



Chesapeake Bay Trust

bay stewards newsletter

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Bay Stewards Newsletter

April 2023

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In Case You Missed It...

The Chesapeake Bay Trust held a Perspectives of Women in Environmental Leadership panel on March 14th!

In honor of Women's History Month, we want to extend another huge THANK YOU to our amazing panelists and moderator, who are all outstanding women. And another huge THANK YOU to Thibodeau Media Group, a women-owned Media production company, who ran the media production for the event and helped to ensure such a successful event.

Moderated by Dr. Kandis Boyd, Chesapeake Bay Program Director

Featured Panelists: **Serena McIlwain**, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment | **Wendy O'Sullivan**, Superintendent, National Park Service – Chesapeake Office | **Jana Davis**, President, Chesapeake Bay Trust | **Hilary Harp Falk**, President, Chesapeake Bay Foundation | **Kate Fritz**, CEO, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay | **Anna Killius**, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission

Media Production company: **Liz Simmons Thibodeau**, President, [Thibodeau Media Group](#)

[Panel Recording & Transcript](#)

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OOPS...

Did you get erroneous emails from us last week?

Our most sincere apologies! We never want to jam up your inbox or cause concern about erroneous charges or spam. On Tuesday, March 28, we piloted a new automated receipting process and inadvertently emailed many of you, some several times. Please accept our apologies, again, and know that these were errant emails, not errant charges. We do not have access to your credit card information, nor do we intend to utilize this new process this way again. If you have questions or concerns, please email **Michelle Reid** at mreid@cbtrust.org or call (410) 974 2941 ext. 123.



INVEST IN THE BAY
THIS EARTH DAY

Each year, Earth Day gives us time to reflect on how we can better support the health of our communities and our planet. It's also a reminder that we each have a role to play in protecting and restoring our environment.

As you make your plans to observe the 53rd Earth Day this month, we invite you to invest in the Bay. The Chesapeake Bay has long been considered a national treasure, providing important habitats to wildlife, recreational opportunities, and economic benefits.

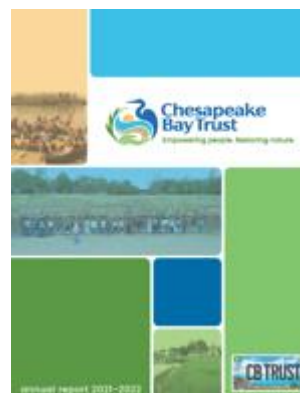
And there's no better way to invest in the Bay than with a contribution to the Chesapeake Bay Trust, where we are helping others make a real difference in communities across the watershed every day.

[Support The Trust with a Gift this Earth Day](#)

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

[Video: Why Are Jellyfish Appearing En Masse On The Bay?](#) Chesapeake Bay Magazine

[Federal Grant to Support Chesapeake Bay Restoration to Be Available to Local Governments & Nonprofit](#) Maryland Association of Counties

[Too many eagles? Smaller broods point to no more vacancy along Chesapeake Bay](#) Bay Journal

[Baltimore County Releases Master Plan Outlining The Next Decade Of Development: Focuses On Retrofitting And Climate Resilience](#) The (Owings Mills, Md.) Patch

[Steps to make National Parks plastic-free](#) National Parks Conservation Association

[Moore: State to partner with UMD research center to help implement ambitious climate goals](#) Maryland Matters (Takoma Park, 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](#)



NEW ITEMS TO SHOW YOUR LOVE OF THE BAY!

Get ready for warmer weather and spruce up your space with reversible Trust and Maryland themed throw pillows.

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.

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Ethical Anglers

- Every angler age 16 and older needs a valid license.
- Know the catch limits and minimum sizes for your target species and area- if you don't know, let it go!
- Limit boat use to designated areas to protect sensitive habitats.
- Contribute to the MD Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund OR the Healing Hunting Fishing Fund today.



[LEARN MORE](#)

Protect Maryland Wildlife!



Contribute this TAX season to Chesapeake Bay & Endangered Species Fund

Local animals need your help to save their habitats. A 100% deductible donation on your MD tax returns is an investment in your own natural community. Donations are split evenly between the Trust and the Wildlife & Heritage Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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.](#)**

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LINE 35 Helps Our
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MAY 4, 2023

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

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THE GALA FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

Presented By
Sandy Spring Bank

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25th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake

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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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