



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Pictured 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**; Marissa Spratley, **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**; Lucy Heller, **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**; Kevin Green, **Arundel Rivers**; Jana Davis, **Chesapeake Bay Trust**.

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

The [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) and the [Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection and Restoration Program](#) announced \$1,117,528 in funding for the [Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection 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 and the awardees and their projects [here](#).



Pictured from Left back row: Mayor Kulman, **Borough of Marietta, PA**; Eric Lyons, **LandStudies, Inc.**; Jeff Wilkerson, **City of Martinsburg, WV**; Jared Tomlin, **City of Martinsburg, WV**; Emily Janzow, **City of Martinsburg, WV**; Barbara Wilson, **Lancaster City Housing Authority, PA**; Eric White, **Wrightsville Borough Council, PA**; Edward Erfurt IV, **City of Ranson, WV**. *Front row:* Glen Mazis, president, **Borough of Marietta Council, PA**; Kintira Barbour, **Mount Clare Community Council, MD**; Scott Goldman, **the 6th Branch, MD**; Alison Pearce, **Audubon Naturalist Society, MD**; Marita Roos, **Neighborhood Design Center, MD**; Terri Burhans, **City of Ranson, WV**; Katie

Clendaniel, **Cambridge Main Street, MD**; Catharine McManus, deputy director, **Water Division, U.S. EPA Region 3**; Jana Davis, executive director, **Chesapeake Bay Trust**.
In attendance but not pictured: Jeanne Braha, **Rock Creek Conservancy, DC**; Hal Metzler, **City of Hyattsville, MD**.

Over \$965,900 Announced to Support Green Infrastructure Projects to Improve Communities and Provide Jobs

The Chesapeake Bay Trust in partnership with the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#), [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#), and the [City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability](#) announced \$965,972 in funding for the Chesapeake Bay [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program](#). These awards help communities develop and implement 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. Read about the Program, its history, and the 20 awardees [here](#). Watch the event (20 minutes) [here](#).



Trust Names Gary Jobson Chairman of the Board

World renowned sailor, television commentator, and author Gary Jobson has been named Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Board of Trustees, succeeding Annapolis-based attorney Benjamin S. Wechsler. Wechsler served as Chairman from July 2018 through June 2019 and

will remain on the Trust's Board as Vice Chair.

"The Trust is very lucky to have Gary at the helm for the next phase of our growth," said Jana Davis, Trust executive director. "Gary brings a broad perspective on education, environmental, and health issues, and proven leadership experience to the Chairman role." Read more about Mr. Jobson's appointment and career [here](#).

AROUND THE BAY

Continued high river flows having mixed impacts on Bay and its resources."

The downpours that soaked 2018 have spilled into this year, with three of the first five months reporting higher-than-normal freshwater flows into the Chesapeake."

Read the Bay Journal's full story [here](#).

No discharge zones. "Maryland has taken an extra step towards protecting sensitive waterways by working with the Environmental Protection Agency to designate No Discharge Zones." Read the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' existing and proposed zones [here](#).

Warmer winters could lead to longer blue crab season in Chesapeake Bay. Researchers examined data on increasing temperatures in the Chesapeake Bay and predictions for continued warming. Read the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's predictions [here](#).

Traces of WWII veteran's doomed final flight may have been located in the Chesapeake Bay. "Evidence unearthed by archaeologists... may point toward the missing Bearcat's resting place, finally resolving the nearly 75-year-old maritime mystery." Read the Smithsonian's investigation [here](#).

Sharks of the Chesapeake Bay help the ecosystem. "With 'Shark Week' on TV screens this week, one does not have to look too far for sharks if you live in the Chesapeake Bay region." Read the Kent County News article [here](#).



Corps Members Making a Difference

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps places young adults with organizations around the Chesapeake Bay region for a year of service focused on improving local communities and protecting our environment.

Providing young adults with opportunities to gain green career skills and become more engaged through meaningful community service is crucial to the protection and restoration of our environment and natural resources.

This year's cohort (pictured above during an environmental retreat) includes two members placed with host organizations in Prince George's County. Read about their experiences and more about the program [here](#).

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is excited to celebrate this year's cohort and welcome next year's cohort of Chesapeake Conservation Corps members at the upcoming orientation and graduation ceremony in August.

Arundel Rivers Completes Restoration Project at Anne Arundel Department of Health

The [Arundel Rivers Federation](#) (formerly the South River Federation) has completed a [project](#) that stabilized a 952 linear foot stormwater driven gully that flows to the East Branch of Broad Creek. The channel was highly unstable, leading to excessive delivery of sediment downstream during even minor storm events. By stabilizing the gully and constructing additional upslope stormwater detention and infiltration devices in the parking lots, the Federation stopped a significant source of sediment and nonpoint source pollution from entering Broad Creek.



The Federation was awarded two grants to complete this project: one from a partnership between the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) and [Anne Arundel County's Watershed Protection and Restoration program](#) and one from the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#). [Native plantings](#) are working to achieve new [habitat zones](#) to support a variety of bay flora and fauna. The project was completed in 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Soil Smarts](#): Sunday, August 11th, 1p-3p. The Natural History Society of Maryland, Baltimore. Determine soil texture, assess soil structure, and measure pH. Feel free to bring a soil sample from your yard to test.

[Chemical-Free Lawns](#): Saturday, August 17th, 10a-12p. Mt. Cuba Center, Hockessin, DE. Along with proper mowing techniques, learn how to read a soil test, select the best grass seed for your site, manage weeds, apply organic fertilizers, and control pests.

[Garden Smarter: Invasive ID for the Homeowner](#): Saturday, September 14th, 1p-5p. Calvert County Extension Office, Prince Frederick. Learn to identify invasive plant species commonly found growing in landscaped and natural areas by examining cut samples from live plants.

[The Clean Bin Project - Film Screening](#): Wednesday, October 9th, 7p-9p. Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, Havre de Grace. Is it possible to live completely waste free? Described as *An Inconvenient Truth* meets *Super Size Me*, *The Clean Bin Project*

features laugh out loud moments, stop motion animations, and unforgettable imagery.

WAYS TO GIVE

Direct donation:

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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](#).

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 anytime [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!

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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.



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