



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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We at the Chesapeake Bay Trust understand how tough the current situation is that you and your loved ones may be facing. We understand that individuals, businesses, governments, and nonprofits are all hurting right now. As we face the uncertainty of this health crisis together, please know that the well-being of our constituents is of utmost importance to all of us here at the Chesapeake Bay Trust. We understand how tough the situation is that you and your loved ones may be facing. We also realize there are many entities right now on the front line of COVID-19, and we at the Trust respect the needs of those entities and are very grateful for their work to keep our population safe and healthy.

At the Trust, we are spending this time working hard to keep the projects we fund going, to keep our nonprofit grantees who depend on the funds we send them whole, and to make sure that the Chesapeake and other natural resources keep improving so that when we can use them again, they will be there for us. With that in mind, we offer our current funding opportunities and resource information for our grantee community. We also invite you to visit our "[COVID-19 Resources for Grantees](#)" webpage for organizational support.

GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & 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.

NEW! [District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions](#): May 15, 2020, 6pm.

[Virtual Information Session April 13th; 11a-12:30p](#). Find out more and register [here](#).

[Environmental Education Mini Grant](#): June 11, 2020, 4pm.

[Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate](#): Rolling deadline

[Anne Arundel County Mini Community Planting](#): Rolling deadline.

[Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline

Community Engagement Mini Grant: Rolling deadline
Sponsorship: Rolling deadline

For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Officer and Assistant assigned to the Grant Program.

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



The Chesapeake Bay Trust Introduces Its 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

This past winter, the Trust examined critical issues, considered our strengths and values, and identified several ways we can use our unique skills to advance progress towards our vision. The Trust believes we can deploy our resources in ways that engage a greater proportion of our region's residents, that identify co-benefits across community and environmental goals, that take into

account changing climate and conditions, and as a result spark acceleration of and cost-effectiveness in watershed health improvements and protections.

The Trust translates its five-year strategic plan into annual work plans that articulate clear annual goals and is aligned with the annual budget process. Each annual Trust work plan will, in turn, be divided into department goals, individual staff work programs, and a board work program divided into board committee responsibilities. Once per year, progress on the strategic plan will be evaluated and adjustments made as needed. Read the full 2020-2025 Strategic Plan [here](#).

The Trust Releases New Grantee Resource for Managing Awards

The "How to Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award" is an overview of the major steps, milestones, requirements, and resources for the award process.

Complimenting the "How to Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant" released in July 2019, this new video will review what happens after an awardee receives an award agreement, including the major elements of the award and our online award management system.



These videos can be found on our Vimeo page [here](#) and on our Grants and Opportunities page under "Resources" [here](#).

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



For a Healthy Bay, Let Grasses Stay!

Are you one of the 260,000 recreational boaters chomping at the bit to get on the Chesapeake Bay this year? It is purported that everyone in the Chesapeake Bay watershed is six degrees away from a boat owning friend with the promise of sunset sails, crab house cruises, and weekend raft-ups. But there's an economy behind the recreation as well; Maryland fisheries and watermen all rely on strong fish populations that keep seafood healthy, economies strong, and ecotourism flourishing. At the Chesapeake Bay Trust's January Legislative Reception that kicked off the 2020 Maryland General Assembly, Senate President Bill Ferguson reminded the room that "the (Chesapeake) Bay is the most important thing we have in the state of Maryland. It is

the commerce hub and is where we have the birth of our future experiences." This

all takes a toll on the ecosystems that support the health and wildlife of the Bay. Read more about how the Trust is helping to maintain harmony through grant-making [here](#).

WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"Proud of our partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to spread the values of stewardship. Our beloved Wicomico River and Chesapeake Bay are worth fighting for, and we will continue to do so, no matter what." [City of Salisbury](#)

GRANTEE RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Thriving Earth Exchange: Thriving Earth Exchange strengthens and enhances collaboration among communities, scientists, and partner organizations so that all communities can build healthy, resilient, thriving, just, and ecologically responsible futures. Two opportunities are currently available:

Join as a Community Organization/leader

[AGU's Thriving Earth Exchange](#) is seeking eight new communities from across the US to join a new cohort of communities interested in advancing their priorities in partnership with volunteer scientists. AGU is an Earth and space science membership society of over 60,000 members who study everything from the center of the Earth to the surface of the Sun and everything in between.

Join [over 100 communities](#) that are advancing their priorities in natural resources, natural hazards, climate change, sustainability, and health!

Communities selected for the Fall 2020 cohort will work directly with a Community Science Fellow and American Geophysical Union scientists to design and launch a project that unites community and science to advance community priorities. This cohort will have a special emphasis on policy and engagement, with the goal of building an enduring grassroots constituency for science.

For more information and to apply to be considered for the Fall 2020 cohort, please see: <https://thrivingearthexchange.org/start-a-thrivingearth-project/>

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until May 15, 2020. Communities that are interested but unsure where to start are encouraged to contact thrivingearthexchange@agu.org

Join as a Community Science Fellow

Community Science Fellows are committed volunteers who are eager to facilitate and lead collaborative, co-developed community science projects that produce on-the-ground impact in local communities. They can have any background or experience level. For more information please see <https://thrivingearthexchange.org/community-science-fellows/>

We are currently accepting applications for the Fall 2020 Community Science Fellowship Cohort. Fellows will work with communities across the U.S. to address climate and sustainability priorities and manage community science projects from idea to impact. Apply by May 1st: <https://thrivingearthexchange.org/fall-2020-science-policy-engagement-csf/>

HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust invites awardees to include us in your social media promotions! Send us your event flyers, tell us about your upcoming events, tag us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://instagram.com/chesapeakebaytrust). You might just be featured in our next newsletter reaching thousands of readers each month!

We encourage you to email photos taken during any grant event, and especially before and after photos of hands-on restoration projects. Send them to cedson@cbtrust.org and let the Trust help you tell your story!



Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo

Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

Available in .jpg or .png file, the Trust logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project. Feel free to use on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://instagram.com/chesapeakebaytrust).

AROUND THE BAY

2019 State of the Magothy Report. [The Magothy River Association](#) is pleased to release their 2019 State of the Magothy Report. We were able to document improvements in water quality with respect to water clarity, concentrations of dissolved oxygen and acreage of submerged aquatic vegetation. Read the full report [here](#). Questions may be sent to Sally Hornor, MRA VP, sally.hornor@gmail.com

3 School Districts, MU Partner in Environmental Stewardship Initiative. "A new collaborative program is bringing environmental education and community partners together to create unique learning experiences for students. The Outdoor Learning Network Initiative is a partnership with Conestoga Valley, Ephrata and Columbia school districts, as well as Millersville University, the Lancaster County Conservation District and the Stroud Water Research Center." Read the full coverage of a [Lancaster Online](#) post through Rescuing Online [here](#).

Anacostia River to Get New Trash Trap. "The first of four in the District was installed at Kenilworth Park in 2009. "And that was the first one of its kind in the northern hemisphere or the western hemisphere of the Earth, which is pretty fun to say."" Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) article [here](#).

Agrivoltaics at CEI Freetown Farm. "Now, I know what you're thinking, wouldn't the solar panels shade the plants making them not grow? The answer is no, and in fact installing solar panels overtop of plants can be beneficial to the plants and the panels." Read Chesapeake Conservation Corps member placed with the [Howard County's Office of Community Sustainability](#), Patrick Boddicker, full blog post [here](#).

Conservation Landscaping. [American Chestnut Land Trust's](#) (ACLT) monthly newsletter focuses on letting your yard go wild and the benefits of converting at least part of your yard into a natural meadow or a "food forest" with native plants and tree. For more information, ACLT recommends the [University of Maryland Extension's](#) "Solutions in Your Community" bulletin. Read their advice [here](#).

The Audubon Naturalist Society's 2020 Taking Nature Black Conference. "The one most important thing I want people to take away from this experience is a feeling that our future is in good hands." See the video highlights [here](#) and find out more this event [here](#).


What the Coronavirus Pandemic Can Teach Us About the Climate Emergency. "Greta Thunberg couldn't do it. Bill McKibben and 350.org couldn't do it, and neither could the Paris climate accord. But Covid-19 is cutting human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases as travel and other economic activity in much of the world slow or halt altogether." Read [The Intercept's](#) full article [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Because of the rapidly changing environment resulting from COVID-19, The Trust is suspending promotion of grantee and partner events to minimize misinformation.



The Chesapeake Bay Trust recognizes these [CPA firms](#) who have committed to working toward a healthy bay. When considering professional tax help, please study our [CPA's for a Healthy Bay!](#)

The poster features a photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, participating in a water-based activity on a bay. A small version of the CBTRUST logo is overlaid on the photo. Below the photo, the text 'Making Powerful Investments in the Chesapeake' is written in a white, cursive font. The main title of the event is 'Chesapeake Bay Trust's Treasure the Chesapeake' in a large, blue, serif font. Below the title, '22nd Annual Celebration' is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. The date and location are listed in red, bold, sans-serif font: 'THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020' and 'BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY'. The time and address are listed in blue, sans-serif font: '6 - 9:30 PM | 1415 Key Highway Baltimore, MD 21230'. At the bottom, a paragraph of text describes the event: 'Join more than 400 community leaders, friends of the Chesapeake Bay, and YOUR clients to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with an open bar, Chesapeake Bay-themed cuisine, silent auction, oyster bar, and beer garden.' On the left side of the poster, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' is written vertically in a blue, sans-serif font.

Chesapeake Bay Trust's
Treasure the Chesapeake
22nd Annual Celebration

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020
BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

6 - 9:30 PM | 1415 Key Highway
Baltimore, MD 21230

Join more than 400 community leaders, friends of the Chesapeake Bay, and YOUR clients to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with an open bar, Chesapeake Bay-themed cuisine, silent auction, oyster bar, and beer garden.

Tickets \$100 per person
[Sponsorships](#) available

Purchase tickets and sponsorship [here](#)
or contact kswartout@cbtrust.org (410) 974-2941 ext. 107
Support the event with a silent auction donation [here](#)

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[The Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the streams, rivers, and other natural resources of the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$120 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.

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