



# Chesapeake Bay Trust

## bay stewards newsletter

What's happening in your community?

Bay Stewards Newsletter

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### --- COMMUNITY NEWS ---

Impacts and Projects Throughout the Chesapeake Region

#### Veterans' Engagement Programs



With Veterans Day just behind us and the season of giving upon us, we at the Chesapeake Bay Trust feel there is no better time to show our gratitude and support of our veterans during their time of recovery, transition and beyond. [The Veterans Engagement Mini Grant Program](#) was designed by the Trust to support veterans groups and organizations by providing outdoor activities, green jobs and training, and more. This opportunity seeks to engage veterans and increase the accessibility of healthy natural resources and outdoor experiences with a focus on healing.

Past projects through this program include [The 6th Branch](#) which engaged leadership from veterans and provided 7,000 square-feet of green space for youth and the [Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc.](#) which provided green employment training and workshops to benefit 50-75 Maryland veterans.

The Veterans Engagement Mini Grant Program is currently open and accepting applications and both veteran's groups and organizations serving veterans can apply. We support veterans and all they have done for us. **For more information and to learn more, please visit the link below.**

**Veteran's Engagement Mini Grant Program**

		
Talisman Therapeutic Riding's "Talisman TheraBay Trails" program supports veterans' therapeutic programs and annual Veteran's Victory Garden.	TALMAR Gardens & Horticultural Therapy Center's "Veterans-to-Farmers" initiative provides a 10-month farmer's training for employment in agriculture.	The 6th Branch: "Train the Trainer" workforce model provides skills surrounding the maintenance of bioretention areas.

**Boaters, Hunters & Anglers for Veterans:**

Contribute to Veterans' Healing Hunting & Fishing Fund for quality environmental projects when renewing your vessel registration, hunting and fishing licenses through Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) COMPASS registration system. <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/>



**[Join Us During the Season of Giving](#)**

Your tax-deductible gift to the Chesapeake Bay Trust helps to achieve lasting results, providing support for environmental education, community outreach, habitat conservation, and local watershed restoration projects.

[Click here](#) to make your secure [online donation](#) or explore if one of our other [Ways to Give](#) is right for you:

**MAIL YOUR GIFT**

Mail your check to 108 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 2103 and make your check payable to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

**GIFT OF STOCK**

Transfers can be made directly from your brokerage account to the Trust.

**MONTHLY GIVING**

Monthly giving, at any level, is an easy and efficient way to provide consistent, impactful funding. You can start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Visit [cbtrust.org/donate](https://cbtrust.org/donate).

**CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS**

Ask your human resources department if they match your contributions – you may be able to double your impact.

**GIVE THROUGH THE CFC OR MARYLAND CHARITY CAMPAIGN**

State and Federal Workers: Designate the Trust for your payroll deduction (CFC #98313).

**MAKE A TRIBUTE GIFT**

Donate in memory of a loved one or in honor of a milestone, birthday, or wedding.

**MAKE A LEGACY GIFT**

Protect our natural resources in perpetuity. Let us know if you have made arrangements in your will or living trust so we can recognize you in our Legacy Circle.

**SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE**

Designate the Chesapeake Bay Trust at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

**BUY A CHESAPEAKE BAY VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE**

Learn more at [bayplate.org](https://bayplate.org).

**GIVE AT TAX TIME**

Look for the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on your Maryland State Income Tax Form.

**CONTRIBUTE AS A FISHER, BOATER, OR HUNTER**

Fishers, boaters, and hunters can support wildlife habitat, clean water, and veterans' projects when obtaining licenses through the Maryland DNR Compass system. Learn more at [cbtrust.org/mdoutdoors](https://cbtrust.org/mdoutdoors).



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

**Ribbon Cut on Watershed Restoration Project at Cedar Ridge** - What's Up? Media

**5 Million Maryland Trees for Climate Progress** - Maryland Department of the Environment

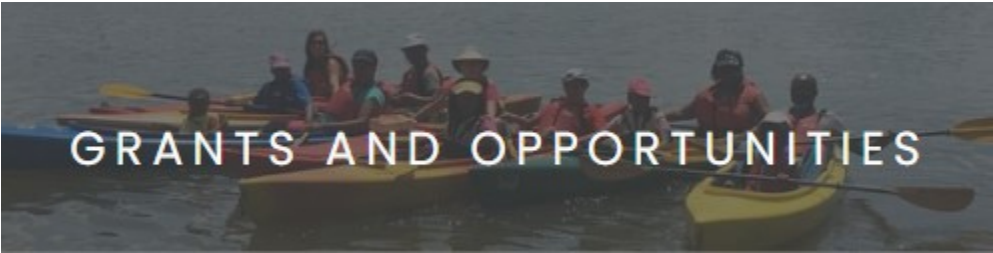
**Chesapeake Conservation Corps delivers results - and expands** - Bay Journal

**Turner Station gets an upgrade with 'Witness Trees'** - WMAR 2 News

**Maryland's waterways contain high levels of 'forever chemicals' pollution**- Southern Maryland Chronicle








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



**Stay Warm and Check Out Our Seasonal Collection!**

**YOUR PURCHASES FUND PROJECTS AROUND THE CHESAPEAKE REGION** and empower community-based groups with the resources they need to protect and improve forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities.

**Shop our Cold-Weather Items!**

**Shop Other Bay Inspired Items**

# *Congratulations*

## **Announcing the Winners of the 2022 Chesapeake Bay Trust Bay Plate Contest**



Thank you to all who participated in this year's Bay Plate Sales Contest! The Trust awards 40 Auto Dealerships and Tag & Title agencies as winners of the 2022 Bay Plate Sales Contest. Award categories are for the Most Bay Plates, the Highest Percentage of Bay Plates, the Largest Increase in Bay Plate Sales (compared to last year) and the Largest Percentage Increase in Bay Plate Sales (compared to last year). Their outstanding efforts have made lasting impacts our community: students were granted life-changing outdoor educational experiences, native trees were planted to improve our air and water quality, wetland plants were purchased to protect precious wildlife habitats and thousands of pounds of trash were removed to clean local rivers and streams. Awards are as follows:

### **The Most Bay Plates**

Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis

Sheehy Toyota of Laurel

BMW of Annapolis

CARMAX of White Marsh

Bill Kidd's Timonium Toyota

Apple Ford of Columbia

Autonation Subaru Hunt Valley

BMW of Rockville

Mercedes-Benz of Annapolis

Fitzgerald Auto Mall Lakeforest

### **Top Percentage of Bay Plates**

Mercedes-Benz of Annapolis

Autonation Subaru Hunt Valley

MINI of Towson

Volvo Cars Annapolis

Audi Hunt Valley

Annapolis Subaru

BMW of Annapolis

BMW of Towson

Mercedes-Benz of Owings Mills

Audi of Owings Mills

#### **Largest Increase in Bay Plates**

Sheehy Toyota of Laurel

Motor Car Tag & Title

Apple Ford of Columbia

BMW of Rockville

Mr. Auto Tag & Title Service

Terry's Tag & Tile Service of Westminster

MINI of Towson

BMW of Annapolis

Fitzgerald Auto Mall of Annapolis

Volvo Cars Silver Spring

#### **Largest Percentage Increase in Bay Plates**

Mercedes-Benz of Owings Mills

Land Rover Hunt Valley

MINI of Towson

Herb Gordon Subaru of Silver Spring

Adams Chevrolet of Havre De Grace

Golden Tag & Title Services of Gaithersburg

West Ocean City Vehicle Tag & Title

Original MD Tag Services LLC of Lanham

Autonation Subaru Hunt Valley





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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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