



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANT DEADLINES

- [Environmental Education Grant Program](#): December 6, 2018 at 4pm
- [Environmental Education Mini Grant Program](#): January 10, 2019 at 4 pm
- [Anne Arundel Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program](#):
February 5, 2019 at 4pm
- [Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program](#): February
28, 2019 at 4pm
- [Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting](#): Rolling deadline
- [Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline
- [Community Engagement Mini Grant Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Sponsorship Program](#): Rolling Deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Trust Unveils Newly Designed Chesapeake Bay License Plate

The Trust and the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) recently gathered with partners and friends to reveal the new design for Maryland's Chesapeake Bay license plate during a special

unveiling ceremony at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. The newly redesigned plate features two prominent Chesapeake icons: the blue crab and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Sales of the Chesapeake Bay license plate support the Trust's grant programs, which fund K-12 outdoor education, environmental restoration projects, and community engagement in natural resources. The new plate will be available for purchase beginning today, Monday, October 29, 2018.

The unveiling of the new plate, frequently referred to as the Bay Plate or Chesapeake Bay Plate, is the culmination of an extensive process that engaged multiple Maryland-based artists and incorporated input from thousands of Marylanders who considered over 250 alternative designs. Ultimately, TM Design, a Frederick-based design firm and member of the Maryland State Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, created a design that won the majority of survey respondents' votes and resonated with Marylanders' desire for a plate that evokes "Chesapeake Pride."

You can read more about the unveiling, see photos and video of the big reveal, and learn about the process behind the new design [on our blog](#).

Thank you to the many grantees who were able to join us for the big day!

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Profile: Syler Merski & Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum



This year we're showcasing the unique experience of participating in the [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) by sharing profiles of each member of the 2018-2019 cohort, along with information on their host site and descriptions of the work they'll be doing. Corps members met their host site mentors and [began their year of service in August 2018](#).

Syler Merski is a recent graduate from Huntingtown High School, in Huntingtown, Maryland, where she specialized in Environmental Science. Through her coursework, she recognized the need for quality environmental education opportunities for young students.

As a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member, Syler is working with the [Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum \(JPPM\)](#) to educate and promote the natural and cultural history of the southern Maryland region.

Syler hopes to bring a new and creative touch to the children's events and educational programs at the park as well as with outreach programs in the community.

Learn more about Syler and Jefferson Patterson Park Museum [on our blog](#).

GRANTEE NEWS



Kent Island Beach Cleanups Celebrates Educational Environmental Sculpture

“Many Hands of the Chesapeake” project illuminates the detrimental effects of single-use plastics; Mentorship program advances nonprofit’s mission

Last month, the Trust was honored to join Kent Island Beach Cleanups (KIBCU) as they celebrated the culmination of their “Many Hands of the Chesapeake” project, an environmental art sculpture commissioned by KIBCU and created by local artist Lucy Kruse from trash and debris collected during KIBCU’s beach cleanup events.

The project was funded by a grant from the Trust’s [Community Engagement Mini Grant program](#), which funds activities that enhance communities and engage residents in activities that improve natural resources.

KIBCU also participated in this grant program’s unique [Mentorship Program](#), established by the Trust in recent years to expand the circle of viable grant applicants. Through this program, KIBCU was paired with the [National Aquarium](#), which served as a mentor to the small nonprofit.

Read more about KIBCU's "Many Hands" project and their Mentorship Program experience [on our blog](#).



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GRANTEE RESOURCES



New Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo. Along with the new Bay Plate, the Trust now has a new logo. Download image files of

the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [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](#).

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

- **VIMS Issues Annual Dead-Zone Report Card for the Chesapeake Bay:** An annual model-based report on “dead-zone” conditions in the Chesapeake Bay during 2018 indicates that the total volume of low-oxygen, “hypoxic” waters was very similar to the previous year, but a sharp drop in hypoxia during late July shows the critical role of wind mixing in short-term variations in the oxygen content of Bay waters. Read more in [this article](#) from *Science Daily*.
- **How the Chesapeake Bay Scallop is Making a Triumphant Return:** Read about Virginia-based Rappahannock Oyster Company's efforts to bring back the Chesapeake Bay scallop in [this article](#) from *Coastal Living*.
- **Lafayette River First to Reach Oyster Milestone:** A Virginia waterway's oyster habitat has officially been restored. Read more about the achievement in [this article](#) from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*.

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 \$100 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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