



## Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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### GRANT DEADLINES

- [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#): September 13, 2018
- [Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program](#): September 27, 2018
- [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#): September 27, 2018
- [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#): September 27th, 2018
- [Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline
- [Community Engagement Mini Grant Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Sponsorship Program](#): Rolling deadline

### NEWS FROM THE TRUST



**Welcome Chesapeake Conservation Corps Class of 2019! And congrats to the Class of 2018!**

Last week 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. 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 this month. 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](#).



Click on the image to view 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](#).



## **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!



## Signs of Resiliency in the Chesapeake Bay

The Trust's Kacey Wetzel, program director for Outreach and Education, discusses progress made toward stewardship goals set forth in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement in a new series of videos from the [Chesapeake Bay Program](#).

Check out Kacey's segment [here](#).

See the full video, titled *Signs of Resiliency in the Chesapeake Bay*, [here](#).



## GRANTEE NEWS

- **Anacostia Riverkeeper and Prince George's County Celebrate First-of-its-Kind Litter Trap in Maryland:** The innovative litter trap, installed in Arundel Canal in the City of Mount Rainier, is designed to capture litter and debris that has been discarded onto roadways and transported by rain and wind into storm drains. Read more about this project, which was funded through the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, [here](#) and [here](#).
- **Goats Take a Bite Out of Invasive Plants in Whitehall Bay Project:** St. Mary's rising sophomore, Gabrielle Marquez, is using goats to get rid of invasive phragmites and reclaim the Pleasant Plains community beach tidal marsh. Read more about this project, funded through a Trust Mini Grant,

[here](#). Watch a video of additional coverage of this project [here](#).



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## GRANTEE RESOURCES

- **Trust Grant Program Webinars:** The Trust has created short webinars to assist grant applicants with common questions that arise during the application process. Webinars are now available for the [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#), including short supplemental videos specific to applicants in Baltimore City, Charles County, Gaithersburg, Harford County, and Howard County; and the [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#). The webinars can be accessed through the grant program landing page on our website (linked herein).
- **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](#).

**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.

## AROUND THE BAY

- **Cownose Ray Study Suggests Maligned Chesapeake Creatures Could Be More Vulnerable to Overfishing than Previously Thought:** Chesapeake Bay watermen have long viewed the cownose ray as a pest, preying on a vulnerable oyster population. But new research backs up concerns that the winged creatures could themselves be susceptible to overfishing, an outcome some scientists fear could harm the Bay's health. Read more in [this article](#) from *The Baltimore Sun*.
- **UMBC Teams Up with Chesapeake Conservancy to Create Detailed Stream Maps:** Improving official stream maps using novel techniques developed by UMBC will help prioritize restoration efforts and enable enhanced enforcement of environmental laws. \$1.2 million from the Chesapeake Bay Program will make it possible. Read more [here](#).
- **Police, Aquaculture Industry Team Up to Battle Poachers:** Despite the best efforts of oyster farmers and aquaculture enthusiasts, the younger oyster beds of the Chesapeake Bay are being chipped away at, bit-by-bit. Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) patrol the Bay and its rivers on the lookout

for oyster poachers. Read more in [this article](#) from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*.

## ABOUT THE TRUST

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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