



# Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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## NEWS FROM THE TRUST



### Trust, Partners Celebrate First-of-its-Kind Litter Trap in Maryland

The Trust had the opportunity to join [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#), [Anacostia Riverkeeper](#), the [City of Mt. Rainier](#), and other community members in celebrating the installation of the first major litter trap in Maryland in Arundel Canal, a tributary of the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River in Mount Rainier, Maryland.

The innovative litter trap, a type widely used throughout Australia and Asia, is designed to capture litter and debris that has been discarded onto roadways and transported by rain and wind into storm drains.

The installation of the litter trap was funded by the Prince George's County Stormwater

Stewardship Grant Program, a partnership between the Trust and the County, which aims to improve water quality in the County's waterways, improve communities, and engage County residents in the issues associated with stormwater runoff pollution.

Anacostia Riverkeeper, which has installed several of this type of litter trap in the Anacostia in Washington, D.C., initiated and led the Prince George's litter trap project.

Read more about this project [here](#) and [here](#).



Click the image to see the video.

## Grantees Share Impact Stories in New Video

This spring, several nonprofits who have received grant awards through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) sat down with us to share how the grant funds have helped them to further their missions, make an impact on their communities, and improve the environment.

Now you can watch as they share their stories in a new video about the grant program. Watch the video by clicking on the image above or by clicking [here](#).

The Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program is currently open. You can learn more about the program and the grantees featured in the video [here](#).

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## Did you know the Trust is on Instagram?

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## AROUND THE BAY

- **Seeing the World on Fisherman Island:** Most people only see Fisherman Island through their car windows as they pass by on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Shorebirds and migrating birds, however, use this national wildlife refuge for nesting and as a final pit stop before crossing the Chesapeake Bay. They are joined each year by a few lucky people who are willing to get up early on a Saturday morning between October and March to explore this speck of land with the Eastern Shore Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists. Learn more about these Fisherman Island tours in [this article](#) from Chesapeake Bay Magazine.
- **Bottoms up! Bay's Deepest Waters Showing Signs of Recovery:** After mining through decades of data, scientists have uncovered an encouraging new sign that parts of the deepest, most degraded areas of the Chesapeake Bay are not only beginning to respond to cleanup efforts, but are also starting to cleanse themselves. Read more fascinating details in [this article](#) from *Bay Journal*.
- **Air Quality Study Over Chesapeake Bay Seeks to Understand Pollution:** For several weeks this summer, researchers launched balloons, drones, and planes above Hart-Miller Island to better understand the complex swirl of air pollution over the Chesapeake Bay. “The study is an exciting example of cutting-edge research on the interface between land and water,” Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles said. Read more in [this article](#) from the *Washington Post*.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Monthly Giving

At any level, monthly giving is an easy and efficient way to invest in the Chesapeake Bay's recovery. Your monthly gift will ensure that the Trust can provide everyday citizens with the resources they need to accomplish projects that have a measurable, positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake and its rivers and streams. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).

### Treasure the Chesapeake License Plates

Did you know that sales of the Treasure the Chesapeake license plates support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at anytime [online](#), through a [tag agent](#), or in person at the MVA.



## ABOUT THE 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 \$90 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

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