



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Trust Seeks New Ideas for “Mini Grants”

Do you have a great idea for cleaning up the environment but don't have the funding to make your idea come to life?

Apply to the Trust's [Community Engagement Mini Grant Program](#), which awards up to \$5,000 for eligible projects. This program supports first-time applicants and aims to engage new audiences, including faith-based groups,

communities of color, the health sector and more, in the protection and restoration of our environment. Find out more about this program and how to apply [here](#).

Read an article on this program or hear the podcast version [here](#).

“The CMBC Greening project allowed our congregation to learn about the impact of planting native trees on our land. The tree planting process allowed us to participate in an outdoor project that will have a positive impact on water management, air quality improvement and community engagement. By participating in tree planting in two teams, we created a bonding experience for church and community members. This was as valuable to us as the positive impact this project has on the physical environment.”

—Sister Delmarie Hines, Administrative Assistant, Carolina Missionary Baptist Church, Community Engagement Mini Grant Grantee



Trust Beneficiary of 2018 Made in Maryland Festival

Now in its second year, the 2018 Made in Maryland Festival will support the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The event will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2018, from 11 am to 5 pm at Kurtz's Beach, located at 2070 Kurtz Avenue in Pasadena, MD.

The event celebrates all the unique offerings of our marvelous state, from artisans, crafters, live jousting, food vendors, local wines and craft brews, live entertainment and beyond. The Trust will be on site as well.

It promises to be an exciting Maryland-themed afternoon along the Chesapeake Bay!

Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Prince George's County Pet Waste Initiative

Funded by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the Sustainable Maryland program at University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center (EFC) partnered with Prince George's County Department of Environment (DoE) to help launch the

new County Pet Waste Management initiative, Scoop That Poop. During the first phase, Sustainable Maryland partnered with Bladensburg, Brentwood, Cottage City, Edmonston, District Heights, and Landover Hills, meeting with their Green Teams, town managers, elected officials, and residents to identify locations for new pet waste stations. Phase 2 of the Pet Waste Initiative began in early 2018. Sustainable Maryland staff will be working with Berwyn Heights, Capitol Heights, Colmar Manor, Forest Heights, Hyattsville, and Seat Pleasant, in addition to several neighborhood associations.

Read more about Phase 1 of this program [here](#).

GRANTEE RESOURCES

- **GREENLAB@LIGHTCITY:** Join in the conversation about how we think about climate change, greening our cities, the green economy and the innovations that provide a more sustainable path to the future. Sponsored by BGE.

Event Details: Thursday, April 19, 2018; 8 am to 12 pm; IMET Columbus Center; Free, but registration is required. Register [here](#).

- **Chesapeake Bay Expertise Database (CBED):** The [Chesapeake Research Consortium's CBED](#) connects faculty and staff scientists working on Chesapeake related issues with each other, with other scientists in the region, and with managers, research funders, and others and helps the Chesapeake Research Consortium help all scientists of the Chesapeake region. Register your own expertise [here](#).

GRANTEE NEWS

- **First Beach Cleanup Sees Record Volunteer Turnout:** 112 volunteers showed up to clean up trash at Terrapin Park for Kent Island Beach Cleanups' first trash pickup of the year. Through a Chesapeake Bay Trust Community Engagement mini grant, some of the trash collected from this event and the other pickups scheduled for the summer will be used to create a recycled sculpture that educates the public on the impact of trash on local waterways. You can find out more about this project, as well as information about participating in future pickups [here](#).
- **Greening at Mount Royal:** Students at the Mount Royal School in Baltimore will be learning about the importance of pollinators and native plants while they assist in building a pollinator garden and outdoor classroom this spring, funded in part by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Once this project is completed, the space will be used by students and teachers, as well as open to members of the community. If you are interested, there are two volunteer days scheduled for May, which you can learn more about [here](#).
- **Manchester Valley—a Maryland Green Ribbon School—Uses Teamwork to Create Native Garden, Help Health of Bay:** Students at Manchester Valley High School in Carroll County are creating a native garden to manage stormwater runoff on their school property through an Environmental Education Mini Grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Manchester Valley is already a certified Green School, and now they are one of two Maryland schools who were certified as a Maryland Green Ribbon School this year. You can find out more about this project, as well as the other work that Manchester Valley is doing to become a nationally ranked Green Ribbon School, [here](#).
- **Most Watershed Residents Unaware of Their Role in Pollution:** Only 35 percent of watershed residents think that their own actions affect their local water quality and the health of the Chesapeake Bay, yet 85 percent think that people working together is a potential solution to improve local water quality. This disjunction and others were revealed from the results of a survey the Chesapeake Bay Program conducted last year to measure the level of citizen engagement in watershed issues. The results of the survey indicated a score of 24 out of 100 for Citizen Stewardship. This survey can now be used to

identify where gaps are in education and restoration, as well as better engage underserved or under-engaged audiences. To find out more about the results and implications of this survey, click [here](#).

- **Growing and Knowing: OCHS Science Students, Staff Construct Greenhouse, Native Plants Garden:** Students at Orange County High School will be gaining some hands-on learning about sustainable agriculture, aquaculture, and water quality, through the construction of a greenhouse, aquaponics system, native garden, and outdoor classroom. This project, partially funded with a Chesapeake Bay Trust Environmental Education Mini Grant, has been the vision of biology and ecology teacher Anna Burkett for a long time, and will serve the school for years to come. You can read more about this project [here](#).
- **Blue Water Baltimore to Conduct Study for Herring Run Stormwater Project in Towson:** Erosion and flash flooding have long plagued the Knollwood and Overbrook communities in Towson, but these might soon be issues of the past. Blue Water Baltimore was awarded a \$115,571 Watershed Assistance grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to study potential stormwater management practices that would mitigate these issues. This study will take a little over a year and then the results will inform what practices are constructed. You can find out more about this study [here](#).

We want to hear from you! Please send your news and success stories to Erin Valentine (evalentine@cbtrust.org) to be featured on our blog and in our newsletters.

SAVE THE DATE

Do you have your tickets for the 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake yet? Get them now because...

The Oyster Bar is Back! Join us for delicious oysters provided by the Oyster Recovery Partnership!

Plus! Honored guest and world-class sailor, Gary Jobson, will treat guests to a special presentation on "Wind and Water" at this year's event. Jobson's sailing credentials are unparalleled and his connection to the Chesapeake runs deep, making his presentation a superb centerpiece for the gala event.



All the more reason to join us for an evening of Chesapeake-themed food and fun on the Baltimore waterfront to support the Bay and a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed!

The Trust's Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala celebration raises funds to support our restoration, education, and community outreach grant programs.

Visit cbtrust.org/treasurethechesapeake to learn more and purchase tickets.

**Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:00 pm-9:30 pm**

Baltimore Museum of Industry
1415 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230

Register Now!

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](#) 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. 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!

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The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the streams, rivers, 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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