



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

July 2020

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPEN PROGRAMS

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant-making strategies are shaped by three core objectives: environmental education, demonstration-based restoration, and community engagement. We look to these objectives as basic touchstones for developing our programs, engaging new partners, and communicating about our work.

Outreach and Restoration Grant Program: August 4, 2020, 4pm

Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection: August 6, 2020, 4pm

Watershed Assistance Grant Program: August 13, 2020, 4pm.

Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate: Rolling deadline

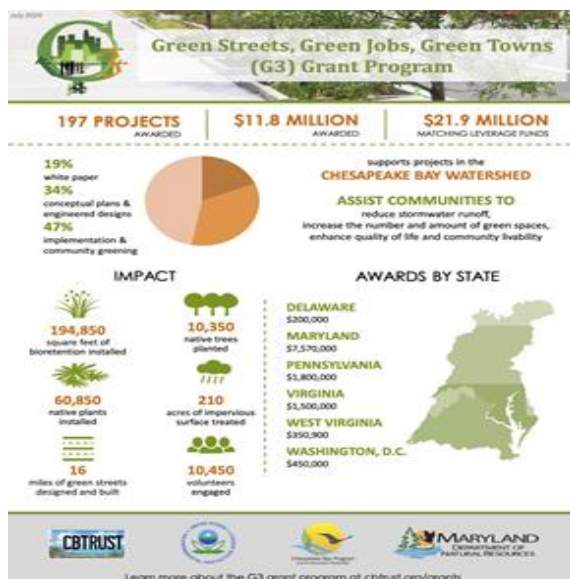
Anne Arundel County Mini Community Planting: Rolling deadline

Charles County Forestry: Rolling deadline

Community Engagement Mini Grant Program: Rolling deadline

For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Officer and Assistant assigned to the Grant Program.

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Over \$1.4 Million Announced to Support Green Infrastructure Projects to Improve Communities and Provide Jobs

The Trust, in partnership with the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) and the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\)](#) announce \$1,429,161 in funding for the Chesapeake Bay [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program \(G3\)](#). This program aids in providing communities with plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the amount of green spaces in urban areas,

improve the health of local rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay, create "green jobs," and enhance livability in cities and communities.

Awards were made to 25 innovative green infrastructure projects that span across Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia with almost half of the recipients being new applicants to the program.

"The EPA congratulates all of our grantees for putting forth Green Infrastructure projects that will support clean water and strong neighborhoods," said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio. "We are proud to assist communities in their efforts to reduce pollution to local waters and the Chesapeake Bay while improving their economy and quality of life."

Eligibility for application extends to communities within Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and West Virginia thanks to the collaboration of funding partners within Maryland and the Mid- Atlantic region.

"This year, perhaps more than ever, communities are seeing the importance of providing green spaces and green features that encourage their residents to walk, recreate, and just 'be' outdoors," stated Dr. Jana Davis, Executive Director of the Trust. "During these times of the pandemic, so many more residents are realizing the aesthetic, health-related, and even economic power of being outdoors, and grants like these will enhance their ability to do so."



The 2020 Treasure the Chesapeake Gala is going virtual on August 20, 2020!

The wellness and safety of our sponsors and guests is of the utmost importance for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Board and Staff. We have been closely watching the COVID19 pandemic and taking guidance from the CDC. We have made a thoughtful decision to go virtual with a semi-live program and auction. Our program will include a live presentation from our Chairman, Gary Jobson and

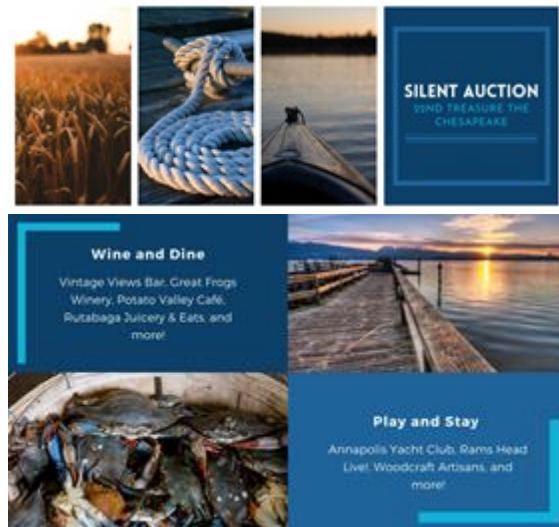
Executive Director, Jana Davis and short video clips of "Treasures of the Chesapeake", interesting and unique places to visit even while social distancing and a spectacular auction.

For more information, visit the event page [here](#).

The Trust invites you to participate in this year's online silent auction. From Baltimore City to the Eastern Shore, our silent auction offers chances to cherish treasures of the Bay region. We are thrilled to have so many local businesses supporting our event and our mission.

The auction will begin bidding on August 16th at 9:00 AM and close on August 20th at 8:00 PM!

See a sample of participating businesses [here](#).



Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Grant Awards



In May 2020, the Chesapeake Bay Trust approved awards totaling more than \$4,637,200 from 10 grant programs to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education projects and programs.

Four times each year, after a rigorous technical review process, the Trust's Board of Trustees announce their award approvals. These awards support watershed-wide non-profit organizations, schools, community groups, local governments, and municipalities through a variety of innovative outreach, restoration techniques. See these May 2020 awarded projects [here](#).

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



Parkdale Schools the Community on Stormwater Management

The [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Program](#) is a partnership between the Trust and [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#). This program aims to engage the

community and implement hands-on projects that improve the water quality of local streams and rivers.

[Parkdale High School](#), located in Riverdale, received a grant in 2015 to implement environmental stewardship and stormwater management within the campus community. In partnership with the [Anacostia Watershed Society \(AWS\)](#) and the [William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center](#), a few of the tasks accomplished included attention to the stormwater management needs of their campus by installing a series of permeable surfaces that allow water to infiltrate into the ground while filtering out pollutants.

WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"Our greatest achievement is the amount of physical watershed protections we have been able to implement at Grand Bel II...The kids love being outside, and taking care of their environment. We had children as young as 3 making sure that each rock was placed in the right spot. We were also able to connect with older youth by providing them with the opportunity to

paint the storm drains. Grand Bel II is a community that hasn't seen much investment in the last 5 years - and now the community has 3 conservation gardens (MHP connected the community to Rock Creek Conservancy for a 3rd garden), storm drain art and protective barriers, pet waste stations, and a thriving green club."

[Montgomery County Housing Partnership](#)



HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust has begun research and development of the 2020 Annual Report; cataloging all the Trust awards made from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. As with prior year's reports, there are opportunities to showcase specific grantee events, projects, and outcomes through high-resolution photographs and captions provided to us by current grantees.

We encourage you to email photos taken during any grant event, and especially before and after photos of hands-on restoration projects. Send them to karreza@cbtrust.org or tag us at [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust) on Facebook or [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust) on twitter and let the Trust help you tell your story!

See the 2019 Annual Report [here](#)

See the full history of annual reports [here](#)

GRANTEE RESOURCES



Grantee Resources for Applying and Managing Awards

"How to Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant" [video](#)

"How to Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award" [video](#)

"How to Manage Your Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19" video

Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

Available in .jpg or .png file, the Trust logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project. Feel free to use on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.instagram.com/chesapeakebaytrust).

The videos linked above can be found on our Vimeo page [here](#) as well as on our Grants and Opportunities page under "Resources" [here](#) along with Trust logos.

AROUND THE BAY

Bay's 1st traveling oyster restoration barge up and running. A new facility funded by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation surfaces as an "on the go restoration

center" aims to restore oyster beds in the Virginia region of that Bay. Read [Bay Bulletin's](#) full article [here](#).

Mercury widespread in Chesapeake Bay headwaters fish. "Nearly half of all gamefish in freshwater lakes, streams and rivers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed may be unsafe to eat because of high levels of mercury, a new study suggests." Read the full [Bay Journal's](#) full story [here](#).

Underwater grasses help to offset acidification in the Chesapeake Bay. Studies show that Bay grass removes nutrient pollution and provides habitats for baby crabs and rockfish alongside reducing acidification. Read the full [University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's](#) article [here](#).

CBF and partners return to court to protect successful limits on toxic emissions from power plants. "An analysis in 2019 revealed 91 power plants in the Bay's airshed could emit high levels of mercury a year. CBF aims to fight for stringent limits on toxic power plant emissions from fossil fuel-fired power plants." Read the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation's](#) full story [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 \$120 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.



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