students, faculty and staff serve local, national, and global communities and cultivate and promote social responsibility.

In 2016, SMCM celebrated its 175-year anniversary and is currently ranked among the top 10 best public liberal arts colleges in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Founded on the site of Maryland's first capital, the College stands as a living legacy to the ideals of freedom and inclusiveness. Our beautiful residential campus on the banks of the St. Mary's River inspires our work, our play, and our commitment to the environment.

The [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) (ORSP) at SMCM, provides professional support and services for research, scholarly projects and creative endeavors by faculty, students and staff. Services provided include general education, training, and support related to sponsored research principles and best practices, consultative services and technical support for developing grant proposals, and assistance with the administration and compliance of awards.

Several SMCM faculty have been honored to receive grant funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) Community Engagement Mini Grant program. Most recently, as support for a collaborative project [using goats as biological control](#) of kudzu, an invasive species, on the SMCM campus.

Based on previous successful CBT applications and our extensive experience with sponsored projects, the SMCM ORSP might be well-suited to serve as your mentor institution for the CBT Community Engagement Mini Grant program. We can help with a wide array of research projects that align with the CBT's mission and that fit the CBT Community Engagement Mini Grant guidelines. Please contact us via e-mail if you'd like to enter a mentor-mentee relationship with ORSP staff at SMCM while developing your CBT Community Engagement Mini Grant. Please include a brief abstract (~200 words) that explains your project and why you think we might be a good fit as mentors. We are a small office, so may only be able to mentor one applicant at a time.

Contact: Adam Malisch
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Mentor: Dr. Sabine Dillingham
Director of Research and Sponsored Programs



10. South River Federation

Location: Edgewater, Maryland (Anne Arundel County)

Description: The South River Federation's mission is to protect, preserve, restore, and celebrate the South River and its interdependent living community. The web address is

www.southernriverfederation.net/.

The South River Federation is pleased to offer the following skills to organizations applying for the Mini Grant for Community Engagement and Restoration:

- Using the CBT Grant Portal to submit a grant.
- Assembling grant packages including technical attachments
- Advice/best practices on hosting volunteer and outreach events
- Willing to review restoration plans for projects less than 5,000 square feet
- Guidance on submitting Standard Grading Plan permits for projects less than 5,000 square feet
- Assistance in developing planting plan and ordering plants
- Reviewing final grant application

Contact: Jennifer Carr - jennifer@southernriverfederation.net, 717-575-8214