



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST

As we continue to navigate through the uncertain and stressful times of 2020, please know that your well-being remains of the utmost importance to all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust. We recognize that the impact of so many challenging circumstances has affected priorities, health, and quality of life for everyone. As we all work towards an end goal of returning to ordinary life, the Trust would like to offer a little glimmer of normalcy through our monthly newsletter. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of the natural resources and those working hard to protect them.



Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Grant Awards

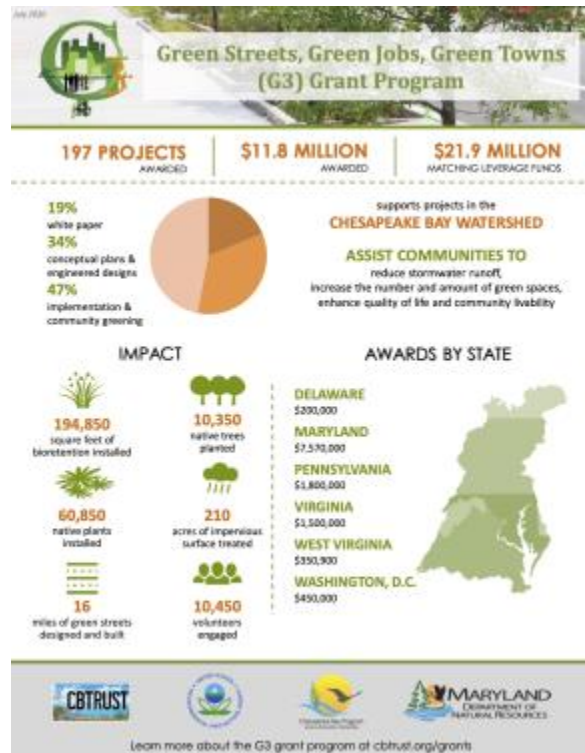
In May 2020, the Chesapeake Bay Trust approved awards totaling more than \$4,637,200 from 10 award programs to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education

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 May 2020 awarded projects [here](#).

Over \$1.4 Million Announced to Support Green Infrastructure Projects to Improve Communities and Provide Jobs

The Trust, in partnership with the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) and the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\)](#) announce \$1,429,161 in funding for the Chesapeake Bay Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program (G3). This program aids in providing communities with plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay, create "green jobs," and enhance livability in cities and communities.



Awards were made to 25 innovative green infrastructure projects that span across Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia with almost half of the recipients being new applicants to the program.

AROUND THE BAY

How to boat in a pandemic. Want to know how to cruise, fish, trailer, sail, or paddle responsibly under these tumultuous times? Read [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) full guide [here](#).

Three Chesapeake beaches reflect the history of desegregation in the United States. This summer, access to public beaches is as meaningful now as ever. During warm summer days, state parks with beach access can be an ideal spot to socially distance. Lingering effects of discrimination result in a lack of access to not only beaches, but also parks, forests and other outdoor spaces. Read [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) article [here](#).

Chesapeake Bay crab population remains healthy. The Blue Crab Advisory Report revealed crab numbers declining from 594 million last year to 405 million this year. But the drop is in line with natural variation. Read [AP News'](#) report [here](#).

Environmental education adapts to virtual learning. During the past several months, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed how K-12 education takes place. Outdoor environmental education has been strained. Read the [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) full article [here](#).

Severn River receives boatload of oysters through operation Build-A-Reef. The Severn River Association and Oyster Recovery Partnership celebrated the planting oysters in the Severn River. The grassroots fundraiser allows the public to purchase bushels to enhance water-filtering oyster reefs within their local river. Read [Severna Park Voice's](#) 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.





SILENT AUCTION

22ND TREASURE THE
CHESAPEAKE

Wine and Dine

Vintage Views Bar, Great Frogs
Winery, Potato Valley Café,
Rutabaga Juicery & Eats, and
more!



Play and Stay

Annapolis Yacht Club, Rams Head
Live!, Woodcraft Artisans, and
more!



Making Powerful Investments in the Chesapeake

SAVE THE DATE

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

Visit [CBtrust.org/TreasuretheChesapeake](https://www.cbtrust.org/TreasuretheChesapeake)
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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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