



CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

bay stewards newsletter

What's happening in your community?

Bay Stewards Newsletter

March 2022

[Chesapeake Bay Trust Mission](#) | [Donate to Make an Impact](#) | [SHOP Newsletters](#) | [Grant Programs and Opportunities](#) | [Impact of Our Work](#)

--- COMMUNITY NEWS ---

Projects and Impacts Throughout the Chesapeake Region

The Trust is 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.

This month, we are highlighting the "Service and Healing: Bringing Veterans and Nature Together" program from the Audubon Natralist Society. Participating veterans reported that the program inspired them to spend more time in nature by forest bathing, bird watching, and returning to Woodend with friends.

SERVICE AND HEALING: Bringing Veterans and Nature Together

[The Audubon Naturalist Society](#) (ANS) provided veterans with quality experiences in nature at the 40-acre Woodend Nature Sanctuary that contributed to their physical and emotional well-being, while also introducing them to habitat restoration and stormwater management. Dr. Cynthia Macri, a retired naval officer and physician, offered an 8-week course in Chronic Disease Self Management, developed at Stanford University. Dr Macri was joined by Shahin Sebastian, a co-teacher that was also enthusiastic to teach the course in the unique outdoor setting at Woodend. Adria Zeldin, a certified Forest Bathing leader, led outdoor mindfulness sessions to complement the main curriculum of the program. ANS staff also led a container gardening activity with this group and provided tours of Woodend habitats and green infrastructure.

In October, veterans from the Knollwood senior living community went to the Woodend Nature Sanctuary as part of the grand opening of a new wheelchair accessible nature trail. The group learned about stream restoration, forest regeneration, and stormwater management during a two-hour program. Several of the participants used mobility assistive devices and were among the first to experience the benefits of increased accessibility at



Woodend. In November, ANS introduced birding to a group of seven veterans who are active with the Wounded Warrior program.

[The Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#) is run by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, Charles County, Harford County, Howard County, the City of Gaithersburg, and the City of Salisbury. This grant program encourages outreach and community engagement activities that increase stewardship ethic of natural resources and on-the-ground restoration activities that demonstrate restoration techniques and engage Maryland citizens in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. This grant program funds projects in partner areas as well as throughout Maryland.



Messages from Veterans

“Just being in the beautiful surroundings was a relaxing start. I was encouraged to learn about and see what committed environmentalists are accomplishing... which gave me hope for our future.”

“We had a wonderful tour guide, Mitch. He was terrific, and really increased our total enjoyment of the beautiful new trail and environment. So enjoyable. We loved it. One of us in a wheelchair, one in motorized scooter, so the new trail is very much appreciated. I was so enthralled with it all and can’t wait to go back. Just wanted to applaud you and all who make this area so special. Thank you!”

A banner for an event. The background features a light blue and white topographic map pattern. The text is centered and reads: "MAY 5, 2022" in large, bold, teal letters; "Treasure the Chesapeake" in large, bold, dark blue letters; and "The Gala for the Chesapeake Bay Trust" in smaller, bold, red letters below it.

MAY 5, 2022
Treasure the Chesapeake
The Gala for the Chesapeake Bay Trust

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
2022 TREASURE THE CHESAPEAKE SPONSORS**

PRESENTING SPONSOR



BLUE CRAB SPONSORS



bgeSM

AN EXELON COMPANY



THE
CAMPBELL
FOUNDATION

OYSTER SPONSORS



Constellation.



The Nabit Foundation

OSPREY SPONSORS



Charlie Conklin, In Recognition of the Many People and Organizations Volunteering at
the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

ROCKFISH SPONSORS

Center for Watershed Protection • Jana Davis, Ph.D. • Giant Food
McHale Landscape Design, Inc. • Kim and John Quinn
Lois and Marc Shafir • Bill and Noilly Turley

CANVASBACK SPONSORS

BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc.
Environmental Concern Inc. • Charlie and Paula Isaacs Family

--- AROUND THE BAY ---

Stories and Happenings from the Chesapeake Region

[Eagle Rescued from Bay is Released in Emotional Ceremony \(video\)](#)

[Stalled Maryland Oyster Restoration Project Gets a Break](#)

[Public Hearings Planned for Coastwide Bass Changes](#)

[Money Grows on Trees for Owners Who Save Small Forests](#)

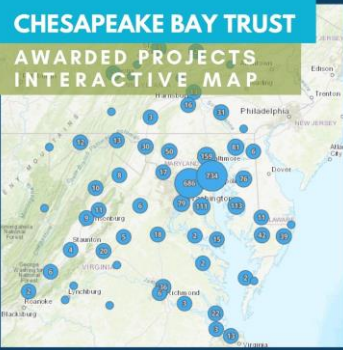




With the support of our funding partners and donors, the following programs are open and accepting applications. These programs fund our grantees' hands-on restoration, outreach, and environmental education projects throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

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](#)



New Spring Designs COMING MARCH 7

cbtrust.org/SHOP

NEW DESIGNS SPRINGING YOUR WAY ON MARCH 7!

When you shop the Chesapeake Bay Trust, you're not only receiving fantastic products but you are **FUNDING PROJECTS AROUND THE CHESAPEAKE REGION** that make an impact.

[SHOP the Chesapeake Bay Trust](#)



Did you know... YOU can easily donate to help restore the Bay and save Maryland's endangered species right on your Maryland state tax form? **LINE 35 supports the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund.**

[Learn More About Donation on Line 35](#)

[Find a CPA for a Healthy Bay Near You](#)



Find Ways To Give

There are a number of ways to make your tax-deductible gift to the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Your gift to the Trust will help to achieve lasting results, providing support for environmental education, community outreach, habitat conservation, and local watershed restoration projects.

[----- 11 Ways to Give -----](#)

[Shop and Donate with Amazon Smile](#)

ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY 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 \$140 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.



[Home](#) | [Contact](#) | [About Us](#) | [Giving](#)

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Chesapeake Bay Trust](#)

108 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403