



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



2018 Treasure the Chesapeake a Success!

The Trust's 20th Annual Treasure the Chesapeake celebration was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. More than 400 corporations, businesses, and individuals participated in this year's event, helping to raise over \$110,000 in support of the Trust's work to engage hundreds of thousands of students, citizens, and volunteers in hands-on projects for cleaner, greener, healthier watersheds throughout the region.

[Read more and view photos of the event on our blog.](#)



Trust Executive Director Discusses Mission and Programs with Comcast Newsmakers

Jana Davis, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust, recently sat down with Comcast Newsmakers' Yolanda Vazquez to discuss the Trust, our grant programs, the health of the Bay, and the value of buying a Bay Plate. [Click here](#) to check out the video and to learn more about our programs, mission, and purpose.



Turtles Returned to Annapolis Harbour Center Pond

TurtleFest celebrated the completion of two restoration projects at the Annapolis Harbour Center designed to reduce pollution and improve aquatic habitat and the return of the turtles, removed during construction, to their native habitat. The event featured our own senior program officer Jeffrey Popp, who is co-director of The

Terrapin Institute. The [South River Federation's Annapolis Harbour Center restoration project](#) was funded, in part, by the Trust and the turtle rescue and return was run by [The Terrapin Institute](#).

[Check out this video](#) from Chesapeake Bay Media to learn more about the event and restoration project.

GRANTEE NEWS

- **Dolphins Appearing by the Hundreds in Chesapeake Bay:** If you're near the water in the coming months keep an eye out for dolphins! Researchers are asking the public to report any dolphin sightings so that they can learn more about this charismatic species. Last year there were over 900 reported sightings and scientists estimate that there could be thousands of dolphins in the Bay during the warmer months. The increase in sightings can be attributed to water quality and habitat improvements in the Bay. Learn more about how you can get involved [here](#).
- **Patapsco Heritage Greenway's New Pet Project Targets Animal Waste in Elkridge Stream Valley:** For the next two years the Trust will be working with Patapsco Heritage Greenway to implement a project that will educate pet owners about the necessity of cleaning up after their pets. This \$50,000 grant was funded through the annual county stormwater fees and will seek to improve the health of local streams as well as make public green spaces more appealing. To find out more about this project and this partnership, click [here](#).
- **Bates Middle Students Get Hands-On Oyster Lesson:** A Mini Environmental Education grant from the Trust allowed 6th grade students to get out on the Bay and learn about oysters and their role in improving water quality. These students participated in the Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park's year-long Oyster Education Program. You can find out more about this program and what the students did [here](#).

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

- **Old Bay, New Ways; Experience the Chesapeake Like You Haven't Before:**

Whether you've lived here your whole life or you're a more recent transplant, there is always something new to discover in Maryland. From sleeping on your own private island to hunting for fossils that are millions of years old, [here](#) are four great ideas for your next adventure that will show you a new side of this great state.

- **Can Chesapeake's 'Crown Jewel' Cliffs Still Be Spared?:** Just like when Captain John Smith arrived over 400 years ago and was chased off by the Rappahannock people, Fones Cliffs remain an active battleground; only this time the conflict is between conservationists and developers. These cliffs have been called the crown jewels of the watershed, as well as a globally significant important area for birds, but there is increasing pressure to develop this area into golf courses and neighborhoods. Read more about this conflict [here](#).
- **Seven National Park Sites You've Never Heard Of:** As the weather continues to get nicer, consider visiting these [7 national parks](#) around the watershed that are off the beaten trail. You can see the home of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, learn about 19th century agriculture, see the last riverine lighthouse in Virginia, and more!

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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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