



CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

bay stewards newsletter

What's happening in your community?

Bay Stewards Newsletter

June 2022

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--- COMMUNITY NEWS ---

Impacts and Projects Throughout the Chesapeake Region

YOU'RE INVITED! JOIN US JUNE 23rd FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR GREEN GROUNDS VISION

Celebrate and explore how the Trust's upcoming green renovations will treat our stormwater, conserve our energy, and model the best and brightest net zero practices so businesses and homeowners can join the movement.

Join Us for a
Celebration and the
Announcement of our
**GREEN GROUNDS
VISION**

Be a part of the Capital Campaign
for the **Chesapeake Bay Trust**

We're halfway there! Explore how the Trust's upcoming green renovations will treat our stormwater, conserve our energy, and model the best and brightest net zero practices so businesses and homeowners can join the movement.

RSVP to events@cbtrust.org by June 16. More at cbtrust.org/capitalcampaign

Thursday, June 23, 2022 | 4 – 8 PM
Chesapeake Bay Trust Campus
108 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland

Dress Code: Block Party Festive
Open House | Indoor/Outdoor | Rain or Shine



About Our Green Grounds Vision

The Chesapeake Bay Trust intends to transform our half-acre campus in Annapolis into a realistic scale, state-of-the-art model of a net zero property for energy and stormwater. Our vision is an organizational headquarters, community gathering space, and demonstration property that, by design, is neither a source of waste or water pollution nor consumes more energy than it produces.

While inspired by green buildings of a grander size, the Trust's renovated building and grounds will meet the community's need for examples that show both implementation and maintenance of cost-effective, realistic practices that are feasibly adaptable by average property owners. The Trust's 10,500 square foot space mirrors that of a typical commercial building in the United States, perfect as a demonstration property. At a projected renovation cost of \$95 per square foot, the Trust believes this building will provide a highly cost-effective "everyday office" model for others.

The Trust completed Phase I of this plan in 2019 through the construction of our primary office space and will break ground on a \$1 million Phase II renovation project in early 2023. Plans include treating our polluted stormwater through the innovative use of rain gardens and cisterns, stormwater planters, bioretention cells, and a new pervious parking lot; meeting our own energy needs through solar panels and smart energy consumption; integrating waste water conservation methods, and expanding our sustainable business practices and institutional stewardship ethos.

Our goal is to foster a community – and build a special space – where those who are curious or passionate about minimizing their environmental footprint can explore sustainable techniques and technologies, as well as their maintenances, costs, and impacts. As the Trust hosts thousands of technical experts, grantees, community members, and other guests on our campus each year, and as we empower tens of thousands more resident stewards to take meaningful action to restore and protect the Bay, now is the time for the Chesapeake Bay Trust to lead in this critical way.

[CLICK TO RSVP TO THE JUNE 23 EVENT!](#)



HOW DOES THE STATE OF MARYLAND PLANT 5 MILLION NATIVE TREES by 2031?

Chesapeake Bay Trust President, Jana Davis, and Urban Trees Program Manager, Greg Burks, recently discussed Maryland's legislation in support of planting 5 million trees with John Kurtz, Founding Editor of [Maryland Matters](#).

To find out how the State will reach the 5 million tree goal and learn about the Trust's Urban Trees Grant Program [CLICK TO READ THE MARYLAND MATTERS ARTICLE](#).

Want to learn more?

View [5 Million Trees, Please](#) from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



Did you know it's CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK?

A celebration of the culture, history and natural beauty of our nation's largest estuary.

Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week is the perfect time to recognize all of the local community-based groups that have taken a meaningful role in restoring forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities. **THANK YOU** to the hundreds of thousands of individuals that have come together across the Chesapeake region to make an impact. Healthy natural resources benefit everyone, so **we encourage everyone to get involved and make a measurable difference.**

[CLICK TO GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE.](#)

--- AROUND THE BAY ---

Stories and News from the Chesapeake Region

[Chemical Contaminant "PCBs" Persist in Chesapeake Schools](#) - Chesapeake Bay Program

[Your Pollinator Garden's Success May Depend On Bees You Can't Identify](#) - Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News

[Farming Soy, Wheat, Corn and Carbon. How One Local Farmer is Leading the Discussion on Climate-Smart Agriculture](#) - WUSA9

[Chesapeake Blue Crabs Hit Population Low](#) - Bay Journal

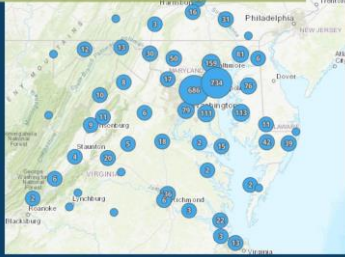


With the support of our funding partners and donors, the following programs are open and accepting applications. These programs fund our grantees' hands-on restoration, outreach, and environmental education projects throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

[Programs Currently Open for Applications](#)

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**AWARDED PROJECTS
INTERACTIVE MAP**



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](#)



Make a splash with our
**NEW BAY INSPIRED
BEACH TOWELS!**



Limited Edition



Limited Edition



Show your **LOVE OF THE BAY** while having fun in the sun!

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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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 Youghioghney 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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