The SNAC Garden at Howard T. Ennis School

We are proud to share this month's grantee feature: The SNAC Garden Foundation. Their mission is to transform schoolyards into vibrant outdoor classrooms. They build thriving ecosystems where students of all backgrounds, ethnicities, abilities, and socioeconomic situations have equitable access to quality environmental STEM learning. Their project at the Howard T. Ennis School creates a wheelchair accessible outdoor classroom that engages all the senses! The students at the school will experience the SNAC Garden curriculum that has been adapted to support their unique needs. The project created accessible pathways to gardens with safe play spaces, and a meadow with native pollinators. Congratulation to the SNAC Garden Foundation for your work empowering ALL people and encouraging future environmental stewards.

Learn More About The SNAC Garden Foundation
The school year is quickly approaching, which means we’ll be working to fund new opportunities that get students outside and exploring their environment. Here at the Chesapeake Bay Trust, we’re always working to empower and inspire the next generation of environmental leaders. Our grantees make this possible through projects like water quality monitoring, oyster restoration, and planting pollinator gardens. Through these experiences, we’re able to help students develop valuable skills and a strong stewardship ethic that they will carry into their future careers. This year, you can help us empower students with a gift.

Empower Students With a Gift

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

**Study seeks to get to bottom of mysterious die-offs at oyster farms** - Bay Journal

**Late at night on a deserted beach, she found a 15 million-year-old fossil** - The Washington (D.C.) Post

**How Mr. Trash Wheel keeps plastic out of the ocean** - Toronto Star

**Shapiro Administration Secures Methane Detectors For Rustic Ridge Community** - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

**For Low-Lying Communities, What Happens When the Water Keeps Rising?** - The Wall Street Journal

**The Cape Henry Lighthouse's connection to George Washington and Alexander Hamilton** - 6 News (Richmond, Va.)
2023 Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Passes the Golden Shovel

On August 15th, we proudly introduced a new class of the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps, the first since the expansion to include climate change work. We were joined by the Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller; Comptroller Brooke Lierman; MD Senate President Bill Ferguson; MD Senator Pam Beidle; Secretary Paul Monteiro, MD Department of Service and Civic Innovation; Maryland Energy Administration Director Paul Pinsky; Alex Núñez, Senior Vice President of BGE’s Governmental, Regulatory, and External Affairs; and our own president, Dr. Jana Davis. The speakers all shared words of wisdom and valuable career advice to the incoming and graduating cohorts, their families, and host organizations.

We are so grateful to our Corps funding partners: The State of Maryland, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, BGE, and you, through your generous individual donations and support of the Maryland Chesapeake Bay license plate.

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps, administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, empowers young people to serve their communities and gain real-world professional skills through one-year, stipend supported terms of service. Corps members are matched with non-profit and government host organizations and receive firsthand training on a wide variety of topics in the realms of climate, energy, watershed restoration, agriculture, forestry, and education.
Check out our photo gallery from the event below!

Learn More About the Corps Event
The City of Rockville RainScapes Rebate IS NOW OPEN!

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

Contact Megan Andreasen at mandreasen@cbtrust.org

https://cbtrust.org/grants/rockville-rainscapes-rebate/

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FINDING PROJECTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Our Interactive map currently displays over 2,000 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 or see what's happening across the region!

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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.