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Bay Stewards Newsletter

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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.

WEBBY AWARD NOMINATED STORYMAP FROM THE NANSEMOND INDIAN NATION

After starting a new oyster garden on Cedar Creek in the summer of 2020, the Nansemond Indian Nation began to see interest in both Nansemond history and living culture surrounding oysters. That interest, along with a lack of educational materials on indigenous people's relationship with the Chesapeake Bay, prompted the creation of the Webby Award nominated StoryMap, "Indigenous Life on the Nansemond River."



The StoryMap, a thoughtfully created web map able to act as a stand-alone resource, outlines the history of the Nansemond River and the story of the local indigenous people. The story

follows generations of the tribe, their displacement during colonization, their return, and the effects on the local environment.

Nikki Bass, author and member of the Nansemond Indian Nation, collaborated with fellow tribe members Leila Avery and Chief Keith Anderson as well as Green Fin Studio to create the StoryMap. Funding to help tell the story was awarded through the Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Awards Program, a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance (a Chesapeake Bay Foundation program).

Use the button below to view the beautifully illustrated StoryMap. Scroll through current and historical photographs, pictures of artifacts, newspaper clippings, and interactive maps.

[VIEW THE STORY MAP: INDIGENOUS LIFE ON THE NANSEMOND RIVER](#)



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[Pennsylvania to join Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#) - The Bay Journal

[Maryland Enacts Nation's First Conservation Law Focused On Private Finance](#) - Water Online

[Bay Bird Baby Boom: Webcam Viewers On Egg Watch](#) - Chesapeake Bay Magazine



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.

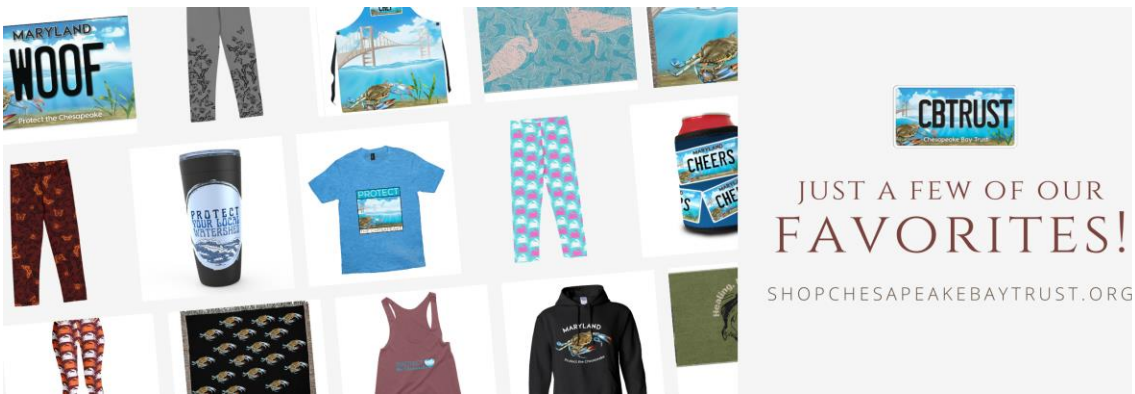
Programs Currently Open for Applications



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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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 -----

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ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY 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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