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Impacts and Projects Throughout the Chesapeake Region

Virginia Educators Empower Elementary Students Through Garden Project
Virginia Association of Environmental Education (VAEE) is a professional network that empowers and uplifts educators with the tools they need to support equitable outdoor access, environmental literacy, and environmental justice.

They partnered with Petersburg Public Schools (VA) and Pretty Purposed. Pretty Purposed is BIPOC led organization that inspires communities to empower young women and girls through school and community-based programs centered on health and wellness, social-emotional development, and leadership skills.

Together they developed a sustainable garden featuring food and pollinator properties. The K thru 5th grade students took the lead in several of the design and upkeep initiatives, while teachers provided research and planning for the garden.

This is the perfect time of year to remind our donors that we appreciate you!

At the heart of our mission, we believe it's up to all of us to restore and protect our natural resources, that everyone deserves to benefit from nature's beauty, and that each and every one of us has a role to play.

Please consider showing your love of the Bay through making your gift today.

Your support enables all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust to do what we love to do.

Thank you for making an investment into our region's treasured natural resources and the health of our region's communities.
Trash wheels remove a record 1 million pounds of litter and debris from Baltimore waterways in 2023
Baltimore (Md.) Fish Bowl

Chesapeake Bay Program notes increase in wetlands across watershed
The Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal (Gloucester, Va.)

Shapiro Administration, DEP requires all fracking companies to be more transparent about chemicals used in drilling
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

African Americans and the arts highlighted during Black History Month
National Park Service
DEC and DOH announce 39 new municipalities receiving free technical assistance to protect drinking water sources
New York Department of Environmental Conservation

Frederick Douglass celebrated with Easton parade
Chesapeake Bay Magazine

Shifting sands: Maryland keeps an eye in the sky on vulnerable areas
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2024-2025 CORPS MEMBER APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

Looking to break into the environmental field and launch your career? Looking to make a difference and create change? Or know a young person who is?

We welcome applications from young professionals looking to gain experience, crucial career skills, a support system, and key connections within the environmental field through the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps.

For more information and to submit your application visit: https://bit.ly/chescorpsapply

Applications Due: March 7, 2024 at 4pm ET
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
Help local wildlife this tax season.

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Chesapeake Bay Trust
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.