



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANT DEADLINES

- [Goal Implementation Team Initiative](#): July 12th
- [Environmental Education Mini Grant Program](#): August 2nd
- [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#): September 13th
- [Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling Deadline
- [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#): Rolling Deadline
- [Community Engagement Mini Grant](#): Rolling Deadline
- [Sponsorship Program](#): Rolling Deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



It's Ribbon Cutting Season!

The Trust recently had the opportunity to attend ribbon cutting ceremonies celebrating two newly completed grantee projects.

[Rock Creek Conservancy](#) gathered community members, partners, local officials, and supporters to celebrate the completion of their Crabbs Branch Conservation Landscaping project, which will prevent thousands of gallons of stormwater from flowing into Crabbs Branch, a tributary of Rock Creek. The project was funded through the [Montgomery County Watershed Restoration & Outreach Grant Program](#), a partnership between the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and the Trust.

Read more about this project [here](#).

[South River Federation](#) commemorated the completion of their Twin Harbors Living Shoreline & BMP project with a Friday night barbeque with members of the Twin Harbors community, partners, and supporters. The project, which replaced a failing bulkhead with a natural living shoreline in order to improve water quality, reduce erosion, and create habitat, was funded through the [Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program](#), a partnership between the County and the Trust.

Read more about this project [here](#).



Great Chesapeake Bay Swim

Almost 1000 people participated in this year's Great Chesapeake Bay Swim from Sandy Point State Park to the Bay Bridge Marina. This 4.4 mile swim raised over \$200,000 for local organizations including the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the March of Dimes. A huge thanks to all of the swimmers, organizers, and volunteers who helped make this great event possible on such a beautiful day! As a beneficiary of the event, the Trust was on hand to cheer on the swimmers at the finish. We were thrilled to see our beloved Bay Plate featured on the race t-shirts and trophies! You can read more about the race [here](#).



GRANTEE NEWS

- **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](#).

- **Distractions for Annapolis Students Float Away When Canoeing College Creek:** Being out on the water is a great way to untether from modern day technology and get to enjoy the natural environment. Students from the J. Albert Adams Academy got to learn this for themselves after spending a day on College Creek in Annapolis exploring the area and performing water quality assessments. The funding for this field day came from an Environmental Education Mini grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. You can learn more about their experience [here](#).
- **Mr. Trash Wheel Gets a Secret Society:** Inspired by Mr. Trash Wheel—the downtown water wheel that captures debris from the Jones Falls River—and its thousands of internet fans, the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore has launched a social media campaign to muster grassroots environmental action. This March, with the help of grants from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Order of the Wheel was born. Learn more [here](#).



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GRANTEE RESOURCES

- **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

- **The Chesapeake Bay Hasn't Been This Healthy in 33 Years, Scientists Say:** On Friday, June 15, 2018, the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science released its annual report card which shows that the health of the Bay is improving and currently has an overall grade of C. This is the first time in 33 years that all of the regions in the watershed have shown improvement overall and is likely due to all of the work that has been done as part of the pollution diet, yet there is still plenty of work that needs to be done. You can read more about this report card and the health of the Bay [here](#).

- **A Healthy Chesapeake Bay Starts in Our Backyard:** This year marks the midway point of the pollution diet that the Environmental Protection Agency established for the states that make up the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and the good news is that overall the health of the Bay seems to be responding to work that has been done so far. Unfortunately Pennsylvania is running a little behind schedule but there is still time to improve. [This article](#) reminds us that we all have a responsibility and an opportunity to make changes in our own lives that can affect the health of our local streams and waterways, and ultimately the Bay.

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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