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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.

Nontidal Wetlands

Application Due January 17, 2023 at 4 pm ET

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Pooled Monitoring Initiative's Restoration Research

Application Due January 25, 2024 at 4 pm ET

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Environmental Protection, and other partners announce a Request for Proposals for its Restoration Research award program. The goal of this research program is to answer several key restoration questions that are a barrier to watershed restoration project implementation. Funding partners hope that answering these questions will ultimately lead to increased confidence in proposed restoration project outcomes, clarification of the optimal site conditions in which to apply particular restoration techniques, information useful to regulatory agencies in project permitting, and information that will help guide monitoring programs. This program supports the Pooled Monitoring Initiative that is designed to connect key stormwater and stream restoration questions posed by the regulatory and practitioner communities with researchers. This program also supports research for pollutants of emerging concern, "trade-offs" and more. Each year the top research questions are added to this RFP and some years past research questions are cycled off while we await findings to inform the next question's iteration. The Pooled Monitoring Initiative pools funding resources to answer your top research questions and deliver the results back to you for use.

Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Member Application

Application Due March 7, 2024 at 4pm ET

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Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns

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Urban Trees

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quality and reducing urban heat island effect; and to mitigate some of the effects of climate change.

Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration

Application Due March 11, 2024 at 4 pm ET

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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.

City of Rockville RainScapes Rebate

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with the City of Rockville on its RainScapes Program. The City of Rockville RainScapes Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to homeowners, not-for-profit organizations, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health.

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 Community Gardens Mini Grant

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with [Prince George's County](#) on the Prince George's Community Gardens Mini Grant Program. This mini grant supports the creation and

need for community gardens that provide resources to the Prince George's County community while supporting the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.

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.

Sponsorship Program

The Sponsorship Program is designed to support events that will increase awareness within the event participants about issues pertaining to restoration and protection of the natural resources of the Chesapeake and/or Maryland's other watersheds. The Chesapeake Bay Trust will entertain requests to sponsor events, such as conferences, festivals, and forums that allow the Trust to advance its mission.

Urban Trees Mini Grant

Many communities benefit from having green spaces and trees to promote outdoor recreation, access to shaded areas, improved air quality, improved mental and physical health, and livability. Ultimately, this initiative will empower communities that have felt disenfranchised to take ownership with the tools needed to improve access to natural resources that connect their neighborhoods to a healthy, greener environment for current and future generations.

Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program

The Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program is designed to support veteran's groups and organizations engaging veteran's groups as they provide healing and therapeutic services, outdoor recreation, community engagement, and green jobs training.

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.

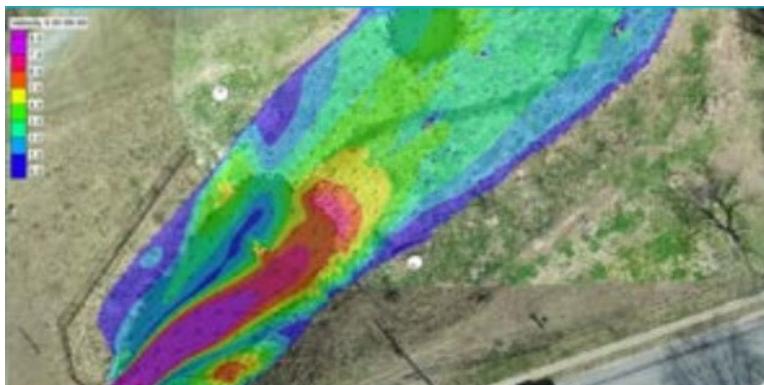
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<https://cbtrust.org/grants/restoration-research>



Contact Sadie Dresher at
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ARE YOU...

...AN ASPIRING ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL?

...LOOKING TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

...SEEKING MENTORSHIP FROM THOSE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS?



If you are 18-25 years old, apply to become a

CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE CORPS MEMBER

For the 2024-2025 Cohort, the Chesapeake Bay Trust anticipates matching ~50 young adults with nonprofit and government agencies that work on agriculture, climate change, community engagement, energy, environmental education, forestry, and restoration activities!

CORPS MEMBERS GAIN:

- ...One year of stipend-supported service (\$31,200)
- ...Leadership & Professional Development training
- ...Mentorship
- ...A Network of other Young Professionals
- ...Project Management & Grant Writing Experience and Skills

View potential Host Organizations and submit your Application by March 7, 2024 at 4pm at

<https://cbtrust.org/chesapeake-climate-corps/apply/>

Questions?

Contact: Hayley Rost (hrost@cbtrust.org) or Carlton Burns (cburns@cbtrust.org)



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[Click Here to View the Application Packet](#)

[Click Here to View the Application Narrative Questions](#)



Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program IS NOW OPEN!

"G3"



March 7, 2024

<https://cbtrust.org/g3>

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Ask questions at our open office hours on 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, and 3/4 at 12:30pm to 1:15pm on Zoom

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March 11, 2024 at 4pm
ET



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Contact Megan Andreasen at
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--- CONVENING EVENTS ---

INVASIVE SPECIES: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM AND FINDING WAYS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE TOGETHER”.

Coming Together to Learn About Invasive Species & Find Ways to Address the Issue



Thank you to everyone who joined us for a robust discussion about invasive species around the Chesapeake Bay watershed and how different groups are addressing the issue. The convening covered a variety of topics, including what common invaders are observed, how invasive species are regulated, what maintenance practices have worked, what has not worked, and how others are managing invasives through action and education.

If you missed the chance to hear from our wonderful 17 speakers, a recording of the event is available on <https://cbtrust.org/convenings/>. Resources from the event, such as invasive plant guides, and copies of speaker presentations are all available on the Convenings page.

Watch the Convening Event Recording

--- OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ---

Anacostia Watershed Society

Career Opportunity - Community Outreach Manager

The Anacostia Watershed Society seeks a full-time Community Outreach Manager to manage, coordinate, and implement meaningful outreach and education programs and experiences that foster, develop, and build community connections, awareness, and action to protect and restore the Anacostia watershed. This position is an integral part of the organization and works directly with the Director of Education and Outreach, the Education and Outreach Team, and other staff across the organization to identify, engage, and collaborate with diverse and underrepresented communities, partners, and other stakeholders of the Anacostia watershed, a critical strategy of the organization.



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--- JANUARY PROJECT HIGHLIGHT ---

Let's Shellabrate!

Highlighting the Work of Shored Up LLC and the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Program



Through funding from the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) and the [Chesapeake Oyster Alliance's](#) Chesapeake Oyster Innovation program, Shored Up hosted their 2023 Shellabration Event. This festival-like event was held on Saturday Nov. 18, 2023 in Downtown Hampton, VA. Shellabration was designed as a free, public event to increase awareness of the importance of oysters, oyster restoration, oyster aquaculture and the culinary aspects of oysters. They hosted 900 attendees and the event contained music, raffle prizes, and great oyster to eat. The event even provided environmental exhibitors from organizations like the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, Ragged Island Oyster Company, and more!

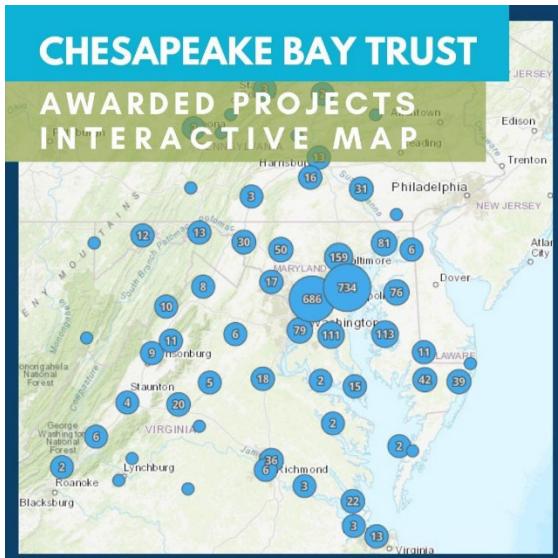


Attendees reported the "Oyster Trail", a trail of large paper oysters that gave facts, as being a highlight of the event. A volunteer told this story: Two approx. 15 year old girls were reading the oyster facts that lined the light poles. They were reading each one. Their mother said, "C'mon Girls!!!" The girls replied back, "But Mom, we are learning cool stuff!" The Mom said, "C'mon!" again, and the girls replied, "We are shellabrating!".

Check out more about this event and follow other oyster news on the [Shored Up, LLC. website](#). We are so thrilled with the success of this project and hope to work with Shored Up, LLC. again soon!

Showcasing YOUR Projects on the

-- Chesapeake Bay Trust Awarded Projects Map --



[Explore the Map](#)

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 and see what's happening across the region!

--- 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 \(Video\)](#)

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 the specific audience for the 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 and Scenario Tool (CAST) or FieldTool, it is not intended to replace on-the-ground field assessment to evaluate potential locations for community retrofits or due diligence for candidate sites by qualified individuals.

Credits

This tool was developed by Amanda Pollock, PE, Karen Cappella, Jordan Orr, Dale Caruso, 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.

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)



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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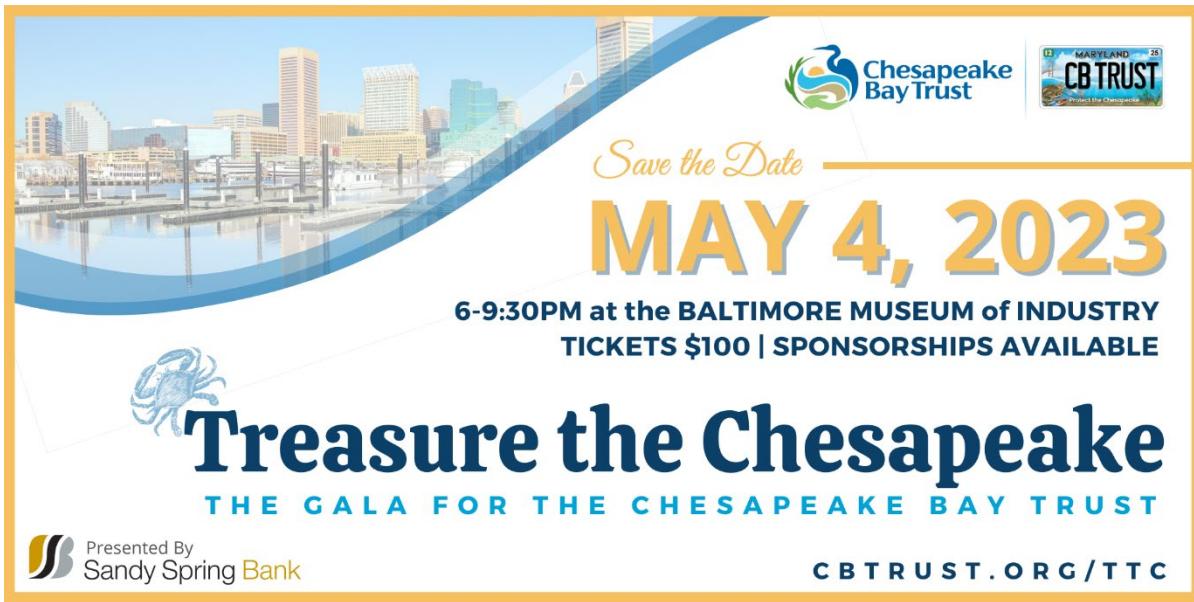
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Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram for current Trust happenings. We'll share project successes from grantees and ensure you're aware of the work being done by other local organizations and communities to restore and protect our natural resource treasures.



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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