



POWERFUL COMMUNITY IMPACTS

The Chesapeake Bay Trust works to realize our vision of healthy watersheds by harnessing the power of groups and communities taking local action. We know when communities and groups own their work and sustain the outcomes, they are empowered to be part of long-lasting solutions to the challenges facing our natural resources.

We are committed to sharing the successes of our grantee projects so that you are aware of the empowered groups and organizations having an impact in our local communities. Our January feature is a Green Street project that was recently completed in Richmond, Virginia. To find more projects in your area, please use our [AWARDED PROJECTS MAP](#).

Building Community Resilience in Southside Richmond through the Bellemeade Green Street Project

After a decade of community engagement and planning, construction activities associated with the Bellemeade Green Street project began in spring 2021. The James River Association (JRA) in partnership with the City of Richmond, Groundwork RVA, Timmons Group, 3North, and Harbor Dredge & Dock broke ground in early May on the project that spans almost a half-mile segment of Minefee Street in the Bellemeade community of southside Richmond, Virginia. The project builds community resilience by managing stormwater, improving local water quality in Albro Creek, and mitigating the urban heat island effect. In the future, it will help to create a safer walking and biking route for residents of the community. The project was driven by ideas generated by residents of the Bellemeade community and funded by grants secured by JRA.



Harbor Dredge & Dock was selected to install the new infrastructure and Groundwork RVA installed and is currently maintaining street trees and plants along Minefee Street. Green workforce development was integrated into the project through JRA's partnership with Groundwork

RVA, a community-based non-profit working to transform the natural and built environment in Richmond. They work on community supported initiatives towards the goal of a greener and more resilient Richmond that works for all.



Groundwork RVA Executive Director, Rob Jones, shared his thoughts on the project and the partnership:

The pandemic highlighted what many of us have known for quite some time – that there are huge gaps in our community. For many families in South Richmond, that includes a lack of access to fresh foods, green spaces and even shade from trees. All of this leads to serious challenges that make it harder to survive, let alone thrive.

Our partnership with the James River Association on the Minefee Green Street, is an important step towards helping young men and women, many of whom live in South Richmond “earn while they learn.” Our Green Workforce will have the opportunity to be side-by-side as the project proceeds, from the ground-up! Learning to do work that is not only vital for our communities today but that contributes to the survival of future generations, especially as we tackle climate change. Healthy communities need healthy people – physically, emotionally and economically. We appreciate JRA’s stepping up to help us create a full-spectrum learning opportunity for our young people and look forward to many other projects to come.



The Bellemeade Green Street project was supported by funding from Altria, City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities/RVAH2O, Virginia Department of Forestry, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, and the Chesapeake Bay Trust Green Streets, Green Job, Green Towns Grant Program.

[Learn More about the Green Street, Green Jobs, Green Towns Program](#)

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January 2022 Open Programs

[Capacity Building Initiative](#)

With over 350 projects funded last year, we are very encouraged by the applications and proposals we are receiving in 2022. We have 14 programs that are currently open for applications (as of 1/11/2022):

[Pooled Monitoring Initiative's Restoration Research Award Program](#)

[Youth Environmental Education Grant Program](#)

[Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member Application](#)

[Green Street, Green Jobs, Green Towns](#)

[Urban Trees Grant Program](#)

[Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration](#)

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- Urban Trees Grant Program
- Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration
- Anne Arundel Community Tree
- Planting Mini Grant
- Charles County Forestry
- Community Engagement Mini Grant
- Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate
- Sponsorship Program
- Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program

These programs will fund our grantees' hands-on restoration, outreach, and environmental education projects throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. With the support of our funding partners and donors, we expect even more innovative and impactful projects in the year to come.



[Anne Arundel Community Tree Planting Mini Grant](#)

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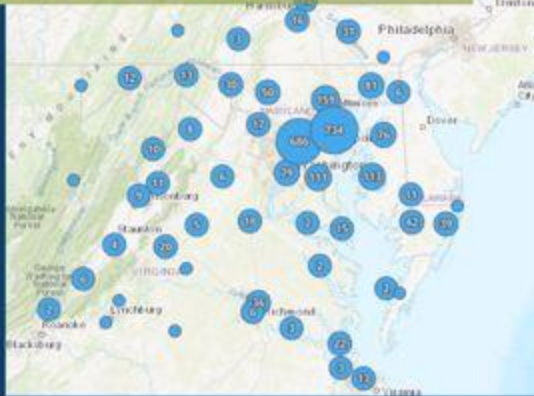
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AWARDED PROJECTS INTERACTIVE MAP



[Explore the Map](#)

FINDING PROJECTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Our Interactive map currently displays over 2,000 awards throughout the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River. There are many ways to interact with the map; whatever you're interested in learning, the map has an answer. If you want to explore projects only awarded in your state, or want to find awards funded by a specific source or partner, or want to search both of those aspects but also include awards with climate change as a project outcome, these are all possible with our new map!

Looking Ahead to Treasure the Chesapeake Save the Date: May 5, 2022

Thank you to the more than 100 small and large businesses, partner organizations, families, and individuals who supported our signature gala in August despite the uncertainties related to the global pandemic. As we plan our 2022 event, we are reflecting on the community outreach, environmental education, habitat conservation, and local watershed restoration projects that were funded through the \$125,000 raised in 2021.

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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 the highest possible "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.



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