



## Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

April 2020

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### NEWS FROM THE TRUST

*As we face the uncertainty of this health crisis together, please know that the well-being of our constituents is of the 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 understand that individuals, businesses, governments, and nonprofits are all hurting right now. We understand that many of you have friends and family that may be suffering because of direct or indirect effects of COVID-19.*

*We at the Chesapeake Bay Trust are still working to keep our natural resources as healthy as possible during this period and ensuring that when this is all over we can resume our restoration efforts. The Chesapeake and other natural resources will be there for you to enjoy when it is safe. In the meantime, we would like to offer you a little glimmer of normalcy through our monthly newsletter. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of natural resources and those working hard to protect them.*



### **The Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Grant Awards**

In February 2020, the Chesapeake Bay Trust approved 37 awards totaling \$2,608,224 to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education projects and programs.

Four times each year, after a rigorous technical review process, the Trust's Board of Trustees announce their award approvals. These awards support watershed-wide non-profit organizations, schools,

community groups, local governments, and municipalities through a variety of innovative outreach, restoration techniques. See the February 2020 awarded projects [here](#).

## **Chesapeake Bay Trust Introduces Its 2020-2025 Strategic Plan**

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](#).



## 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](#).

## Wellness Ambassadors of Harvest Time Ministries Take Action

End Time Harvest ministries (ETHM), located in Bladensburg, is a faith-based organization that has made it part of its mission to empower youth to become leaders in their neighborhoods. One way that ETHM fulfills its goal is through the Wellness Ambassadors Program, which allows youth to participate in a variety of activities that ultimately promote health and wellness.



ETHM carried out a Wellness Ambassadors Environmental Health Summer Employment Program, aimed at connecting stormwater management to health. This

program allowed students and families from Port Towns, Kenilworth, and Riverdale neighborhoods to participate in tree planting activities and workshops on the importance and benefits of trees. A total of 15 native trees were planted, and the environmental literacy of the participants was boosted as they took part in this hands-on project. Watch the inspirational video re-cap and read more about this fantastic Prince George's County awardee [here](#).

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## 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](mailto:sally.hornor@gmail.com)

**Hood College to Help National Park Service Fight Algae Growth in D.C.** "Drew Ferrier, director of Hood College's Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies, said "We look forward to working with the National Park Service to find ways of controlling harmful and unsightly algal blooms in this beautiful garden." Read the full article [here](#).

**2020 Maryland Shrinkwrap Recycling Program for Marinas.** "The goal this year is to double the number of marinas participating (The 2019 program kept 30,000 pounds of shrinkwrap out of landfills!). Remember, mountains of wrap used each year are ending up in the landfill in Maryland." Read the full [Prop Talk](#) article on "how to" [here](#).

**Here's How Increasing Rainfall Will Hit 5 Eastern Shore Towns.** "Climate change will fuel heavier downpours and deeper floodwaters on Maryland's Eastern Shore, according to one of the first detailed looks at changing rainfall patterns at the local level in the mid-Atlantic." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) story [here](#).

**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](#).

**The virus ignited action worldwide. Why warming hasn't.** "The novel coronavirus was initially handled like a distant threat. Mitigation measures like quarantines and business shutdowns were delayed for weeks before the disease



swept through Italy and other nations. Now, as it begins to rage across the United States, severe responses to stanch its spread are disrupting daily lives worldwide. There has never been an equivalent reaction to the threat of climate change." Read the full [E&E News](#) article [here](#).

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## 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.*



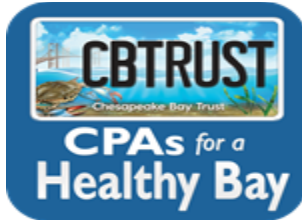
### Earth Day is Coming! What are YOU Going to Wear?

*Check out the Chesapeake Bay Trust's range of limited-edition T-Shirts! Perfect for spending time outdoors, working remotely, homeschooling, or binge watching your favorite TV series!*

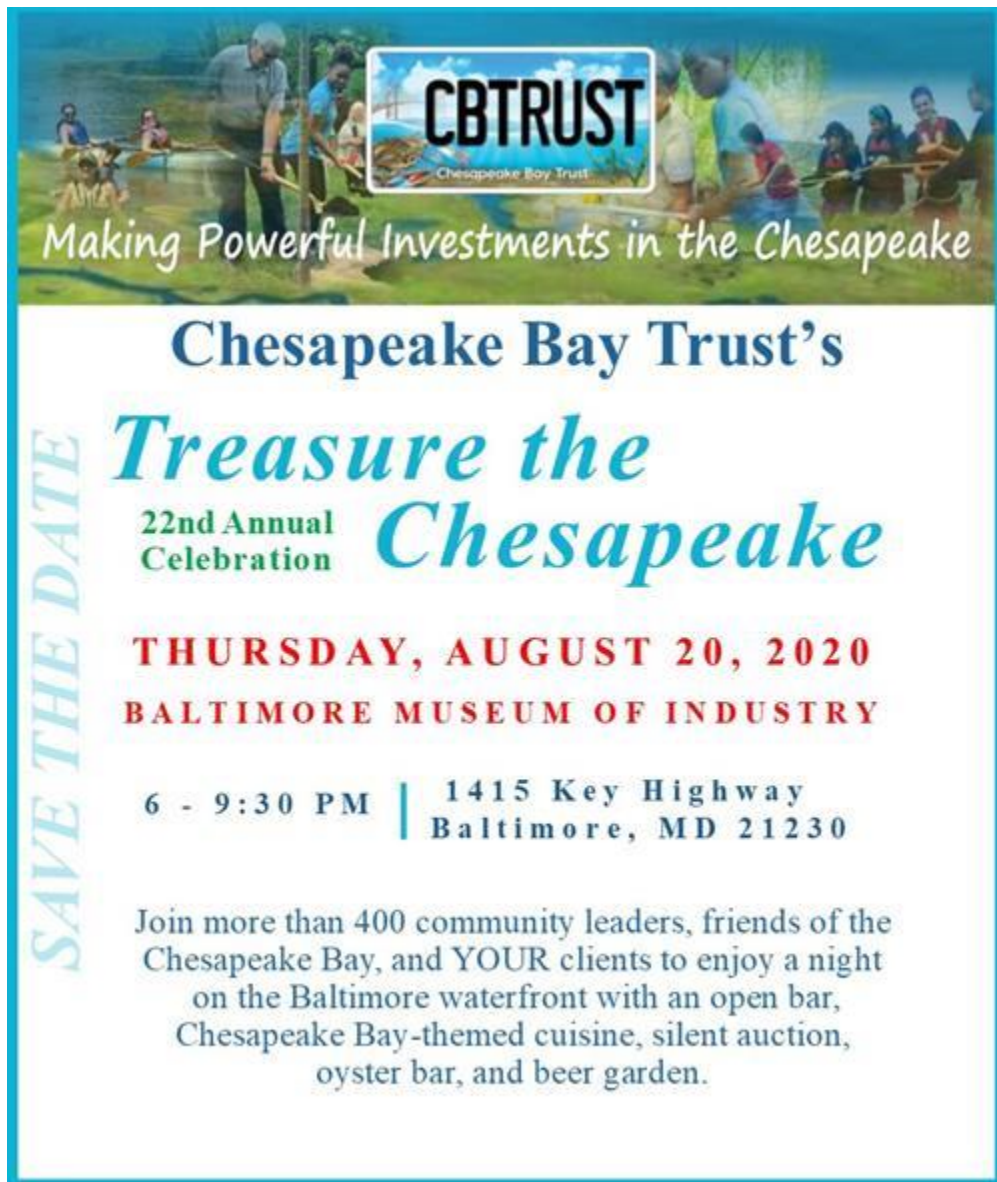
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Many dealerships and tag & title agents are OPEN and working to process vehicle sales, deliveries, and registrations. Support area businesses who support the Chesapeake Bay! Find your next car dealership [here](#). Find a Maryland tag & title agent [here](#).





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 top section with a photograph of people participating in a tree-planting activity. A central logo for 'CBTRUST Chesapeake Bay Trust' 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 'Chesapeake Bay Trust's Treasure the Chesapeake' is in large, blue, serif and cursive fonts. Below the title, '22nd Annual Celebration' is written in green. The date and location are in red, and the time and address are in black. A vertical blue banner on the left side reads 'SAVE THE DATE'. The bottom section contains a paragraph of text in black.

**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 sponsorships [here](#)*

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

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### WAYS TO GIVE

#### **Direct donation:**

You can make a direct donation to the Chesapeake Bay Trust [here](#). Or mail your contribution to: The Chesapeake Bay Trust, 108 Severn Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

#### **Chairman's Circle:**

Created to engage those who want to make it possible for the Trust to meet the increasing demands of restoring and protecting our natural resources. Read more and join [here](#).

#### **Amazon Smile:**

You shop, Amazon gives. Bookmark [this](#) link so that all of your eligible shopping benefits The Chesapeake Bay Trust.

#### **Federal, State, and Local Campaigns:**

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

#### **Monthly Giving:**



At any level, monthly giving is an easy and efficient way to invest in the Chesapeake Bay's recovery. Your monthly gift will ensure that the Trust can provide everyday citizens with the resources they need to accomplish projects that have a measurable, positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake and its rivers and streams. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).

### **The Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund**

Fishers, boaters, and hunters who obtain registration or licenses through Maryland Department of Natural Resources [Compass online registration system](#) can make a contribution to support fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, wetlands, and k-12 student field trips.

### **Chesapeake Bay License Plates:**

Did you know that sales of the Chesapeake Bay license plates support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at any time [online](#), through a [tag agent](#), or in person at the MVA. As a Chesapeake Bay plate owner, you are invited to join our Plate Perks program, giving you preferred parking or discounts at a growing number of businesses!

### **Shop the Chesapeake Bay Trust**

The iconic images of the Bay Bridge, crabs, grasses and blue skies all resonate with Marylanders far and wide and are now available on selected items curated by Trust staff through our online [shop](#).

## **ABOUT THE TRUST**

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, 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 \$100 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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