



# Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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## NEWS FROM THE TRUST



### **2018 Treasure the Chesapeake a Success!**

The Trust's 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake celebration was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. More than 400 corporations, businesses, and individuals participated in this year's event, helping to raise over \$110,000 in support of the Trust's work to engage hundreds of thousands of students, citizens, and volunteers in hands-on projects for cleaner, greener, healthier watersheds throughout the region.

[Read more and view photos of the event on our blog.](#)



## **Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week**

The third annual Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week kicked off on Saturday, June 2 and runs through Saturday, June 9. In 2016, the Chesapeake Bay Commission championed the idea of designating a week in June as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week. Legislation establishing the special week was enacted in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Organizations throughout the region, including many Trust grantees, are celebrating and drawing attention to the significance of the Bay with events, activities, and educational programs. Find a list of some of the many events [here](#).

If you're looking for a way to make a difference beyond this week, the Trust can help! Learn about our grant programs and how we can help your community or nonprofit organization make a difference for the Bay [here](#).



## **Trust is Beneficiary of the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim**

[The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim](#) takes place this Sunday, June 10, 2018, and the Trust is once again a beneficiary of this famed event. One of the most exciting and sought after open swims in the world, the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim offers a 4.4 mile open swim between Sandy Point State Park and Bay Bridge Marina on the Eastern Shore, and a 1 mile open water swim.

The Trust will be there to cheer on the swimmers as they finish! We can't wait!



## **Trust Executive Director Discusses Mission and Programs with Comcast Newsmakers**

Jana Davis, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust, recently sat down with Comcast Newsmakers' Yolanda Vazquez to discuss the Trust, our grant programs, the health of the Bay, and the value of buying a Bay Plate. [Click here](#) to check out the video and to learn more about our programs, mission, and purpose.

## **Chesapeake Bay Trust Awards More Than \$670K in Grants to Anne Arundel Projects**

The Chesapeake Bay Trust and Anne Arundel Watershed Protection and Restoration Program recently announced three grant awards to nonprofits in Anne Arundel county. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the South River Federation will be conducting these projects, which aim to improve local water quality in the Severn and South River watersheds, as well as engage local communities in water quality issues. You can find out more about these projects [here](#).



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## AROUND THE BAY

- **Maryland Announces First State-Led Climate Leadership Academy:** At the inaugural Maryland State of the Coast Conference, leaders from several state agencies announced the creation of the first Climate Leadership Academy in the country. This program will help non-profits, local governments, regulators, and other state agencies to tackle the complex issues of climate change and resilience. You can find out more about this groundbreaking program [here](#).
- **ShoreRivers and St. Michaels Students Complete Environmental Project:** Students from St. Michaels Middle High School recently completed a project that mitigates erosion and runoff problems on their school grounds. This project, funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, allowed students to identify a local environmental problem, propose potential solutions, and then implement the strongest proposal so that they could see the impacts of their decision. ShoreRivers will continue to manage this Students for Streams program throughout other Eastern Shore schools. You can learn more about the great work these students are doing [here](#).
- **Fairfax City Students Help Protect Bay:** Chesapeake Bay Awareness week runs from June 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> this year, but students from Fairfax High School, Lanier Middle School, Daniels Run Elementary School, and Providence Run Elementary School are involved with protecting and restoring the Bay year round. From studying water quality, to installing water bottle filling stations, and recreating aquatic ecosystems, these students are learning about real world issues in a hands-on way. You can read more about the great work that they are doing [here](#).
- **Bivalve Bipartisanship? Environmentalists, Watermen Have a Meeting of the Minds:** After several rounds of discussion, a group of 16 stakeholders has created a vision and goals for the restoration of oysters in two Eastern Shore rivers. The group, OysterFutures, laid out a list of recommendations for restoring the natural stock of oysters in the Bay while also supporting the communities and industries that depend on them. The success of this project could determine how future restoration efforts work to engage a variety of stakeholders to achieve measureable successes. You can read more about this work [here](#).

## WAYS TO GIVE

- **Monthly giving**, at any level, is an easy and efficient way to support the Trust's efforts to restore and protect our bays, rivers, streams, forests, and parks. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).
- 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.
- You can give to the Trust all year long when shopping through **AmazonSmile** at [smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1454182](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1454182). Amazon donates a percentage of every purchase to the Trust. Plus, it's easy! When you go to the above link, follow the prompts and select Chesapeake Bay Trust as your charitable organization of

choice. Then shop as usual!

## 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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