



# 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

## 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.

[\*\*Learn More About Black Girls Dive Foundation\*\*](#)



# SUPPORT THE TRUST

Donate today to help accomplish the most important projects for a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake region.

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.

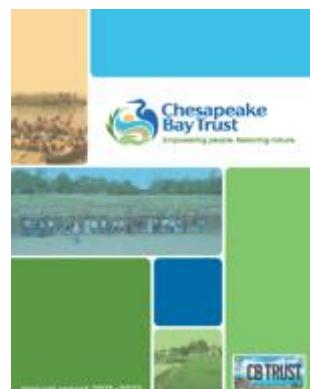
Your gift will provide support for critical projects, helping us create a sustained impact all year long.

[\*\*Become a Monthly Donor\*\*](#)

## How are those gifts put to work?

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.

[\*\*2021 - 2022 Annual Report\*\*](#)



## --- AROUND THE BAY ---

### 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.)



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](#)

A promotional graphic for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's online store. It features two models wearing leggings with nature-inspired prints. In the center, there are four smaller images: a beach towel labeled "CAPTAIN", a blue and yellow patterned beach towel, a yellow and green patterned pillow, and another beach towel labeled "PROTECT CHESAPEAKE". Below these images is the website address [shopchesapeakebaytrust.org](http://shopchesapeakebaytrust.org).

### NEW ITEMS TO SHOW YOUR LOVE OF THE BAY!

Find pollinator leggings, our best-selling beach towels, Bay-inspired apparel, decorative pillows, and more!

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 Seasonal Collection](#)

[Shop Other Bay Inspired Items](#)

A collage of four photographs of local Maryland wildlife: a short-eared owl perched on a branch, a close-up of a sea turtle's head, a cottontail rabbit, and a great egret in flight.

**Local wildlife is in danger.  
Your tax donation can help!**

A donation on line 35 of your MD state taxes can help protect these and other endangered animals.  
Learn more about the Endangered Species Fund

**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 How Donating on LINE 35  
Helps Our Endangered Species](#)

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**Save the Date**

**MAY 4, 2023**

6-9:30PM at the BALTIMORE MUSEUM of INDUSTRY  
TICKETS \$100 | SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

**Treasure the Chesapeake**  
THE GALA FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

**Presented By**  
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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.



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