



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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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.

- [Outreach and Restoration Program](#): August 22, 2019, 4pm: Welcome new program partners: Queen Anne's County, and City of Salisbury!
- [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#): August 29, 2019, 4pm
- [Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Program](#): November 14, 2019, 4pm
- [Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting](#): Rolling deadline; **September 30th** for October Forest Conservancy Board review.
- [Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline
- [Community Engagement Mini Grant](#): Rolling deadline
- [Sponsorship Program](#): Rolling deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Introducing A New Resource in Your Grant Application Process!

The new "How to Apply" webinar is a tool to guide applicants through the grant application process from start to finish; with tips, resources, and contact information aimed to streamline your application time and eliminate the distractions that can sideline your efforts. Check out the informative video [here](#) or [learn more about](#)

[our programs and opportunities.](#)

\$1,117,528 Announced to Support Watershed Restoration Projects in Anne Arundel County



Pictured from left to right: Erik Michelsen, **Anne Arundel Watershed Protection and Restoration Program**; Stuart Pittman, **Anne Arundel County Executive**; Monica Maynard, **Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association**; Nancy Moitrier, **Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association**; Cathy Moon, **Winchester on the Severn**; Sarah Caldes, **Severn Riverkeeper**; Marisa Spratley, **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**; Lucy Heller, **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**; Kevin Green, **Arundel Rivers**; Jana Davis, **Chesapeake Bay Trust**.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the [Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection and Restoration Program](#), announce \$1,117,528 in funding for the [Anne Arundel County Watershed and Restoration Grant Program](#).

This announcement highlights awards made to 6 innovative projects to be implemented across the County designed to improve water quality and treatment, reduce stormwater and sediment runoff, and implement resilient living shorelines.

"The Chesapeake Bay is our region's most treasured natural resource," said [County Executive Stuart Pittman](#). "Protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed from pollution is among our County's top priorities, and the many innovative projects funded through this grant program allow us to continue that essential work."

Read about the program, the awardees, and their projects [here](#).

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



Many Hands - Working Together - Transform a Neighborhood

The [National Wildlife Federation](#) (NWF) was awarded \$66,451 in May 2018 to revitalize a [Druid Heights, Baltimore](#) vacant lot in a priority area of the [Baltimore City Office of Sustainability's](#)

(BCOS) [Green Network Plan](#), which identifies significant locations for recreation, greening, and other community amenities. Revitalizing vacant properties with green space not only provides environmental and social benefits, but also signals that the community is reclaiming their neighborhood by creating spaces to exercise, convene, play, and learn.

For the past 6 years, the [Druid Heights Community Development Corporation](#) (DHCDC) has attempted to address the lack of open space and connection to nature in this area. The McCulloh Street lot was one of the priority locations identified because of its central location within a highly populated area as well as its large size, both of which will maximize the potential for positive communal gathering, and outdoor appreciation and activity. "You took a lot where people were throwing garbage and dumping and you turned it into a place where children and others can come and feel a little bit of life," said Congressman Elijah Cummings who spoke at the event. Read the full blog post [here](#). This project was awarded through the Trust's [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program](#).

Homeowners Association Revitalizes Community and Engages Residents in Clean Water Actions

Homeowners Associations (HOA) play an important role in educating residents about our environment and ways to keep our communities healthy and beautiful. [Pheasant Run HOA](#) in Prince George's County is one of many HOAs doing their part.



In 2014, Pheasant Run HOA received a grant award through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) for a variety of green and sustainable solutions. Read all about their efforts [here](#). The Trust currently has several programs ideal for HOAs open for application: Please check out our [Grants and Opportunities](#) page!



Chesapeake Conservation Corps Perspective:

As a native Marylander, the [Chesapeake Bay](#) has always been an iconic natural resource for Olivia Wisner. Growing up, she was taught by outstanding environmental educators, and was fortunate enough to spend summers crabbing, canoeing, and camping at [Janes Island State Park](#). Her early experiences led to her college and career interests including her year with the Chesapeake Conservation Corps (CCC) and host organization,

the [Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#). Graduating on August 20th, Olivia shares her experiences and how the CCC has prepared her to launch a new career. Read her blog [here](#). Applications for the next Chesapeake Conservation Corps cohort will open in January 2020. Read more about the program [here](#).



Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center Has a New "Soft Shoreline"

[Arlington Echo](#) now has over 400 feet of new and revitalized shoreline converted from bulkhead to an area that provides habitat and protection from erosion. Grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and [Maryland Port Administration](#) as well as funding from [Anne Arundel County Public Schools](#), made the project possible. The shoreline was designed by Flood Brothers and constructed by Maryland Environmental Service.

On August 1, 2019, campers from Arlington Echo's Friendship Camp along with project partners, celebrated and planted over 5,000 shoreline grasses.

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](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](#).

We are beginning work on the Trust Annual Report! **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!

AROUND THE BAY

Black Girls Dive Foundation featured in world's leading diving magazine. "The purpose of our organization is to help young women develop their STEM identify, be nerdy and feel comfortable about it," Read the [PADI](#) article about a Trust awardee and watch the video [here](#).

Continued high river flows having mixed impacts on Bay and its resources. Scientists predict severe dead zones, but are hopeful about underwater grass beds. Read the full [Bay Journal](#) article [here](#).

Berrywood's Cattail Creek Restoration. This beautiful and effective stream restoration and living shoreline project was completed in April 2019. Sitting at the headwaters of Cattail Creek on the Magothy river, the site is impacted by development and roadways. Watch more about the project and the many partnerships that were involved [here](#).

New rain gardens designed to keep pollutants out of Inner Harbor. Streets and sidewalks are covered in pollutants, and now when it rains, water washes those pollutants through the drain and into the rain garden where it's slowly filtered into the ground. The garden will prevent those pollutants from entering the harbor. Read the full WJZ TV story and watch the video [here](#). This program was managed through the Trust's [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#).

Green Streets improving communities, waterways. This year's grants alone are expected to support more than 200 green jobs and reinforce one of [Environmental Protection Agency's](#) (EPA) top priorities – improving water infrastructure. Read the EPA blog about the Trust partnered [Green Streets, Green Towns, Green Jobs Program](#) [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Chemical Free Lawns](#). Saturday, August 17th, 10a-12p. Mt. Cuba Center, Hockessin, DE. Is your lawn safe for pets, children, and the environment? Hear tips from a certified organic lawn care technician focusing on eco-friendly cultural practices.

[Master Watershed Stewards Information Sessions](#). Saturday, August 24th, 9:30a-11:30a. Glen Burnie Public Library, Glen Burnie. (Other upcoming dates and locations on website) Are you interested in becoming a Master Watershed Steward? A short presentation of the role of a Watershed Steward followed by a Q&A session.

[Determining Friend or Foe: Common Bio Weeds and What to Do About Them.](#)

Saturday, August 24th, 9am-1pm. Derwood. Explores invasive species which are commonly found in bioretention areas and how to manage them.

[Green Drinks Annapolis.](#) Tuesday, September 10th, 5:30p. Chesapeake Bay Trust headquarters, Annapolis. Join [Annapolis Green](#) as we tell you about the environmental benefits of driving electric in advance of the EV showcase on Sept. 14th.

[Invasive Plant ID for Homeowners.](#) Saturday, September 14th, 1p-5p. Frederick. R.S.V.P. by September 11th, space is limited. Learn to identify invasive plant species commonly found growing in landscaped and natural areas by examining cut samples from live plants.

[Explore and Restore Maryland Streams.](#) Thursday, September 26th and Thursday, October 3rd, 8a-3:30p. Rocky Gap State Park, Flintstone. Maryland Department of Natural Resources educators and scientists offer free one-day professional development workshops that emphasize outdoor learning to help meet a variety of education standards and current practices.

[EcoFest.](#) Saturday, September 28th, 10a-2p. Preston, MD. Family friendly environmental event designed to provide resources and activities for the community. E-mail for more information: bethesdachurchoffice@gmail.com



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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 \$100 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

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