



# CBTRUST

*Chesapeake Bay Trust*



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REPORT





The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other natural resources of all of our local systems, from the Chesapeake to the Coastal Bays to the Youghiogheny River. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$90 million in grants and projects for environmental education, community outreach, local watershed restoration, and science that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals.



Hands-on and boots-on-the-ground approach to engaging communities in natural resources restoration.



## Our Core Values

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

The Trust uses open, transparent, and rigorous decision-making processes in our management of contributions and in our grant-making. The Trust holds ourselves to the highest standards as fiscal stewards: for fourteen years, we have received a four-star rating from the national evaluator Charity Navigator.

### GRANTEE FOCUS

The Trust's main objective is to provide resources to groups that undertake natural resource projects, and the success of our grantees' work is paramount. As an example of our implementation of this value this year, the Trust launched a mentorship program that connects newer applicants with long-time grantees to

provide technical assistance to maximize project success.

### INCLUSIVENESS

The watershed will not be restored without a broad range of communities investing in and reaping the benefits of healthy natural resources. As an example, this year, the Trust engaged "Connector Groups" to bring the message of our grant opportunities to three new under-engaged audiences identified by our Diversity and Inclusion Committee: communities of color, faith-based organizations, and the human health sector.

### COLLABORATION

The Trust believes in building strong partnerships that allow resources to

be leveraged, both between and among the funder community and among our grantees. As a 2016-17 example, the Trust and other funders together supported several networks of small watershed organizations joining forces to form larger, more powerful entities.

### INNOVATION

The Trust uses the best available natural and social scientific information in the advancement of its programs, and where needs exist, supports the pursuit of new social science and restoration tools. As an example, the Trust has expanded a program to quantify success of several restoration practices and share the information to allow other natural resource managers, regulators, practitioners, and scientists to optimize investment.

## Letter from the Executive Director



The team at the Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to bring you our annual report illustrating watershed restoration and education investments made during our fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). Each of these investments is the culmination of five steps:

- Careful determination by Trust program experts of the types of investments that should be made;
- Focused effort by applicants to prepare proposals;
- Diligent and rigorous proposal review by volunteer peer reviewers;
- Vigilant oversight by the Trust team; and
- Incredibly hard work by Trust grantees and partners to accomplish their projects.



The Trust has one major goal: to assemble resources that can support restoration and awareness of our region's natural resources (the Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic Coastal Bays, and the Youghiogheny watersheds) and distribute them in a fair, transparent, rigorous manner to schools, civic associations, faith-based groups, local governments, research entities, youth clubs, watershed groups, and others. A myriad of groups in our community play a role in accomplishing the collective vision of improving and protecting our streams, rivers, parks, urban trees, forests, and more. The Trust aims to bring the resources to the table to enable these groups to make that work happen.

We appreciate all of the entities that entrust us with those resources: the owners of the Treasure the Chesapeake license plates; contributors to the Chesapeake and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland state income tax form; individual donors; the many local governments that engage us to make grants to their local not-for-profit groups; state and federal agencies; and family, corporate, private, and community foundations.

Slowly but surely, we are seeing the results. The Chesapeake Bay is cleaner and healthier than it has been in years. Our grantees are helping to make that happen. This past year, the Trust awarded over \$11.6 million to more than 400 projects that, with millions more in leveraged funds, engaged over 100,000 students, teachers, volunteers, and program participants to change behaviors, reduce littering and remove trash, plant trees, restore acres of habitat, and remove and treat impervious surfaces. We are, quite likely, at a tipping point, and with this degree of effort, we cannot wait to see what the next year brings.

Jana Davis, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



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# 2016–2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

## Wildlife and Habitat



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**251,000** oysters raised and planted, filtering **2.84** billion gallons of water per year

**154,176** native trees, marsh grasses, and other plants installed



**4,637** linear feet of living shoreline created

**90** acres of streamside buffers and vital wetlands restored

**15** acres of invasive species removed



before



after

## Stormwater

**266** acres of impervious surface treated

**10** acres of impervious surface removed

**6** acres of rain and pollinator gardens created

**349** rain barrels installed

**105,268** pounds of trash removed

**501** storm drains stenciled



## Education and Outreach



**89,579** students engaged by **4,604** teachers

**46,674** people educated through **1,922** workshops



**47,940** volunteers engaged, donating **97,064** hours

# 2016–2017 GRANTS AND PROJECTS

*The Chesapeake Bay Trust works with many funding partners to collaboratively support natural resource projects in several key areas*

## EDUCATION

We advance environmental education through student experiential learning, outdoor experiences, and curriculum development.

## RESTORATION

We support the restoration of our bays, rivers, streams, forests, parks, and other natural systems in ways that engage communities and individuals.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We foster human connection to our natural resources using methods that promote ownership and long-lasting changes in attitudes and behaviors.

## SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

We work to advance science in many arenas in which we fund, such as best practices in environmental education, social science to change behaviors, and efficacy of restoration practices.

## THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS!

We extend our thanks to our many federal, state, local, corporate, and foundation partners who enable us to expand our reach and make these projects possible. For a list of our partners, see page 16.

### ANNE ARUNDEL

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$14,907** for the Mount Moriah Church rain garden

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$49,085** for a watershed education program for elected officials

**Annapolis Elementary School, \$3,098** for 30 students to learn about the bay, clean up a park, and produce an environmental art piece

**Annapolis Green, \$250** to support Annapolis Drive Electric Week

**Annapolis Maritime Museum, \$1,345** to remove invasives and litter and clear trails at Back Creek Nature Park

**Annapolis Maritime Museum, \$1,244** for the "Right Catch," a program to promote local sustainable seafood

**Anne Arundel County Public Schools, \$5,000** for environmental education professional development for 20 teachers

**Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, \$40,000** to train homeowners with tools to reduce stormwater pollution

**Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, \$355,549** for stormwater management and living shoreline on Cattail Creek

**Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, \$1,250** for rain barrels and a native plant and monarch garden at Van Bokkelen Elementary School

**Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, \$1,250** for a bioretention facility, which will be integrated into the 4th grade curriculum

**Chesapeake Conservancy, \$74,997** for developing high-resolution stream and waterbody datasets for the Chesapeake Bay watershed

**Gravelly Property Owners Association, \$2,500** for forest stewardship: to remove invasives and plant trees

**iCARRe Foundation, \$4,505** for rain barrels, trees, and an educational video with youth from two churches

**Magothy River Association, \$31,044** for a rain garden at Wee Lad & Lassie Early Learning Center

**Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers, \$2,000** for a stormwater conference

**Maryland Environmental Service, \$1,212** for a research project to compare thermal discharge of wet detention ponds and submerged gravel wetlands

**Maryland Municipal League, \$48,875** for a demonstration stormwater retrofit project on its campus

**Maryland Water Monitoring Council, \$1,000** to support a water quality monitoring conference

**MD Department of Natural Resources-Tidewater, \$2,000** for a submerged aquatic vegetation workshop



PHOTO: WILL PARSON/CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Annapolis Maritime Museum's The Right Catch pilot outreach program aims to help consumers and businesses make responsible seafood choices.



## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects



PHOTO: CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

Recreational fishers are connected to environmental stewardship principles through grants like the one to Gunpowder Valley Conservancy.

**North County High School, \$1,059** for an oyster raise and release project

**Old Mill Middle South, \$1,450** for a water quality field experience for 54 6th graders and a campus action project

**Olde Severna Park Improvement Association, \$700** to remove invasive species from 2 acres of wetlands

**OpinionWorks, \$112,000** to quantify current adoption rate of citizen stewardship behaviors

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, \$97,672** to permanently protect 12 acres of the Palisades Forest Tract

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, \$300,938** to permanently protect 93 acres of the Cranberry Woods Forest Tract

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, \$105,455** to permanently protect 32 acres of critical area in the Herring Bay Forest Tract

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, \$1,000** for a workshop on conservation easements

**South River Federation, \$27,548** to identify environmental needs of and engage the Hispanic community

**South River Federation, \$21,200** for a living shoreline project incorporating oysters

**South River Federation, \$128,940** for stormwater retrofits and stream restoration in the headwaters of Flat Creek

**South River Federation, \$377,100** for the Twin Harbors shoreline project

**South River Federation, \$86,665** for a living shoreline and oyster restoration at Turnbull Estates

**South River Federation, \$169,900** for a groundwater recharge wetland project

**South River Federation, \$30,000** for a bioswale and pond retrofit at the United Church of Christ

**South River Federation, \$13,722** for reforestation efforts at Historic Londontown Gardens

**South River Federation, \$199,990** to quantify effectiveness of stormwater management practices at a watershed scale

**South River Federation, \$15,000** to develop an action plan for county watershed groups

**The Preserve at Broad Creek Homeowners Association, \$47,000** for a living shoreline

**Versar, \$180,408** to quantify trade-offs on different natural resources of restoration techniques

**Waterkeepers Chesapeake, \$52,000** for an SAV monitoring program

### BALTIMORE

**Catonsville Elementary School, \$1,180** for a boat-based field trip for 88 4th graders

**Catonsville Presbyterian Church, \$10,700** to design stormwater practices to treat impervious surface

**Catonsville Presbyterian Church, \$4,975** to remove invasive species and enhance a woodland

**Center for Watershed Protection, \$200,000** for research on the stormwater treatment value of urban trees

**Cromwell Valley Elementary School, \$5,000** for 65 students to attend a field trip and build a native habitat garden

**Episcopal Church of Christ the King, \$2,983** for rain barrels and cisterns on church property

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$73,964** for demonstration stormwater practices to engage angling and hunting communities in water quality issues

**Halstead Academy, \$4,900** for field trips and storm drain stenciling for 150 4th and 5th graders

**Halstead Academy, \$4,480** for field trips and storm drain stenciling for 150 3rd and 5th graders

**Immaculate Conception School, \$5,000** for field trips and learning about human impact on Jones Falls

**Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, \$4,980** for environmental education professional development for 11 teachers

**Irvine Nature Center, \$1,067** to train Chesapeake Conservation Corps members on service-learning programs

**Irvine Nature Center, \$1,250** to develop watershed health service-learning curricula for K-12 students

**Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, \$1,000** to support an environmental education conference for teachers

**Stevenson University, \$3,641** for a stream cleanup at Gwynn Falls for 60 middle school students

**Tetra Tech, \$39,833** to evaluate potential toxic reduction benefits of wastewater treatment plant upgrades

**University of Maryland Baltimore County, \$19,916** for advancing best practices and effective use of pervious concrete stormwater systems

**University of Maryland College Park, \$198,332** to quantify the effects of riparian deforestation on groundwater quality

### BALTIMORE CITY

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, \$10,253** to increase information gathering capacity on justice, equity, and public health issues

**Baltimore City Public Schools, \$40,000** to add a schoolyard assessment component to the systemic 5th grade watershed science unit

**Baltimore Lab School, \$5,000** for field trips for 134 1st-12th grade students

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$74,737** for urban street trees

## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects

**Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development, \$10,253** for program development and evaluation of existing services

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$50,000** to increase community research and facilitation skills training

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$10,254** to support green workforce development initiatives

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$50,000** for removal of impervious surface and tree planting in Druid Heights

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$1,246** for a public event on Gwynns Falls watershed health

**Booker T Washington Middle School, \$5,000** for 15 6th graders to attend a series of field trips

**Canton Canopy, \$18,050** for new tree pits and street trees

**Cecil Elementary School, \$5,000** for 100 students to collect oyster shells for the Oyster Recovery Partnership

**Civic Works, \$30,000** for a green jobs stormwater training program for underserved residents

**Civic Works, \$20,625** for the green elements of the new Milton Preston Peace Park in a Berea/Milton vacant lot



Civic Works' Baltimore Center for Green Careers delivers comprehensive, certification-based job skills training in stormwater management.

**Cylburn Arboretum Association, \$29,477** for a campus water quality improvement master plan

**Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, \$50,700** for a vacant lot greening project

**Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, \$1,250** towards transforming two vacant lots into green spaces

**Flight 1 Carriers, \$2,659** for workshops about impact of natural disasters and climate change on communities and the Bay

**Friends of Herring Run Parks, \$24,475** for a park cleanup and litter prevention program

**Govans Presbyterian Church, \$68,907** for a bioretention system to treat stormwater from the church parking lot

**Green School of Baltimore, The, \$2,345** for 125 students to participate in outdoor field experiences

**Hamilton Elementary/Middle School, \$4,000** for outdoor education for 70 4th graders to learn about litter and runoff

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$10,254** for organizational development and strategic planning

**Lakeland Elementary/Middle School, \$5,000** for 80 students to study marine debris and conduct a litter/recycling project

**Lakeland Elementary/Middle School, \$5,000** for 30 students to study litter issues at Masonville Cove

**Maree Garnett Farring Elementary School, \$5,000** for 30 students to take a field trip and study litter issues

**MedStar Harbor Hospital, \$70,066** for the design of stormwater practices to treat impervious surface and create green recovery spaces

**National Aquarium, \$17,020** for a litter reduction program, community art, and greening in South Baltimore

**National Aquarium, \$25,000** to connect real-time Inner Harbor water quality monitoring to middle school curricula

**Neighborhood Design Center, \$10,254** to create and implement a development plan

**Parks & People Foundation, \$5,000** for an outdoor field experience for 50 9th graders

**Parks & People Foundation, \$2,500** for a water-based field trip for 50 high school students on the Middle Branch

**Parks & People Foundation, \$1,250** for a training program on how to raise seedlings for community greening

**Parks & People Foundation, \$25,000** to create a green space in a vacant lot in Darley Park

**Patterson Park Audubon Center, \$10,253** to create and implement a development plan for long-term sustainability

**Patterson Park Audubon Center, \$30,000** for engagement of Latino users of the park in bird programs

**Peoples' Community Lutheran Church, \$41,785** to design a retrofit project to treat parking lot stormwater

**Pigtown Main Street, \$75,000** for Green Street elements along Washington Boulevard

**Saint Ignatius Loyola Academy, \$2,085** for an oyster restoration project for 30 7th graders

**Southeast Community Development Corporation, \$10,253** to increase leadership capacity for strategic planning

**St. David's Church, \$22,506** to design a rain garden system engaging the congregation

**St. Ignatius Catholic Community, \$1,417** for the "Our Common Home: Reflection and Action" program to connect spirituality and environmental stewardship

**St. Paul's School, \$4,979** for ship-board field trips for 211 K-4th grade students

**St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Congregation, \$45,058** to design filters, rain gardens, and pervious pavement to treat parking lots

**Tetra Tech, \$40,892** for educational signage for vacant lot greening projects

**The Episcopal Church of the Holy Covenant, \$54,444** for rain gardens on church property

**The Midtown Academy, \$4,645** for an environmental art project and storm drain stenciling for 44 students

**Thomas Johnson Elementary School, \$5,000** for a field trip and community cleanup for 50 6th graders

**Transforming Life Church of God, \$3,432** for a cistern to treat stormwater and provide water to a community garden

**TRF Development Partners, \$10,253** for program development and evaluation of existing services

**Tunbridge Public Charter School, \$2,341** for an outdoor field experience for 68 6th graders and to install a rain garden

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, \$25,000** for social media outreach to increase water quality awareness

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, \$30,000** for a rain garden at Harris Creek Park

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, \$1,249** for materials and workshops for the Highlandtown Alley Makeover

**Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Council, \$1,000** for sponsorship of a conservation conference



## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects

### CALVERT

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,133** for a fish, shellfish, and water quality survey of Parkers Creek

**Calvert County Treasurer, \$5,000** for a field trip for 640 9th graders to Battle Creek Cypress Swamp

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), \$29,998** to measure abundance of bottlenose dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), \$49,589** to study environmental factors affecting the juvenile blue crab abundance

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES), \$199,314** for research on impact of living shorelines on seagrass beds

### CAROLINE

**Adkins Arboretum, \$14,410** to enhance a demonstration wetland

**Adkins Arboretum, \$1,500** for a native garden training activity for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps

**Adkins Arboretum, \$21,554** to design bioretention, rain gardens, and pervious surface to treat parking lot stormwater

**Adkins Arboretum, \$1,250** for a native plant garden at the Arboretum entrance

**Delmarva Resource Conservation and Development Council, \$1,250** for a wetland planting project and bird habitat workshop for a local Girl Scout troop

**Environmental Concern, \$29,620** to treat stormwater through wetlands in the Town of Ridgely

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$22,284** for an urban tree inventory and installation in Greensboro

**Town of Templeville, \$15,000** for a stormwater project in the town park

### CARROLL

**Carroll County Forest Conservancy District Board, \$4,907** to support a 2000-tree planting effort

**Carroll Soil Conservation District, \$120,500** to design a stream restoration/ wetland complex

### CECIL

**Cecil County Government, \$75,000** for stormwater retrofits at two schools

**Friends of the Bohemia, \$5,000** for a citizen science water quality monitoring program

**The Ocean Foundation, \$46,106** to work with boaters to learn to protect seagrass

### CHARLES

**Charles Soil Conservation District, \$4,800** to support stormwater and agricultural best management practices

**Mattawoman Watershed Society, \$3,118** to teach homeowners about practices that can improve and protect Mattawoman tributaries

**Port Tobacco River Conservancy, \$10,605** for design of the Dr. James Craik Elementary School Outdoor Classroom

**Town of Indian Head, \$12,500** to design a stormwater retrofit in Mattingly Park



UMCES researchers evaluate juvenile blue crab survivorship.

**United Way of Charles County, \$30,000** for whole-family watershed programming targeting at-risk neighborhoods

### DORCHESTER

**Bucktown Village Foundation, \$27,625** for a living shoreline project at a kayak rental facility at Blackwater

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$74,752** to develop an environmental stewardship program for houses of worship

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$35,994** for an assessment of the Cambridge Creek watershed

### FREDERICK

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, \$17,805** for stream buffers and technical assistance for Upper Potomac farmers

**Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources, \$1,215** for a storm drain stenciling project

**Hood College: Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies, \$1,250** for harmful algal bloom research

**Land and Cultural Preservation Fund, \$50,000** for tree planting and a riparian buffer on Tuscarora Creek and Monocacy River

**Poolesville High School, \$1,614** for a rain garden project for 82 high school students

**Potomac Conservancy, \$29,998** to build awareness of stormwater impacts in the Monocacy watershed

### GARRETT

**The Nature Conservancy, \$1,250** for tree restoration in Finzel Swamp and conservation of beaver habitat

### HARFORD

**Bel Air Acres Improvement Association, \$4,843** to remove invasive species and plant native trees and plants

**Harford County Soil Conservation District, \$49,500** to design a stream restoration project in Graveyard Creek

### HOWARD

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$30,535** for raingardens and neighborhood engagement in Columbia

**Center for Watershed Protection, \$1,000** for a watershed and stormwater conference

**Chesapeake Stormwater Network, \$1,000** for a stormwater practitioner conference

**Dunloggin Middle School, \$998** for 200 7th graders to remove and measure litter and to plant trees

**Ellicott City Partnership, \$4,500** to convert turf into native vegetation as part of the "Soak It Up" program

**Friends of the Patapsco Valley Heritage Greenway, \$30,000** for watershed cleanups and training for "Stream Watchers"

**Howard County Conservancy, \$21,000** for an interactive watershed learning station

**Howard County Conservancy, \$1,029** for the creation of curricula for a summer nature camp

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, \$1,249** for a pollinator-friendly native plant garden

**Patuxent Valley Middle School, \$600** for an outdoor field experience for 25 students

**River Hill Watershed Committee, \$7,820** for rain barrels and native plants for the community and local schools

## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects

**Talbot Springs Elementary School, \$1,000** for 70 4th graders to study oysters, fish, and plankton in the field

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$20,000** for events to engage diverse groups of families in watershed stewardship

**University of Maryland College Park, \$30,000** for a homeowners' rain garden social marketing plan with Howard County's Watershed Stewards Academy

### KENT

**Chester River Association, \$771** for a submerged aquatic vegetation survey program and citizen engagement

**Horizons, \$5,000** for field trips and a rain garden for 50 students

**Springhill Lake Elementary School Special Education, \$4,450** for a field experience for 30 students to study sustainable gardens, oysters, and water quality

### MONTGOMERY

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$29,940** to reinvigorate the Paint Branch Citizens Watershed Group

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$50,777** for a rain garden at Silver Spring United Methodist Church

**Arts on the Block, \$50,000** for a rain garden in a neighborhood with little green space

**Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, \$1,250** for a stormwater project at Woodend Sanctuary

**Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, \$60,948** for a rain garden

**Cedar Grove Elementary School, \$2,530** for field trips for 82 4th graders



Everyone can do his or her part, including breweries. Chesapeake Bay Foundation's project highlights restoration actions at farm breweries.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, \$1,041** to educate consumers about farm breweries' support of clean water through the Brewing for the Bay event

**Friends of Cabin John Creek, \$86,750** for a stewardship program to engage neighborhoods, businesses, and houses of worship

**James Hubert Blake High School, \$1,900** for a Jug Bay and Cavella Farm field trip for 50 high school students

**John Poole Middle School, \$4,980** for 125 students to create a wildlife habitat on school grounds

**Kemp Mill Elementary School, \$3,760** for an outdoor field experience for 75 4th grade students

**LDS Earth Stewardship, \$25,000** for native plantings and rain barrels at the Pleasant View Historic Site

**Little Falls Watershed Alliance, \$47,450** for a stormwater management plan and rain garden for a homeowners association

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, \$31,119** to remove impervious surface and plant native trees and shrubs

**MNCPPC-Meadowside Nature Center, \$891** to educate 8th and 9th graders about the value of trees

**Montgomery Parks Foundation, \$900** for a watershed public engagement program at Brookside Gardens

**National Wildlife Federation, \$32,090** for a stewardship program to engage faith-based communities

**Poolesville Green, \$4,450** for a community rain garden

**Potomac Conservancy, \$15,000** for technology training to advance organizational sustainability

**Rock Creek Conservancy, \$85,000** for conservation landscaping for the Derwood Homeowners Association



The Charles Soil Conservation District will combine best practices in stormwater and agricultural management to improve water quality and reduce the quantity of runoff at the Charles County Agricultural and Environmental Service Center.



Pollinators such as monarch and Baltimore checkerspot butterflies will find a home in the milkweed and white turtlehead planted in this native plant garden in Ellicott City built by Patapsco Heritage Greenway.



## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects

**Rock Creek Conservancy, \$9,500** for a capacity building program to support organizational growth

**Silver Spring United Methodist Church, \$5,000** for a rain garden

**Temple Shalom, \$95,000** to replace an asphalt parking lot with permeable pavers

**The Center for Spirituality in Nature, \$2,373** to engage congregations in the study of spiritual traditions around water

**Washington Waldorf School, \$2,205** for 25 5th graders to plant a native pollinator garden

**Westbrook Elementary School, \$3,035** for 22 5th graders to raise and release trout and shad and take bay field trips

**Westbrook Elementary School, \$5,000** for field experiences for 80 4th graders

### PRINCE GEORGE'S

**Accokeek Foundation, \$5,000** for a sustainable agriculture project for 15 Prince George's County students in the Agriculture Conservation Corps

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$1,116** for an agricultural stewardship program at Largo International High School

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$33,322** to engage urban/heavy suburban homeowners associations in stormwater reduction

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$200,000** to reduce litter using trash traps

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$500,000** to integrate stormwater projects on school campuses into the curriculum

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$17,000** for 22 acres of native riparian meadow habitat

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$15,000** for technology support as part of a capacity building program

**Bishop McNamara High School, \$4,939** for a field trip and rain garden project for 120 students

**Bladensburg High School Parents Teachers Students Association, \$1,408** for tree planting

**Carolina Missionary Baptist Church, \$2,200** to remove invasives and plant native trees, creating a Trees for Sacred Places project

**Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation, \$50,000** to increase tree canopy in East Riverdale/Bladensburg Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative communities



At the Therapeutic Program at Prince George's County's Schmidt Center, students who receive Special Education services study stream, wetland, and woodland ecology and create eco-art.

**Centro De Apoyo Familiar, \$30,333** for workshops as part of the Aguas Sana-Familias Sanas/Healthy Waters: Healthy Families project

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, \$25,323** to support Prince George's County teachers in incorporating environmental education into 3rd-6th grade curricula

**City of Greenbelt, \$1,195** for community water quality and litter workshops

**City of Greenbelt, \$56,000** for design of a stormwater retrofit project

**City of Seat Pleasant, \$2,000** for a clean-up project on the Chesapeake Trail

**Clean Water Fund, \$42,402** to educate Capitol Heights residents about stormwater

**Cottage City, \$4,800** for field trips for seniors citizens to learn about water quality

**Cottage City, \$4,060** for workshops in English and Spanish about protecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed

**DuVal High School, \$26,207** for a rain garden and outdoor classroom

**Edward M Felegy Elementary PTA, \$2,773** for 3rd and 4th grade students to restore part of an Anacostia wetland

**Elizabeth Seton High School, \$5,000** for 40 female students to participate in a STEM program with a watershed theme

**End Time Harvest Ministries, \$16,415** for the environmental component of a career and college readiness program at Bladensburg High School

**Green Muslims, \$4,961** for 40 students to participate in restoration engagement activities, part of the "Our Deen is Green" program

**Greenbelt Homes, \$101,935** to install a bioswale and engage residents

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$51,010** for delivery of Vacation Bible School curriculum on watershed stewardship to 10 congregations

**Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, \$60,189** for a comprehensive environmental education program for 749 students at Northwest High and Accokeek Academy

**James Ryder Randall School, \$3,061** for a field trip and planting project for 150 students

**Kappa Foundation of Fort Washington, \$4,996** to foster grant applications from communities of color

**Magnolia Elementary School, \$2,475** for a field trip for 60 6th graders

**Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, \$11,791** for support of the Latino River Festival

**Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, \$29,497** for workshops and outdoor activities for the Latino community in the Anacostia watershed

**Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, \$250,000** for stormwater management practices in the Anacostia watershed

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, \$3,044** for sponsorship of the 2016 Festival del Rio Anacostia at Bladensburg Waterfront

**Neighborhood Design Center, \$27,363** for technical assistance to communities interested in stormwater practices

**People for Change Coalition, \$44,151** for homeowner association workshops on residential stormwater practices

**People for Change Coalition, \$41,130** for technical training for 5 faith-based institutions

## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects

**People for Change Coalition, \$68,432** for a pet waste campaign and waste station installations

**People for Change Coalition, \$4,996** to foster grant applications from communities of color

**Prince George's County Public Schools/Williams S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center, \$70,870** to create an outdoor field program for all county 7th graders

**Prince George's County Public Schools/Williams S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center, \$4,909** for a 5-day outdoor field program for 20 students with special needs

**Prince George's County, \$50,000** for green infrastructure work at Morningside Community Center and in University Park

**Prince George's Green, \$50,000** for an urban tree planting project targeting inside-the-Beltway communities

**REAL School Gardens, \$100,000** to train teachers at 11 schools in use of outdoor classrooms

**The Low Impact Development Center, \$60,000** to identify Port Towns stormwater retrofit opportunities

**Town of Cheverly, \$121,833** for a green infrastructure project at Boyd Park

**Town of Colmar Manor, \$30,000** for a green street design plan

**Town of Edmonston, \$1,190** for pollinator garden workshops in English and Spanish

**University of Maryland College Park, \$135,000** for a pet waste education program that engages municipalities and installs stations

**QUEEN ANNE'S**

**Chester River Association, \$1,269** for a trash trawl experience for high school students to learn about microplastics and polystyrene

**Chester River Association, \$1,500** for a Chesapeake Conservation Corps bay grasses training

**Church Hill Elementary School, \$1,125** for a schooner field trip for 59 4th graders

**Environmental Concern, \$80,000** for an unprecedented systemic environmental education curriculum for every elementary grade level in the county

**Grasonville Elementary School, \$2,210** for an oyster education field trip for 80 students

**Kennard Elementary, \$3,758** for 174 3rd grade "Environmental Engineers" to design and build a campus wetland and take a schooner field trip

**Kennard Elementary, \$4,650** for 175 fifth graders to develop a campus report card and rejuvenate a wetland

**Queen Anne's County High School, \$3,045** for 20 students to study effectiveness of farming techniques at improving watershed health

**Queen Anne's County Public Schools, \$4,988** for a field experience and action project for 400 high school students

### ST. MARY'S

**Friends of St. Clements Bay, \$4,999** for a rain garden and signage at Dynard Elementary School

**St. Mary's River Watershed Association, \$1,330** for 19 10th graders to install a rain garden at their school

### SOMERSET

**Somerset Intermediate, \$1,008** for a skipjack field trip for 30 7th graders

### TALBOT

**Channel Marker, \$4,911** to install a rain garden and rain barrels at a mental health wellness center

**Chapel District Elementary School, \$3,860** for a student-led rain garden for 380 pre-K to 5th graders

**Eastern Shore Community Rowers, \$977** for a bird- and bee-friendly native planting project

**Easton Elementary School, \$637** for 50 4th graders to undertake a terrapin raise and release project

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$53,319** to design a stream restoration in Kings Creek

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$4,630** for a watershed report card



Students at Easton Elementary School study diamondback terrapins.

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$74,000** for systemic 9th grade environmental education programs to engage 1255 students per year

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$14,960** to support the merger of the Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, the Chester River Association, and the Sassafras River Association into ShoreRivers

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, \$1,250** for a riparian buffer at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Easton

**Talbot County Public Schools, \$5,000** for a wetlands-oriented field trip for 328 6th graders

**Town of Easton, \$6,847** for a street tree project

**YMCA of the Chesapeake, \$4,033** to connect under-engaged high school students to watershed issues through boat-building

### WASHINGTON

**City of Hagerstown, \$48,424** for a green street project to address stormwater and safety

**Highland View Academy, \$4,789** for field trips, tree planting, and litter cleanup projects for 120 high school students

### WICOMICO

**Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas – CATA, \$10,333** for staff leadership training

**Future Harvest – Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture, \$10,333** for a lower Eastern Shore outreach plan

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources, \$210** for a video on the endangered Delmarva Blackbanded Sunfish

**Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, \$10,333** for strategic planning and technology

**Waterkeepers Chesapeake, \$10,334** for a strategic plan to support sustainable farming

**Wicomico County Board of Education, \$39,807** to develop county-wide environmental literacy curricula for all 7th graders

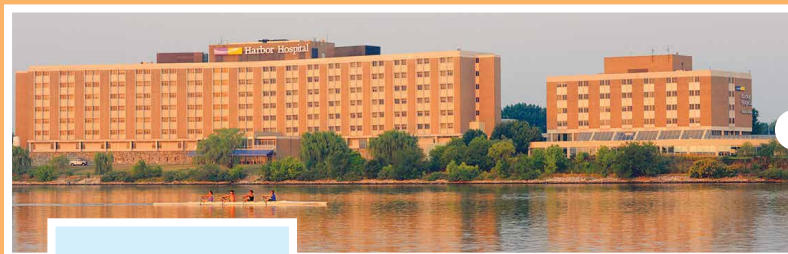
**Wicomico County Board of Education, \$5,000** for an environmental education professional development training for 17 teachers

**Wicomico Environmental Trust, \$4,800** for volunteer water quality monitoring and reporting



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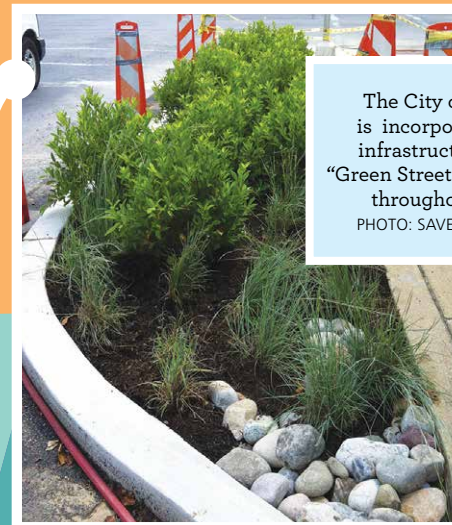
EXAMPLE PROJECTS  
Funded through  
Chesapeake Bay Trust Grants



MedStar Harbor Hospital's stormwater master plan will reduce runoff to Baltimore Harbor and provide patients with green spaces to aid recovery.



Green Infrastructure Master Plan



The City of Lancaster is incorporating green infrastructure through "Green Streets" implemented throughout the city.  
PHOTO: SAVE IT! LANCASTER

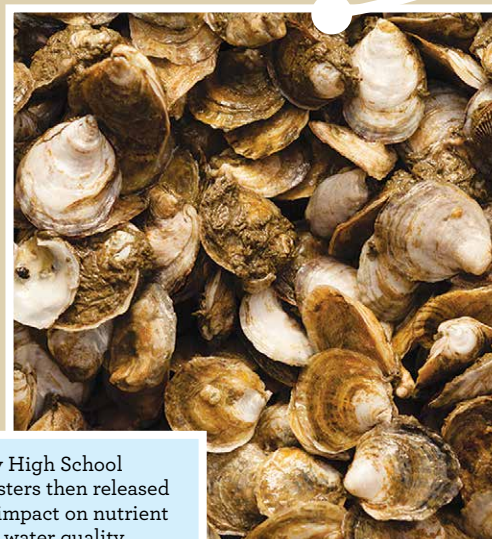


Channel Marker, Inc., a mental health services organization, installed a rain garden to emphasized the positive connection between watershed health and human health.



Several groups are protecting Finzel Swamp through restoration practices that are friendly to resident beaver populations.  
PHOTO: DAVID YEANY

Carolina Missionary Baptist Church improved their grounds, removing invasive species, planting natives trees, and engaging the community in a spiritual workshop.



North County High School students raised oysters then released them to study the impact on nutrient reduction and water quality.  
PHOTO: WILL PARSONS/CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM



The Dolphin Watch app engages citizen scientists in studying resident bottlenose dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay. PHOTO: DR. HELEN BAILEY



Sedgefield Elementary School in Newport News participates in Smart Stormwater Schools Project.

Allegany:	\$ 10,750
Anne Arundel:	\$ 2,858,108
Baltimore:	\$ 604,701
Baltimore City:	\$ 1,181,667
Calvert:	\$ 306,534
Caroline:	\$ 128,368
Carroll:	\$ 125,407
Cecil:	\$ 136,856
Charles:	\$ 61,023
Dorchester:	\$ 138,371
Frederick:	\$ 144,882
Garrett:	\$ 1,250
Harford:	\$ 54,343
Howard:	\$ 193,731
Kent:	\$ 31,721
Montgomery:	\$ 743,889
Prince George's:	\$ 2,476,076
Queen Anne's:	\$ 102,545
Saint Mary's:	\$ 6,329
Somerset:	\$ 1,008
Talbot:	\$ 195,924
Washington:	\$ 53,213
Wicomico:	\$ 91,150
Worcester:	\$ 103,165
Statewide Maryland:	\$ 104,357
Delaware:	\$ 47,492
Pennsylvania:	\$ 460,114
Virginia:	\$ 591,687
Washington, DC:	\$ 184,731
West Virginia:	\$ 98,313
Watershed-wide:	\$ 431,036

Funds generated by the Maryland Bay Plate and tax-check off are only awarded to projects in Maryland.



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Pocomoke Middle School student installs a native garden on the school campus.

### WORCESTER

**Assateague Coastal Trust, \$50,000** to develop a collaborative outreach program

**Assateague Coastal Trust, \$10,334** for capacity building support

**Land Trust Alliance, \$30,000** to support restoration projects for water quality purposes on protected lands

**Pocomoke Middle School, \$2,498** for a field trip and native garden planting for 82 7th graders

**Surfrider Foundation, \$10,333** for capacity building support to build volunteer outreach activities

### STATEWIDE

**Bay Journal Media, \$10,000** for capacity building support

**Center for Watershed Protection, \$18,000** for analysis of green infrastructure retrofit costs

**Chesapeake Legal Alliance, \$11,800** for website support as part of a capacity building initiative

**Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA, \$16,520** to plant trees on 170 church properties across the Synod

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$4,826** to attract new grant applications from and provide support to faith-based entities

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$29,443** to train congregational leaders to facilitate green ministries

**Trash Free Maryland, \$13,768** for leadership training for watershed organization executives

### DELAWARE

**Townsend Elementary School, \$3,712** for a schooner field trip for 67 4th graders

**University of Delaware, \$43,780** to develop a protocol for evaluating efficacy of manufactured stormwater treatment devices

### PENNSYLVANIA

**Appalachian Trail Conservancy, South Mountain Partnership, \$48,900** for a strategic plan for the South Mountain Partnership

**Bendersville Elementary School, \$1,350** for a field trip and native planting project for 60 6th graders

**Capital Area Resource Conservation and Development Council, \$17,586** for capacity building support and leadership development

**City of Lancaster, \$75,000** for a Green Street project in downtown

**Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County, \$100,000** to develop a watershed-wide stormwater financing program

**Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries, \$4,990** for campus stormwater runoff investigation by 25 7th-12th graders

**Endless Mountains Heritage Region, \$15,000** to advance conservation initiatives in the Susquehanna River North Branch Watershed

**Franklin County Visitors Bureau, \$20,000** for a tourism ambassador program to advance the region's natural and cultural heritage

**J. Sickler Consulting, \$8,770** to create a tool to track the status of environmental literacy programs across school districts

**Mountain View School District, \$4,180** for a Chincoteague field trip for 25 high school students

**National Audubon Society (Audubon Pennsylvania), \$13,659** for a communication strategy as part of capacity building

**Newport High School Marine Science Club, \$2,544** for a Chincoteague field trip for 18 high school students

**Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester, \$65,000** for a community-based public private partnership for stormwater financing

**Sylvan Heights Science Charter School, \$4,477** for a field trip and Trout in the Classroom project for 88 3rd and 4th graders

**The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region, \$75,000** to treat stormwater and green the campus

**Waynesboro Area Senior High School, \$3,658** for 125 students to conduct water quality investigations

### VIRGINIA

**Achilles Elementary School, \$2,050** for 29 fifth graders to survey the school and create a prioritized bay impact "to-do" list

**Belvedere Elementary School, \$4,505** for a field trip for 139 5th graders

**Boxerwood Education Association, \$5,000** for an outdoor field experience and action project for 7th graders at 3 schools

**Center for Non-profit Excellence, \$31,774** to facilitate collaboration and potential merger of Shenandoah Valley nonprofits

**Chesapeake Environmental Communications, \$46,005** to accelerate wetland restoration through technical assistance to private landowners

**City of Charlottesville, \$50,000** to explore market-based approaches to stormwater investments

**City of Portsmouth, \$34,086** to design a green street in the Historic Olde Town District

**Community Alliance for Preservation, \$5,000** to explore partnerships among other Shenandoah organizations to enhance long-term sustainability

**Earth Force, \$4,941** for professional development for 20 middle school teachers

**Elizabeth River Project, \$5,000** for capacity building support for a sister land trust entity

**Friends of the North Fork Shenandoah River, \$5,000** for strategic planning capacity building support

**Friends of the North Fork Shenandoah River, \$4,957** for professional development on the Shenandoah watershed for 15 teachers

**Friends of the Rappahannock, \$11,730** for capacity building support to improve member engagement opportunities

**Hanover Education Foundation, \$3,350** for a Poor Farm Park outdoor field experience for 1,500 6th graders

**Innovate!, \$29,722** for an online environmental justice screening and mapping tool

**James River Association, \$5,000** for 55 high schoolers to visit Presquile National Wildlife Refuge and conduct a service project at Chippokes State Park

**James River Association, \$4,550** for professional development for 30 fourth grade science teachers

**James River Association, \$1,900** for a field trip to Presquile Wildlife Refuge for Monacan High School Ecology Club students

**Kiptopeke Elementary School, \$189** for 50 pre-K students to convert an unused sandbox to a new garden

**Locust Grove Middle School, \$2,720** for outdoor field experiences for 50 middle school students

**National Wildlife Federation, \$1,000** to support the Choose Clean Water Conference

**Newport News Public Schools, \$2,800** for a Presquile National Wildlife Refuge field trip and riparian buffer project for 60 high school students

**Newport News Public Schools Plant Services, \$5,000** for a stormwater study and project by 312 3rd-5th grade students on school grounds

**Newport News Public Schools Plant Services, \$60,000** for green infrastructure practices on school grounds

**Orange County High School, \$1,554** for 60 10th graders to raise and release brook trout

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PHOTO: LINDA LARSON HOGAN

Students at Orange County High School raised and released brook trout.

**Page County Public Schools, \$1,812** for a water quality canoe experience and compost project for 210 high school students

**Piedmont Environmental Council for the Shenandoah Valley Network, \$5,000** to explore partnerships among other Shenandoah organizations to enhance long-term sustainability

**Piedmont Environmental Council for the Shenandoah Valley Network, \$84,100** for a new shared organizational structure among partnered organizations

**Richmond Public Schools, \$4,989** for a field trip to study the organisms in Virginia's aquatic habitats for 60 5th graders

**Rivanna Conservation Alliance, \$5,000** for a field trip to water resource facilities for 1,000 6th-12th graders

**Shenandoah Forum, \$5,000** to explore partnerships among other Shenandoah organizations to enhance long-term sustainability

**Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, \$5,000** to participate in a partnership among other Shenandoah organizations to enhance long-term sustainability

**Skeo Solutions, \$49,977** to develop a diversity, equity, and inclusion plan for the environmental community

**Stonewall Jackson Middle School, \$975** for a Fox Island field experience for 15 7th graders

**Timber Lane Elementary School, \$3,000** for a ship-board experience for 100 3rd graders

**Tri County/City Soil & Water Conservation District, \$3,500** for environmental education professional development for 100 K-12 teachers

**University of Mary Washington, \$4,600** for school library watershed resources for 300 elementary and middle school students

**Village School, \$417** for 40 students to create educational backpacks for use at Wildrock Nature Center

**Virginia Beach Friends School, \$4,985** for a field trip to Fox and Smith Islands for 39 middle school students

**Virginia Institute of Marine Science, School of Marine Science, College of William & Mary, \$59,999** for analysis of shell habitat dynamics in oyster restoration

**Windsor Elementary School, \$4,000** for an oyster education field trip to First Landing State Park for 100 students

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Anacostia Coordinating Council, \$10,000** for organizational capacity building efforts

**Anacostia Coordinating Council, \$2,500** towards creation of a beneficial civic space on a clean river

**Anacostia Waterfront Trust, \$48,000** to implement a community engagement plan for a new Anacostia collaborative

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$5,000** for 350 2nd graders to learn about meadows and stream buffers

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$4,000** for 125 7th graders to participate in wetlands restoration

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$5,000** for 417 4th grade students to participate in a shad restoration project

**Capital City Public Charter School, \$4,300** for 50 students to study oysters, install oyster floats, and learn about aquaculture

**Clean Water Fund, \$10,000** to build capacity through technology advancement

**Clean Water Fund, \$2,500** for work with the Anacostia Park and Community Collaborative



## 2016–2017 Grants and Projects

**DC Appleseed, \$10,000** to support the plan for a revitalized Anacostia Park

**DC Appleseed, \$2,500** to assist the transformation of the Anacostia River Corridor to a valuable civic asset

**Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy, \$4,944** for 300 Hardy Middle School students to learn about erosion and invasive species

**Earth Force, \$5,000** for environmental education professional development training for 6 teachers

**East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, \$2,500** for training and curriculum development to support Ward 7 residents

**East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, \$10,000** for data system upgrades and training to improve program evaluation efforts

**Endangered Species Coalition, \$3,915** for 75 Woodrow Wilson High School students to restore an urban creek

**Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, \$2,500** to support development of an environmental collaborative in East Anacostia

**Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, \$4,920** for nature-based outdoor experiences for 40 students

**Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, \$10,000** for strategic planning and to address technology challenges

**Groundwork Anacostia River DC, \$2,500** for the Anacostia Park and Community Collaborative

**Institute for Public Health Innovation, \$2,500** to help support community and environmental collaboration in the Anacostia

**Progressive National Baptist Convention Community Development Corporation, \$9,652** to increase the community engagement of member churches in Ward 7 and 8

**Rock Creek Conservancy, \$5,000** for 25 students from Capital City Charter School to develop a restoration plan for Fort Slocum

**Ward 7 Business Partnership, \$10,000** for board development and succession planning

**Ward 7 Business Partnership, \$2,500** to help support small businesses that connect with the environment

**Wilderness Leadership & Learning (WILL), \$5,000** for an environmental education immersion program for 34 students

### WEST VIRGINIA

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$5,000** to support the Chesapeake Watershed Forum

**City of Charles Town, \$75,000** for stormwater practices and creation of a park in distressed downtown neighborhood along Evitts Run Creek

**Friends of Deckers Creek, \$3,313** for a Monongahela River field trip for 100 9th graders from Morgantown High School

**West Virginia Rivers Coalition, \$15,000** for technical capacity building support

### WATERSHED-WIDE

**Eastern Research Group, \$74,445** to develop a suite of climate change indicators

**National Wildlife Federation, \$70,000** for resources to promote stormwater projects on urban/suburban school grounds

**The Nature Conservancy, \$69,269** to enhance the Chesapeake Fish Passage Prioritization website

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$217,322** for research on the physical conditions under which stream restoration practices "fail"



## Annual Scholarship & Awards Program

The Trust honored six exceptional environmental leaders for their outstanding contributions to education, watershed restoration, and volunteerism this year.

### 2017 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Ophelia M. Barizo  
Highland View Academy  
Washington County

### 2017 STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Claire Wayner  
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute  
Baltimore City

### 2017 HONORABLE ARTHUR DORMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Micayla Velez  
Harford Community College  
Harford County

### 2017 ELLEN FRAITES WAGNER AWARD

Timothy D. Junkin, Founder  
Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy  
Talbot County

### 2017 MELANIE TEEMS AWARD

READY Program/Alliance  
for the Chesapeake Bay  
Howard and Anne Arundel Counties

### 2017 COMMERCIAL STEWARDS AWARD

Behnke Nurseries  
Prince George's County

# Chesapeake Conservation Corps



The Chesapeake Conservation Corps provides early career development for a cohort of young people as they tackle key environment, agriculture, and energy projects. This year, 37 Corps members were placed with host organizations.

## 2017 CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS CLASS PLACEMENTS

**Adkins Arboretum**  
Caroline County

**American Chestnut Land Trust**  
Calvert County

**Annapolis Maritime Museum**  
Anne Arundel County

**Anne Arundel County Government**  
Anne Arundel County

**Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center**  
Anne Arundel County

**Audubon Naturalist Society**  
Montgomery County

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation**  
Anne Arundel County

**Chesapeake Conservancy**  
Anne Arundel County

**Chester River Association**  
Kent County

**City of Greenbelt**  
Prince George's County

**Fair Hill Environmental Foundation**  
Cecil County

**Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources**  
Frederick County

**Hood College**  
Frederick County

**Howard County Conservancy**  
Howard County

**Irvine Nature Center**  
Baltimore County

**Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary**  
Anne Arundel County

**Maryland Environmental Service**  
Anne Arundel County

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Biological Stream Survey**  
Anne Arundel County

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Resource Assessment Service**  
Allegany County

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy**  
Talbot County

**MNCPPC: Brookside Gardens,**  
Montgomery County

**MNCPPC: Meadowside Nature Center**  
Montgomery County

**National Park Service**  
Yorktown, Virginia

**Parks & People Foundation**  
Baltimore City

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway**  
Howard County

**Prince George's County Public Schools**  
Prince George's County

**South River Federation**  
Anne Arundel County

**The Nature Conservancy**  
Montgomery County

**Town of Edmonston**  
Prince George's County

**University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center**  
Prince George's County

**U.S. Geological Survey Water Science Center**  
Baltimore County

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
Anne Arundel County

**Waterfront Partnership in Baltimore**  
Baltimore City

**SUPPORTED BY:**



## 2017 Corps Members in Action

Two examples of Corps member projects from 2017:

**Jeff Mattheiss** analyzed harmful algal blooms to understand the transfer of toxin from cyanobacteria to invertebrates to fish, some species of which are consumed by humans. Jeff coordinated volunteers to gather data then met with recreational fishers to share potential times of highest risk.

**Lindsey Hughes** launched a program to quantify submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), vital to water quality and habitat, in the Chester River. She organized a workshop for local volunteers to teach them how to collect samples and identify SAV species.



Many on the water experiences are supported by the Trust, such as grants to Page County Public Schools in Virginia, Pocomoke Middle School in Worcester County, James Hubert Blake High School in Montgomery County, and Springhill Lake Elementary in Kent County.



## How the Trust is Funded

## Gifts, Grants, and Partnerships

Thank you to the hundreds of friends, corporations, foundations, organizations, government, and nonprofit partners who have so generously partnered with or donated to the Chesapeake Bay Trust during the 2017 fiscal year. We are proud to be your partner and truly appreciate your support which helps fund so many worthwhile restoration and education projects.



### Treasure the Chesapeake Bay License Plates

Hundreds of thousands of drivers show their Bay pride by owning Treasure the Chesapeake vehicle license plates. The plates cost \$20 and can be purchased online through bayplate.org, from car dealerships, or in person at the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA).

**MVA** Since the inception of the Treasure the Chesapeake license plate program, the MVA has been an exceptional partner. We look forward to working with them for many years to come.



### Tax Donations to Help the Bay

The Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland state income tax form allows Marylanders to make a tax deductible donation that helps the local environment and protects native wildlife. The Office of the Comptroller of Maryland has been a tremendous partner.

### Individual Donations

Individuals throughout the region and country entrust their resources to the Trust to administer grants throughout the watershed.

## Partnerships

### Foundation Partners

Numerous foundation partners offer their funding and expertise through jointly funded initiatives managed by the Trust to raise awareness and further our shared mission of enhancing Bay stewardship throughout the watershed.

- Agua Fund, Inc.
- Chesapeake Bay Funders Network
- Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County
- Exelon Corporation, Constellation Energy, and BGE
- Hillsdale Fund
- MARPAT Foundation
- Nabit Foundation/Great Chesapeake Bay Swim
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

- Prince Charitable Trusts
- Rauch Foundation
- The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment
- The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
- Town Creek Foundation

### Federal, State, and Local Partners

The Trust collaborates with a host of federal, state, and local agencies on grant programs and specific initiatives to support restoration and outreach programs throughout the watershed.

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Park Service
- U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III Water Protection Division
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Maryland State Highway Administration
- Maryland Treasure the Chesapeake License Plate Owners
- Anne Arundel County Forestry Board
- Anne Arundel County Government
- Baltimore City Government
- Charles County Government
- Harford County Government
- Howard County Government
- Montgomery County Government
- Prince George's County Government
- City of Gaithersburg

### \$300,000 and greater

Anne Arundel County Government  
Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund,  
Tax Check-off  
Contributors  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)  
Maryland State Highway Administration  
Maryland Treasure the Chesapeake License Plate Owners  
Montgomery County Government  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
Prince George's County Government  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### \$100,000 – \$299,999

Baltimore City Government  
City of Gaithersburg  
Howard County Government  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Town Creek Foundation

### \$30,000 – \$99,999

Agua Fund  
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation  
The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment  
Charles County Government  
Exelon Corporation, BGE and Constellation  
MARPAT Foundation  
National Park Service  
Rauch Foundation

### \$10,000 – \$29,999

Anonymous  
Anne Arundel County Forestry Board  
Prince Charitable Trusts  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

### \$5,000 – \$9,999

Brown Advisory  
Doppelt Family Foundation of the Palm Beach Jewish Federation  
The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim  
Kegs & Corks Festival  
Linda Founds Rev Trust  
M&T Bank  
The Nabit Foundation  
Robert Robbins and Astrid Caldas Venable LLP

### \$2,500 – \$4,999

Anonymous (2)  
Baltimore Tree Trust  
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## REVENUE

Contributions	\$	4,370,841
Grants and Partnerships	\$	7,597,210
Investment Income	\$	263,496
Special Events	\$	105,137

**Total Support and Revenue**      **\$ 12,336,684**

## EXPENSE

### Program Services

Program Grants and Projects	\$	10,144,242
Program Management	\$	1,016,782
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,161,024</b>

### Support Services

Fundraising	\$	446,864
Management and General	\$	538,396
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>985,260</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**      **\$ 12,146,284**  
Change in Net Assets      \$ 190,400

### Overall Expenses

Program Services	\$	11,161,024	92%
Fundraising	\$	446,864	4%
Management and General	\$	538,396	4%



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Annual program expenses may be lower than annual awards because portions of grant awards are often paid out in future fiscal years.



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tax advantages. Transfers can be made directly from your brokerage account to the Trust. Please contact the Development Office for instructions.

### Monthly Giving

Monthly giving, at any level, is an easy and efficient way to provide consistent, impactful funding. You can start, change, or stop your gift at any time. For more information visit [cbtrust.org/donate](http://cbtrust.org/donate).

### Corporate Matching Gifts

Many companies have a matching gift program to support employee giving. Ask your human resources department for a matching gift form to include with your contribution.

### Memorial and Tribute Programs

Remember family and friends' special occasions in a unique way. Consider this type

of gift to honor the memory of a loved one, commemorate a milestone, birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

### Make a Legacy Gift

The most popular and easiest method of leaving a legacy gift is to include the Trust in your will or living trust. Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime and you can modify your bequest at any time. This offers you great flexibility as you plan for the legacy you want to leave behind. Let us know you have made arrangements in your estate plans to be included in our legacy circle of friends.

For more ways to give please contact the Development Office at 410-974-2941, ext. 107.



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# What's Next for The Trust

This year marked the midway point in the Trust's 2015-2020 strategic plan. We are proud of our accomplishments to date, but we have more work to do. OUR GOALS for the next two years are to:

### Award as many resources as possible to grantees.

We aim to meet as much grantee need as we can, supporting their natural resource goals and local economies: 30% of grant funds support small businesses (plant nurseries, landscapers, engineering and construction firms, sign shops) and 30% support non-profit jobs.

### Reach out to key under-engaged audiences.

Actions of all residents impact our natural resources, and all residents benefit from improved resources. We will continue to focus on **three key audiences**:

- **Faith-based communities.** These often large landowners have an inherent desire to steward resources. In FY17, 33 faith-based stewardship grants were made, engaging AME, Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Jewish, LDS, Lutheran, Methodist, Muslim, Presbyterian, Unitarian, multi-denominational, and other spiritual communities;
- **Communities of color.** Our FY17 grantees estimated that 59% of students, 30% of teachers, and 49% of volunteers engaged in their projects are individuals of color, matching our region's demographics; and
- **The human health sector.** Getting outside is used by many to improve human health, and the health sector should ensure that "outside" is as healthy as possible. This year we made 3 grants that spanned environment and human health, and by 2020, we aim to increase that number.

### Identify and knock through barriers to restoration of our natural resources.

The Trust identifies areas in which small investments can accelerate an aspect of restoration or education. Through 2020, we will focus on solving debates in the science of restoration; assisting with process in the restoration project permitting realm; and ensuring that stormwater projects also accomplish other goals at no additional cost, such as increasing pollinator habitat.





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