



# Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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## NEWS FROM THE TRUST



[Shockley Honda](#) of Frederick, winners of the Trust's 2018 Commercial Stewards Award, planting trees to help improve the water quality of the Monocacy River. Applications for the 2019 Scholarship & Awards Program are now open. Learn more and apply at [www.cbtrust.org/awards](http://www.cbtrust.org/awards).

### Now Open: Applications for 2019 Scholarship & Awards Program

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is now seeking applications and nominations for its [2019 Annual Scholarship and Awards Program](#). Launched in 1998, the Trust's Awards Program honors individuals and organizations for their work to promote environmental education, improve local communities, and help restore the natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay region.

The scholarships and awards include two student scholarships (\$5,000); an award for

an outstanding environmental education teacher (\$2,500 grant); two awards honoring Trust grantees for standout projects and leadership; and an award celebrating local businesses that go above and beyond for the environment.

The deadline to submit an application or nomination is **October 15, 2018, at 4:00 pm.**

Read descriptions and requirements for each award and apply through the Trust's online application system at [www.cbtrust.org/awards](http://www.cbtrust.org/awards).



## **Welcome Chesapeake Conservation Corps Class of 2019!**

Last month the Trust celebrated the incoming and outgoing [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) classes with the annual “Passing of the Golden Shovel” ceremony, a focal point of a day of celebration and training held at YMCA’s Camp Letts in Edgewater, Md.

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is a green jobs program, created by the Maryland Legislature and administered by the Trust, to educate and train the next generation of environmental stewards. The program matches young people ages 18-25 with nonprofit and government organizations for paid, one-year terms of service, focused on improving local communities and protecting natural resources.

At the event, the 38 2018-2019 Corps participants met their host organizations to learn more about their job responsibilities for the upcoming year. The ceremony also served as a graduation for the 42 members of the outgoing Corps class who wrapped up their year of service in August.

The day’s guest speakers included Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.; Senator John Astle; Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles; John Quinn, Director of Governmental and External Affairs, BGE; Ernestine White, National Youth Employment Programs Coordinator, National Park Service; and Trust Board Chair Ben Wechsler.

Read more about the incoming class and see photos of the day, [here](#).



### **Trust Discusses Projects in Western Maryland and Beyond with WDVM**

Trust executive director Jana Davis recently joined WDVM's Mark Kraham on "Issues and Insiders" to discuss the investments we are making in their viewing area, which includes Western Maryland, and parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

[Check out a video of the segment](#) to learn more about the great work that's being done in this region!





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## AROUND THE BAY

- **Signs of Resilience.** The [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) recently produced a video series on progress made toward goals set forth in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. The Trust's Kacey Wetzel, program director for Outreach and Education, discusses progress made toward stewardship goals in one, which can be viewed [here](#). See the full video, titled *Signs of Resiliency in the Chesapeake Bay*, [here](#).
- **Baltimore Hospital Going Green to Help Local Environment and their Patients.** A major water conservation project is underway at MedStar Harbor Hospital in Baltimore. Learn more about this project in [this video](#) from Baltimore's WJZ.
- **Mussels to Help Reverse Decades-Old D.C. Pollution.** A pilot program is putting mussels to work filtering the water in the Anacostia River. Learn more in [this video](#) from *Chesapeake Magazine's Bay Bulletin*.

## 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 any time [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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