



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANT DEADLINES

- [Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program:](#) September 27, 2018
- [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program:](#) September 27, 2018
- [Watershed Assistance Grant Program:](#) September 27th, 2018
- [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

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



[Shockley Honda](#) of Frederick, winners of the Trust's 2018 Commercial Stewards Award, planting trees to help improve the water quality of the Monocacy River. Applications for the 2019 Scholarship & Awards Program are now open. Learn more and apply at www.cbtrust.org/awards.

Now Open: Applications for 2019 Scholarship & Awards Program

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is now seeking applications and nominations for its [2019 Annual Scholarship and Awards Program](#). Launched in 1998, the Trust's Awards Program honors individuals and organizations for their work to promote environmental education, improve local communities, and help restore the natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay region.

The program includes two awards specifically for Trust grantees—one for an outstanding individual/leader and one for a standout project or program. There are also two student scholarships (\$5,000); an award for an outstanding environmental education teacher (\$2,500 grant); and an award celebrating local businesses that go above and beyond for the environment.

The deadline to submit an application or nomination is **October 15, 2018, at 4:00 pm.**

Read descriptions and requirements for each award and apply through the Trust's online application system at **www.cbtrust.org/awards**.



Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program: Greenbelt Homes, Inc.'s Rain Garden at 20 Court Ridge

Communities all across the Chesapeake Bay watershed face stormwater-related issues that range from poor drainage to flooding. The [Greenbelt Homes, Inc.](#) (GHI) community in Prince George's County, Maryland, is no exception. GHI is a housing cooperative comprising of 1,600 homes built in the 1930s and 1940s. In the last 70 years, the surrounding area's topography has significantly changed, with a dramatic increase in the amount of impervious surfaces created due to urban development.

In 2016, GHI applied for and received a grant award through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) to install a stormwater best management practice comprised of a [stone diaphragm](#), [stone swale](#), and [rain garden](#) at 20 Court Ridge Road.

See more photos and learn about how GHI's first major stormwater best management practice enhances the community and improves our waterways [on our blog](#).

The Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program is currently open and accepting applications until September 27, 2018, at 4 pm. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Plus, check out a video of recent grantees sharing how the program has helped them achieve their missions and make an impact on their communities [here](#).



Project Highlight: Borough of Chambersburg's Rhodes Drive Reconstruction and Bioretention Basin

Last week the Trust joined the Borough of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in celebrating the dedication of their Rhodes Drive Reconstruction and Bioretention Basin project, which ensures that a critical emergency services route is safe AND that polluted stormwater runoff is diverted and treated before running into a nearby trout stream.

Funding from the [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program](#), a partnership between the Trust, U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability, with support from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources,

enabled the Borough to enhance an important gray infrastructure project with a bioretention basin, a stormwater best management practice (BMP) designed to catch and treat the first flush of polluted stormwater, running the full length of the street.

Read more about this project [on our blog](#).

Watch [this short video](#) of Trust senior program officer Jeff Popp discussing his favorite three things about this dynamic project.

Interested in the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program?

You can now explore funded projects through our new interactive map!

The map is available [here](#) on our website. Click on the "Green Streets" icons to learn more about each project.



GRANTEE NEWS

- **Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School Wetlands Enhancement:** RHYC Sailing School is a nonprofit educational public charity with a mission to instill a love of sailing and the water in children and adults by teaching sailing in a structured, safe, and fun environment. Because their mission is interdependent on the conservation and preservation of the Chesapeake, this year they took on their first wetland enhancement project on the Club's campus, removing phragmites, planting native plants, and developing a curriculum to educate local students. Check out a video of their project [here](#) and learn more about RHYCSS [here](#).
 - **Safe Alternative Foundation for Education, Inc.'s Underwater Robots:** This Baltimore-based nonprofit provides students with afterschool, weekend, and summer learning opportunities. This year they partnered with Port of Baltimore, the Trust, and Masonville Cove to introduce their students to the underwater world of the Chesapeake Bay by building Sea-Bots! Check out [this video](#) on the program from the Port of Baltimore.
 - **New Homeowners Install Bird and Bay-friendly Gardens:** Habitat for Humanity Choptank's Native Habitats for Habitat program kicked off in March. Supported by an Outreach and Restoration Grant from the Trust, the program works with Habitat for Humanity homeowners to install native plant gardens at their homes. Learn more in [this article](#) from *Attraction Magazine*.
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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

- **Estuaries Week! Eight Reasons the Chesapeake Bay is an Exceptional Estuary:** From the watershed's size to its seafood, [this list](#) from the Chesapeake Bay Program from 2012 still stands.
- **Shad Runs Approach Record Highs in Some Rivers, Lows in Others:** This year's shad run was a study in contrasts for Chesapeake Bay tributaries, as some saw the strongest spawning migrations in recent decades while others hit or approached record lows. Read more in [this article](#) from the *Bay Journal*.
- **Freshwater Flows into the Chesapeake Bay Hit an August Record Last Month:** The estuary received a record-setting flow of fresh water, scientists say, potentially hinting at long-term impacts on ecosystem health. Read more in [this article](#) from the *Baltimore Sun*.

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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