



## Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

June 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.*

**EXTENDED: [Environmental Education Mini Grant Program](#): July 2, 2020, 4pm**

**[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



#### 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](#).



## Meet Our Treasure the Chesapeake Sponsors!



The Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration has been a highly anticipated event for over 21 years. While we are all currently navigating uncharted waters, the Trust is reviewing every option in hopes of continuing the festivity for 2020. While we know for sure that our celebration will not look the same as in the past, we are committed to designing an exciting, enjoyable, and meaningful program to continue the tradition in 2020.

We could not do this alone. Our sponsors have remained stalwart in their support of our work and are a pivotal part of our ability to successfully continue our mission during unforeseen and challenging times. We invite you to read on and learn more about these exemplary industry enterprises [here](#).

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## GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



### Chesapeake Conservation Corps Profile: Emma O'Donnell & Carrie Murray Nature Center



Emma O'Donnell considers herself a lifelong advocate for the environment, which is why she attended [Washington College](#), known in the region for its immersive environmental programming. Emma graduated last spring majoring in Environmental Studies and double minoring in Anthropology and Chesapeake Regional Studies. Emma was drawn to the [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) program because it provides invaluable experience to young adults and would allow her to work on leadership skills throughout the year. Thanks to Emma's hard work, the [Carrie Murray Nature Center](#) is now the first public entity in Baltimore City registered as a [Maryland Green Center](#) by the [Maryland Association of Environmental & Outdoor Education](#). Read about Emma's contribution [here](#).



## Wild Rice & The Changing Landscape of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



Did you know that [wild rice](#) is more than just a side dish found at dinner time? Native to the Chesapeake Bay region, wild rice is an annual grass found in freshwater marshes that has been declining in reproduction due to an increase in of non-migratory waterfowl, invasive plants, and water pollution.

In 2015, [Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Curriculum and Instruction](#) began collaborating with the [William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center](#) to engage seventh-graders from 15 different schools in restoring the wild rice growing along the Patuxent River. Educators saw an opportunity to develop a [Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience](#) (MWEE) for understanding watershed water quality issues and the decline of native species. Read the full story of the success of a Trust [Environmental Education Grant Program](#) project [here](#).

### WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"Bloom the Boulevard is an interactive community greening day that educates and engages Pigtown residents on the impacts their actions have on the health of the Bay. Support from the Chesapeake Bay Trust has enabled us to rent tools to contribute to our cleanup, donate supplies to residents who clean their blocks throughout the year and has allowed us to host two Bloom the Boulevards each year." [Pigtown Main Street](#)





## 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 [cedson@cbtrust.org](mailto:cedson@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](#)

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## 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](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@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.

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## AROUND THE BAY

**The Science is Clear: Boating is Good for Your Health and Mind.** "Being able to go boating during the pandemic—or at any time, really—is great news, because studies also show that being on or near the water is a boon for psychological health. And who among us couldn't use a mood booster now and again?" Read [Discover Boating's](#) full article [here](#).

**Good news for shellfish: Aquatic grasses fight acid in Chesapeake Bay, study finds.** "Submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) is combating acidification in the water, and not just in the areas where they grow, the study finds. That's good news for the vegetation, but also for the shellfish that live and build their shells in the bay." Watch the [WTOP](#) full story [here](#).

**Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Population Shows Healthy Spawning Stock Rehabilitated.** "This year's survey estimates 141 million adult female crabs were conserved, which is above the long-term average of 126 million." Read the full [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) story [here](#).

**Virginia cave, home to unique isopod, gains permanent protection.** "Because there is no dedicated funding source to establish natural areas, and limited state resources overall, partnerships like the one to protect Cave Hill Natural Area Preserve are critical to protect the commonwealth's biodiversity." Read the full [Bay Journal](#) article [here](#).

**Study: Mature Oyster Reefs Could Boost Blue Crab Numbers by 80%.** "Restoring oyster reefs is a priority on the Chesapeake Bay, as we know healthy oyster populations can buoy Bay-wide clean water efforts. But the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) wanted to know just how much restored reefs can help, and how that could translate to the Bay region's economy." Read [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) full story [here](#).

*In case you missed it in our last newsletter:* **Choosing Material Using the Native Plant Finder.** When it comes to attracting beautiful butterflies and birds to your yard or community, the best thing you can do is use native plants. By planting natives, you restore the health and function of your local ecosystem. This website will help you find the best native plants specifically for your area that attract butterflies and moths and the birds that feed on their caterpillars, based on the scientific research of Dr. Douglas Tallamy. Use the [National Wildlife Foundation's](#) Native Plant finder [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



The poster features a top section with a photograph of people participating in a community activity near a body of water. A logo for 'CBTRUST Chesapeake Bay Trust' is overlaid on the photo. Below the photo, the text reads 'Making Powerful Investments in the Chesapeake'. The main title of the event is 'Chesapeake Bay Trust's Treasure the Chesapeake', with '22nd Annual Celebration' in smaller text. The date 'THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it provides the website 'Visit [CBtrust.org/TreasuretheChesapeake](http://CBtrust.org/TreasuretheChesapeake)' and contact information: 'For Information Contact Kelly Swartout at 410-974-2941 ext. 107'. A vertical banner on the left side of the poster says 'SAVE THE DATE'.

*The Chesapeake Bay Trust is beyond thrilled and deeply touched by the continued support of our event sponsors, winery & brewery partners, and auction donors.*

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## 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 \$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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