



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANT DEADLINES

- [Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member Application](#): April 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

Governor Appoints Two New Members to Chesapeake Bay Trust Board of Trustees

Two Baltimore-based professionals, Coretta Bennett and Thomasina Poirot, have been appointed to the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Board of Trustees by Governor Larry Hogan. Their appointments fill spots vacated by departing Board members, Terence Smith, PBS NewsHour Special Correspondent, and Steve Linhard, Chief Operating and Financial Officer for Chesapeake Medical Imaging.

Bennett is Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Bithenergy, an award winning renewable energy development and engineering firm.

Poirot is an associate with the Baltimore office of Venable LLP, a nationally ranked general practice law firm.

"We are thrilled and very fortunate to have Coretta and Thomasina join the Trust board, and greatly appreciative of the service of Terry Smith and Steve Linhard, who have been with the Trust for over eight years," said Benjamin Wechsler, chairman of the Trust's Board of Trustees. "Coretta and Thomasina are both highly respected in their fields, have a track record of dedicated service to their communities, and each brings a unique and relevant perspective that will strengthen the Trust's grant programs and operations as we take on new and exciting opportunities."

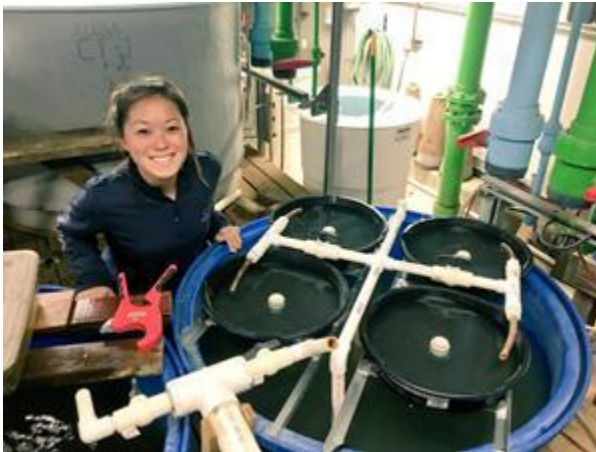
Read more [here](#).



Coretta Bennett



Thomasina Poirot



Chesapeake Conservation Corps Application Deadline Approaching

Applications Open Until April 13, 2018

The Trust is looking for young people eager to start environmental careers. Soon-to-be college grads and high school seniors interested in a gap year can gain vital green jobs skills and build a network of connections in the environmental field through the **Chesapeake Conservation Corps** program.

This one-year term of paid service places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work full-time in the environmental field in the Chesapeake watershed.

Application deadline is **April 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. Learn more about this life-changing program [here](#).

Corps Capstone Season is in Full Swing!

Each year Chesapeake Conservation Corps members complete a capstone project to top off their Corps experience. The capstone project provides Corps members with experience in grant writing and project planning, management, and implementation. Projects address a wide variety of environmental issues. Following are just a couple of examples of projects from this year's Corps members:

- **Restoring Freshwater Mussels to Maryland Streams.** Read about Corps member Jennifer Tam's capstone project [here](#).
- **New Nature Play Space at Jug Bay Wetlands.** Ream more about Corps member Shelby Cross's capstone project and see a video of a day in the life of the Chesapeake Conservsation Corps [here](#).

GRANTEE NEWS



There Used to Be a Forest There

This month we acknowledged [National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) by featuring an [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#) project funded by the Trust's [Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program](#), a partnership with the County, that removed acres of invasive species from forested land to prepare for planting thousands of new trees. Read more [here](#).

GRANTEE RESOURCES

- **2018 National Watershed and Stormwater Conference:** Join The Center for Watershed Protection on April 10, 2018 to learn about "Next Gen Watershed Protection: Fresh Ideas for Funding and Management." The Trust's Sadie Drescher, Director, Restoration Programs, will present on "The Role of Monitoring in Helping to Meet Watershed Goals." Learn more and 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](#).



AROUND THE BAY

- **Jerry Harris: A Hunter and Conservationist Who Is “Giving Back”:** Jerry Harris has been hunting for over 60 years now and still has as strong a conservation ethic as he did when he started. On his Mallard Haven farm in Dorchester County, Harris has demonstrated a variety of successful wetland management techniques aimed at preserving the waterfowl that are such an integral part of Eastern Shore history and culture. Horn Point Laboratory is honoring him as their 2018 Chesapeake Champion award this year because of his passion for wetland conservation and using his farm as a to teach others. You can learn more about Jerry Harris and the award celebration [here](#).
- **Life on the Bay, Through Ebony Eyes:** African-American sailors and watermen have played an important role throughout the history of the Chesapeake Bay, and continue to do so, even with a Bay that has vastly changed since they started on the water. Captain Tyrone Meredith, Captain Marcus Wooley, and Vince Leggett have all spent the majority of their lives on and around the water and are trying to continue this maritime legacy in a

time of great changes. You can read about their work [here](#).

- **The Slow-Motion Catastrophe Threatening 350-Year-Old Farms:** While it is well-established that sea level rise in the Bay region is happening at twice the global average, an issue that remains murky is the role that saltwater intrusion is playing. This influx of saltwater is degrading agricultural lands to the point of being unusable on the lower Eastern Shore, and taking a chunk of culture away with it. Saltwater also releases nutrients that were stored in farm fields into the Bay, which could have tremendous impacts on water quality. To find out more about the research that is being conducted on this subject, [click here](#).
- **Long-buried Oyster Shells Show How the Bay Sustained Early Americans:** Alex Jansen, from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, recently found 6 oyster middens, or trash pits, that date back to 3,200 years ago on the Rhode River. Using the findings from these trash deposits, Jansen and fellow researchers are not only able to better understand how native people lived before European settlement, they are also able to inform future policies that affect oyster management. To learn more about this research [click here](#).
- **Novice Aquaculturists Form Great American Oyster Company on South River:** The next time you are in the mood for oysters, keep an eye out for South River Suzies, which are grown right on the South River by Christian Schou and Perry Summers. The pair started the Great American Oyster Company as a way to combine helping the Bay's water quality with something that they were very interested in. You can read their story, as well as find out where to purchase their oysters, [here](#).

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

CPAS FOR A HEALTHY BAY

Tax Season is almost over! Have you reached out to your tax planner? Consider contacting one of our [CPAs for a Healthy Bay](#) for your tax needs and donating to the Trust through the Maryland Tax Check Off (line 35) on your return!



SAVE THE DATE

20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala

Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:00 pm-9:30 pm
Baltimore Museum of Industry

Exciting news! 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.

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.
- **3x your impact!** From March 12-31, Amazon is **tripling the donation rate** on your first smile.amazon.com purchase! Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1454182 and Amazon donates to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.



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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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