Dive on in with the Black Girls Dive Foundation

This month we are highlighting our friends at Black Girls Dive Foundation. Their mission includes addressing the racial and socioeconomic achievement gaps and the limited sense of youth agency and voice, and cultivating the next generation of scientists, conservationists, and planetary stewards. The programs they offer are meant to establish the opportunity and space for young women to explore STEM through marine sciences, conservation, and SCUBA diving. The programs include ocean debris clean-up, an initiative to encourage families to explore and clean the outdoors including aquatic and green spaces, 3-D printing coral reefs, and oyster and shark monitoring and conservation initiatives.

One of their main programs is an aquatic-based STEM program called STREAMS (Science, Tech, Robotics, Engineering, Arts, Math, and SCUBA diving). STREAMS is designed for middle and high school girls and integrates STREAMS skills with leadership skills. At the Trust, we have funded multiple projects for BGDF, including costs for an educational program to engage high school girls from Baltimore City and costs for outreach efforts to engage and provide environmental experiences for inner-city youth and their families.
For each project that the Chesapeake Bay funds, there are three more equally deserving projects that don't receive funds. With your support as a monthly donor, you can help us meet this demand. When you set up a monthly recurring gift with the trust, you help fund projects that are making meaningful change happen in communities across the Chesapeake Bay region.

Your gift will provide support for critical projects, helping us create a sustained impact all year long.

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To learn how your gifts allow us to continue empowering communities across the Chesapeake region that are making lasting impacts on our natural resources, view our 2021-2022 Annual Report.

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Stories and News from the Chesapeake Region

Plan proposed to end Harrisburg’s sewage-related water pollution - Bay Journal

Innovating water quality monitoring in southern Maryland - TheBayNet (California, Md.)

Maryland's wild turkeys are disappearing. Experts want to know why - The Washington (D.C.) Post

Growing natives helps the Bay - Chesapeake Bay Magazine

Defending Baltimore against climate change - The Hub - Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, Md.)

GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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**

**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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ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust shares a bold vision for a restored and protected Chesapeake Bay watershed and other natural resources in our area—from the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake to the Youghiogheny River. We uniquely empower local community-based groups on the ground with the resources they need to take on a meaningful and measurable role in restoring forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities.

The Trust empowers these groups by providing grants and technical assistance. Every year, about 400 groups are awarded project money or provided other assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded $140 million in grants and engaged hundreds of thousands of resident stewards in projects that have a measurable impact.

The Trust has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for over two decades: on average 90 percent of the Trust’s expenditures are directed to its restoration and education programs.