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--- 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 your local communities.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S FIRST LITTER TRAP INSTALLED IN ANACOSTIA RIVER TRIBUTARY

The Anacostia Riverkeeper, in partnership with Montgomery County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust have completed the installation of Montgomery County's first litter trap. The trap will float in the Lockridge Drive Tributary and use the stream current to guide debris into the trap and prevent it from flowing downstream to the Anacostia River and into the Chesapeake Bay.

Anacostia Riverkeeper is working with the Montgomery County Conservation Corps for maintenance, monitoring and data collection as the litter is collected and sorted. This project was funded via the Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program. It is a partnership between the County and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that funds public outreach and stewardship projects, community-based restoration water quality implementation projects and litter-reduction projects throughout the County. The grants are funded entirely through the Montgomery County Water Quality Protection Charge and are administered by the Chesapeake Bay



Trust, a regional grant-maker specializing in engaging nonprofit entities in restoration and outreach work.

Since January, over \$560,000 in grant funding was awarded to 15 projects throughout Montgomery County and since the program's inception in 2014, over \$3.4 million has been awarded through the grant program. Projects have included public outreach; stewardship and community-based restoration efforts such as planting native plants and trees, promoting, and implementing green infrastructure practices, community training programs, and removing impervious surfaces; and trash reduction in the Anacostia River Watershed through litter trap maintenance and monitoring.

A WORD FROM THE PARTNERS:

"Plastic bottles make up 60 percent of all the trash that is found floating on the Anacostia River, and while the best way to reduce trash in our waterways is not to litter at all, this litter trap is another way to make sure that we are not leaving environmentally harmful trash behind," said **County Executive Marc Elrich**. "I want to thank the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Anacostia Riverkeeper, our partners in finding innovative ways to clean up our streams and creeks. We are proud to support funding for projects such as the litter trap and to work with these local groups committed to cleaning their communities. These programs provide jobs, create awareness, and build community support for protecting our environment."

"Anacostia Riverkeeper is thrilled to celebrate the installation of this first Bandalong Litter Trap in Montgomery County, making a total of eight in the watershed," said **Riverkeeper Trey Sherard of Anacostia Riverkeeper**. "Trash, especially plastic, is such an enormous problem in the Anacostia and worldwide that we hope this is the first of many trash traps coming to the County as we continue to partner with the Department of Environmental Protection, Chesapeake Bay Trust, and Montgomery County Conservation Corps. What a wonderfully appropriate way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act."

"Our successful partnership with Montgomery County makes it possible to support diverse groups taking actions that both enrich their local communities and positively impact our natural resources," said **Jana Davis, president of the Chesapeake Bay Trust**. "Innovative grantee projects, such as the litter trap, help improve healthy streams and rivers for all to enjoy."



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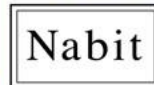
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Programs Currently Open for Applications



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 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.



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