



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

December 2018

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST

Your Contributions at Work



WILDLIFE & HABITAT

184,997 native trees, pollinator plants, and other native plants installed

62 acres of streamside buffers and vital wetlands restored

12 acres of invasive species removed

320 acres of forest conserved

STORMWATER

56 acres of impervious surface treated

83,635 square feet of rain gardens created

635 storm drains stenciled

664 rain barrels installed

139,218 pounds of trash removed



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

84,326 students engaged by **4,552** teachers

51,963 people educated through **1,938** workshops

20,647 volunteers engaged, donating **142,784** hours



The Trust's Year in Review for 2017-2018.

Ways to Give this Holiday Season

Each year, the Chesapeake Bay Trust provides resources to hundreds of

communities throughout Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay watershed for projects big and small.

This means that people in your community are making a BIG difference for our waterways, our forests and parks, and our schools and neighborhoods with just a little bit of help from the Trust.

As we enter the holiday giving season, we are so thankful for supporters like you! We can't do our work without your support!

There are several ways that you can support the Trust this holiday season.

1. [Make a Gift](#)

Chesapeake Bay Trust supporters kicked off the holiday season with a bang on #GivingTuesday. Thanks to you we more than exceeded our Giving Tuesday goals!

But we still have a way to go to meet our goals for the year!

2. [Shop AmazonSmile](#)

When you're shopping for that perfect holiday gift—or even if you're just stocking up on household goods—be sure to shop through Amazon Smile. When you do, Amazon donates a percentage of every purchase to the Trust!

3. [Get Your Bay Plate](#)

Did you know Chesapeake Bay license plates help restore the Chesapeake Bay and other natural resources of our region?

Simply by purchasing a Chesapeake Bay plate for only \$20, car owners can show their support for the environment.

4. [Contribute through the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund](#)

Calling all boaters, hunters, and anglers! Did you know that when you obtain your registration or licenses through Maryland Department of Natural Resources Compass **online registration system** you can now make a contribution to support fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, wetlands, and K-12 student field trips?

Learn more about each of these giving options [here](#).

New Partnership with Prince George's County Engages Communities in Fight Against Litter



Last month, the Trust and the Prince George's County Government announced the opening of the new [Prince George's County Litter Reduction and Citizen Engagement Mini Grant Program](#).

According to the [Prince George's County Litter Reduction Campaign](#), "litter costs [the] County millions of dollars a year, decreases property values, has a negative impact on health and wellness, and threatens wildlife, reservoirs and waterways."

Designed to provide communities with the resources they need to make their communities cleaner and greener, the grant program supports community-driven litter reduction and litter-related community engagement projects.

Communities may request funding for community cleanups, "Adopt-a-Stream" cleanups, storm drain stenciling projects, and more through the program.

Learn more about this program and apply [here](#).

Trust Executive Director and Bay Plate Designer Discuss the Process Behind the New Design



Trust executive director Jana Davis and Tina Cardosi of TM Design, designer of the new Chesapeake Bay license plate, have been traveling the state to spread the word about the new Chesapeake Bay license plate. Did you catch them on one of their recent television appearances?

If not, you can still catch them discussing the new plate online, including recent interviews with [Baltimore's Fox45 Morning News](#), [Maryland Public Television's Your Money & Business](#) (beginning at 19:33), and [Local DVM's Insiders and Issues](#).

Check out these segments (via the above links) to learn more about the process behind the new design and the great work made possible by purchasing a plate!



Did you know the Trust is on Instagram?

Follow us: [@chesapeakebaytrust](#)

CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS PROFILES



This year we're showcasing the unique experience of participating in the [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) by sharing profiles of each member of the 2018-2019 cohort along with information on their host site and descriptions of the work they'll be doing. Corps members met their host site mentors and [began their year of service in August 2018.](#)

Watch [the blog](#) for future installations from the 2018-2019 Chesapeake Conservation Corps!

AROUND THE BAY

- **The First Chesapeake Bay Beer Crossing.** Annapolis pub, Galway Bay, celebrates 20 years by launching a cross-Chesapeake voyage in an authentic Irish currach. Learn about the voyage and RAR Brewing's commemorative Galway Bay 20 ale in [this article](#) from *Bay Weekly*.
- **Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Efforts Get a Boost in Funding from Feds.** The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency said Monday that more than \$13 million in grants are being awarded to bay restoration and conservation programs. Learn more in [this story](#) from WJLA.
- **Chesapeake Bay Program Fueled by Science, Driven by Partnership.** This December marks 35 years since the signing of the 1983 Chesapeake Bay Agreement and the establishment of the Chesapeake Bay Program. Learn more about this history and the future of the Program in [this article](#) from *Bay Journal*.

WAYS TO GIVE

Federal, State, and Local Campaigns

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

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](#).

Chesapeake Bay 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 \$100 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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