



# Chesapeake Bay Trust

## bay stewards newsletter

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Bay Stewards Newsletter

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### --- COMMUNITY NEWS ---

Impacts and Projects Throughout the Chesapeake Region



## Maryland's Underserved Urban Communities to Receive \$7.7 million for Heat Island Effect-Reducing Trees

Thirty-six underserved urban communities across Maryland are about to plant 40,000 new trees, thanks to a new effort created by the Maryland General Assembly's Tree Solutions Now Act of 2021 and state resources provided through the Chesapeake Bay Trust (the Trust). The Act calls for five million trees to be planted across Maryland by 2031, with 500,000 of them targeted to urban, underserved areas. The Trust, the distributor of funds from the Chesapeake vehicle license plate program and other sources, has long empowered local urban communities through grant-making and was tapped in the Act to serve as the administrator of the urban component.



Urban trees have significant benefits to human health, climate, the economy, and the environment. Yet some urban communities are severely lacking in greening, contributing to heat island effect, exacerbating asthma and other health issues, and reducing quality of life. Providing resources through ground-up, community-based grants empowers people to own this piece of community improvement, leading to sustainability.

“This urban greening effort will help address both global climate change as well as environmental justice including inequities in historically disenfranchised communities,” **said Senator Paul Pinsky**, a sponsor of the legislation. “This work will create lasting green improvements and help to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change with every tree planted.”

Ninety million dollars per year over nine years will be distributed by the Trust to communities, neighborhoods, civic groups, schools, and others who commit to planting trees in underserved regions as defined in the legislation. Funding is reserved for urban census tracts with low median household income levels, with high unemployment, or were historically red-lined or for public housing projects.

“We are thrilled to have been able to provide the resources for this work,” **said Delegate Dana Stein**, another key sponsor of the legislation. “All communities deserve to have green spaces and trees to help improve quality of life.”

Studies show that trees planted in urban communities improve the physical and mental health of people within their proximity, and that increasing urban canopy can reduce asthma and respiratory-related emergencies during heat wave-related events in under-treed areas. For these reasons, many urban communities have adopted urban tree canopy goals, including Baltimore City, which has set a goal of 40% canopy by 2037.

Communities will begin planting trees this fall, concentrating on areas such as vacant lots or streets where native trees and resources are scarce. These trees will help to reduce the urban heat island effect, filter polluted stormwater, mitigate the effect of carbon emissions, reduce energy consumption and therefore energy bills, and improve air quality. Increasing tree quantity and quality in urban areas is a cost-effective way to strengthen the health of the Chesapeake Bay, provide urban wildlife habitat, help mitigate flooding issues, and stimulate local green jobs markets enabling families to work where they live and play.

“Witnessing the work of these communities and organizations as they restore and protect their neighborhoods is a perfect reminder of the symbiotic relationship between the health of our local neighborhoods and the health of our environment and waterways.” **said Jana Davis, president of the Chesapeake Bay Trust.**

[Click here to learn more about the Urban Trees Grant Program](#)

## --- MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT --- Make Your Gift a Monthly Gift

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When you set up a [monthly gift](#) with the Trust, you automate the process, saving you time and helping you budget your philanthropic giving. It’s also the most sustainable way to give, helping us to make budgeting decisions based on revenue from monthly donations, while cutting down on administrative work. This helps us to continually advance over ninety cents of every dollar directly to environmental impact, protecting and restoring nature with hundreds of projects in your region. Give with confidence knowing that you’re making the most efficient and most effective environmental impact through the Trust.

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## --- AROUND THE BAY --- Stories and News from the Chesapeake Region

[\\$7.7M grant delivers 40K new trees to 36 underserved urban communities across Maryland](#) - WBAL-TV 11

[Huge 13ft Great White Shark 'Bob' Pings Just Off Chesapeake Bay](#) - Newsweek

[Chesapeake Conservation Corps delivers results - and expands](#) - Bay Journal

[History under the stars at Tubman park](#) - Bay to Bay News (Dover, Del.)

[Want A Reason Not To Rake Up Those Autumn Leaves?](#) - WNBF (Binghamton, N.Y.)






With the support of our funding partners and donors, the following programs are open and accepting applications. These programs fund our grantees' hands-on restoration, outreach, and environmental education projects throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### [Programs Currently Open for Applications](#)

#### CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

#### AWARDED PROJECTS INTERACTIVE 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. Updated annually, the map allows you to search projects by area, funding partner, and/or environmental topic. Find projects in your community or see what's happening across the region!

[Explore the Map](#)



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**--- 11 Ways to Give ---**

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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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