A message from the Chesapeake Bay Trust President,

Dr. Jana Davis

STATEMENT

Chesapeake Bay “Dead Zone” Smallest on Record: Bay Restoration Efforts Must Continue

The Chesapeake Bay community welcomed positive news last week: the “dead zone,” marked by low oxygen levels in the Bay’s deepest waters, was the smallest in 2023, as it has been since monitoring began in 1985, the year the Chesapeake Bay Trust was founded. Officials credit both pollution reduction and below-average rainfall for the encouraging metrics.

We at the Chesapeake Bay Trust are hopefully optimistic. We believe that the strong network of scientists, lawmakers, regulators, practitioners, and citizen stewards know what needs to happen to restore the Chesapeake Bay to optimal health, and we must continue to invest in the practices that experts credit with reducing pollution in the Bay - collaboratively and inclusively.

“The government-level investment accomplishes much, but won’t be enough to perpetuate healthy Bay metrics. We need EVERYONE to get involved, and not only in the main stem of the Bay but in its creeks and rivers, suburban and urban neighborhoods, forests, and farms. We all have a role to play in keeping pollutants out of our waters, so let’s leverage this good news to empower, equip, and deploy Chesapeake watershed residents to take part in what comes next.”

-Jana Davis, Ph.D.
President, Chesapeake Bay Trust
During this season of giving, we invite you to invest in local impact with a charitable donation to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Every gift you provide empowers communities to restore nature. Your dollars help clean up waterways, plant trees and pollinator gardens, educate our future environmental stewards, and so much more.

A cleaner, healthier world for tomorrow starts with the actions we take today. To make a real difference, it is going to take all of us working together. We all have a role to play, and today we encourage you to fund the signature grantmaking and innovative programs that we know will make meaningful, measurable impact in our region.

Thank you.

Make Your Gift Today
The Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County works to ensure equitable access to information, services, and resources. They inspire active participation and the contribution of New Americans in the greater community. Their Environmental Exposures and Mental Health-CAPA Green project increases public awareness to the connection between environmental protection, outdoor activities, and mental health within the Asian Community and focuses on Chinese students and their families. It engages folks to partake in the implementation and maintenance of outdoor community clean-up, vegetable and fruit pickup for charities. They have also created a Youth Garden Testing Field as an education and donation resource.
IT'S HERE: The Chesapeake Bay Trust’s 2022-23 Annual Report!

Our signature Annual Report highlights the success stories and impact of 425 awarded projects and the communities who led them. Click to find your favorite project or the community nearest you that's accomplishing important work in the pursuit of a cleaner, more vibrant region. You'll also read how our funding partners and donors are equipping all of us to restore nature together.

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Read the 2022-23 Annual Report

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for a captivating discussion about sustainability among Maryland’s farmers, growers, and producers and their
innovative methods for cultivating and manufacturing our state’s finest agricultural products. We heard from representatives from Maryland’s wine, beer, coffee, spirits, aquaculture, urban farming, and traditional agriculture industries speak on eco-friendly business applications and how they rely on and value the natural resources around them.

We are looking forward to the Chesapeake Bay Trust's 2024 Speaker Series. Tap the button below for a preview of upcoming events.

--- AROUND THE BAY ---
Stories and News from the Chesapeake Region

The 2023 Chesapeake Bay dead zone is the smallest on record - Chesapeake Bay Program

29 Birds That Spend Their Winters in Maryland - AZ Animals

More coastal land along the Bay could get federal 'protection' - Bay Journal

Record Setting Year for Chesapeake Oyster Planting - Prop Talk Magazine (Annapolis, Md.)

Mid-Atlantic Farmers Have Ways to Address Saltwater Intrusion - Lancaster (Pa.)
Farming
Pennsylvania residents rally again to save beloved Montour Preserve - Bay Journal

Local volunteers to grow oysters from their docks this fall and winter - The (Easton, Md.) Star Democrat

GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program IS NOW OPEN!

📅 January 3, 2024, 4PM EST

🌐 https://cbtrust.org/grants/forestry-and-forested-land-protection/

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Start Your Application Today
FINDING PROJECTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Our Interactive map currently displays over 3,500 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 or see what's happening across the region!

Explore the Map

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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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