



# Chesapeake Bay Trust Outreach and Restoration Program FY 2021 Awards

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## Partners

- Charles County
- City of Baltimore Department of Public Works
- City of Gaithersburg
- Harford County
- Howard County
- City of Salisbury

## About the Trust

The Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other natural resources of all of our local systems, from the Chesapeake to the Coastal Bays to the Youghiogheny River. The Trust, supported in large part by the Chesapeake Bay License Plate, promotes public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the natural resources of our region. Learn more at <https://cbtrust.org/>

## Overview

The Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust), in partnership with Charles County, the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, the City of Gaithersburg, Harford County, Howard County, and the City of Salisbury recently announced the 2021 awardees of the [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#). Forty-five grants totaling over \$1.3 million were awarded, leveraging over \$2.2 million in match for a total impact of over \$3.5 million. These awards are detailed on the following pages.

This Program was established to provide accessible funds to implement community-led stewardship efforts that increase public understanding of environmental challenges; implement demonstration-scale, community-based, on-the-ground restoration projects; and expand the base of public support necessary to advance the restoration of Maryland's waterways.

The program has three tracks:

- Track 1: Outreach projects to Increase public knowledge and engagement in the challenges and solutions to restoring Maryland's natural resources,
- Track 2: Restoration projects to engage people in on-the-ground community-based projects that benefit both the community and the quality of one or more natural resources, and
- Track 3: Outreach and Restoration projects that combine the goals for both tracks above in order to achieve increased meaningful and measurable outcomes.





## Outreach/Behavior Change Projects

### **Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$10,126**

*Service and Healing: Bringing Veterans and Nature Together*

For experiences in nature for veterans through community environmental education programs along a wheelchair-accessible, streamside nature trail at 40-acre Woodend Nature Sanctuary.

### **Blue Water Baltimore, \$30,000**

*Lifting the Veil on Sewage: Connecting Baltimore Communities with Resources and Relief*

For a pilot campaign to educate Belair-Edison and Cherry Hill residents on the causes of sewage backups, the impacts to water quality, and the resources that exist to address the issue.

### **Pickering Creek Audubon Center, \$29,726**

*Native Habitat for Habitat*

For a residential native plant outreach and awareness project in Talbot and Dorchester Counties.

### **Patterson Park Audubon Center, \$29,700**

*Audubon's Avian Ambassadors for Baltimore, Birds, and the Bay*

For the growth of the Baltimore Bird Ambassador project to reach 400 Latinx community members.

### **Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$30,000**

*Plant it Forward - Proliferating Conservation Landscaping in the DC region*

For support of the Plant it Forward program to train community members and landscape professionals about conservation landscaping and benefits of native plants in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

### **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$12,973**

*Building More Interfaith Green Team Leaders*

For the development of green teams at faith-based organizations in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$13,124**

*Building More Interfaith Green Team Leaders*

For the training of individuals to develop green teams and produce an Action Plan for faith-based organizations located in Baltimore City, Maryland.

### **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$6,892**

*Building More Interfaith Green Team Leaders*

For the training of individuals to develop green teams and produce an Action Plan for faith-based organizations located in the City of Salisbury.

### **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$11,673**

*Building More Interfaith Green Team Leaders*

For continued Green Team Leader support of Harford County faith based communities.

### **Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$12,000**

*Building More Interfaith Green Team Leaders*

For the continued support of the Interfaith Green Leaders Training in Howard County.

### **Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park, \$16,000**



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### *Mobile Interpretive Park Center*

For support for Spanish speaking staff to lead Spanish educational programming for Latinx visitors focused on watershed and natural resource topics.

### **Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER, \$15,000**

#### *Clear Choices Clean Water Harford*

For support for the Clear Choices Clean Water Harford program.

### **Friends of the Patapsco Valley Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$25,000**

#### *Patapsco Clean Stream - Education and Stewardship Efforts in Ellicott City*

For outreach and engagement efforts to promote environmental stewardship within the Latinx and Korean communities in Ellicott City, Maryland.

### **Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$20,836**

#### *Si se Puede!: Growing a Community of Empowered Environmental Leaders in Long Branch*

For 80 Montgomery County community members to participate in a bilingual Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience.

### **Corner Team, Inc., \$5,757**

#### *Our Beautiful Corner of Baltimore*

For the installation and maintenance of a pollinator garden with assistance from residents and members of Corner Team Boxing & Fitness Center.

### **Izaak Walton League of America, \$30,923**

#### *Winter Salt Watch in Gaithersburg*

For support of the Winter Salt Watch program in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### **Defensores de la Cuenca, \$21,391**

#### *Creando Defensores de la Cuenca en Condado Charles - Creating Watershed Defenders in Charles County: Engaging the Latino Community in Watershed Stewardship Through Health and Faith*

For outreach and engagement efforts to promote environmental stewardship within the Latinx community in Charles County.

### **Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$25,963**

#### *Fishing and Faith: Entry Points for Latino Environmental Outreach*

For outreach to Latinx faith-based organizations to raise awareness on the health risks of local fish consumption and other relationships between environmental and human health.

### **Ducks Unlimited, Inc., \$29,691**

#### *Agricultural Wetland Outreach Program*

For targeted outreach and education of agricultural landowners and producers on Maryland's eastern shore.

### **Civic Works, Inc., \$30,000**

#### *Providing Comprehensive Stormwater Training to Baltimore Residents from Historically Marginalized Communities*

For a certification-based stormwater management training for 12 Baltimore City residents from historically excluded communities.

### **University of Maryland College Park, \$29,985**

#### *Building Knowledge Around Harvested Rainwater as an Urban Agriculture Water Source by Offering Water Quality Testing and Multimedia Education in Baltimore City*

For the collection and testing of harvested rainwater and an educational program for urban growers and residents focused on water quality and water conservation topics.

### **The Nature Conservancy, \$29,953**

#### *Engaging Farmers and Agribusiness to Advance 4R Nutrient Stewardship Practices in Harford County, Maryland*

For field days and coaching sessions with Harford County farmers to identify and implement practices to improve their operations with advanced nutrient management and precision agriculture technologies.

### **Potomac Conservancy, \$29,262**

#### *Growing Native Volunteer Team Leaders*

For support of the Volunteer Leadership Team to recruit and train volunteer leaders to organize and lead native seed collection events in neighborhoods and public lands in Montgomery and Frederick Counties.

### **Howard EcoWorks, \$22,000**

#### *Resilient Sites, Landscapes and Communities*

For the engagement of individual property owners and communities in restoration projects to enhance ecosystem services and strengthen the resiliency of the communities.

### **University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, \$29,999**

#### *SM Residential Action Framework and Outreach Campaign 2.0*



For support of the Stormwater Management Residential Action Framework and Outreach 2.0 Campaign.

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$29,209**

*Public Watershed Education Initiative*

For the creation and installation of educational signage for Chesapeake Bay watershed learning stations at Annapolis Maritime Museum's two waterfront campuses and for an eight-part series of adult programs that connect adults with the history, health, and future of the watershed.

**Susquehannock Wildlife Society, Inc., \$5,000**

*Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Interpretive Signage*

For an outreach program and the development and installation of interpretive signage focused on demonstration projects and how residents can create similar elements such as pollinator meadows, rain gardens, vernal pool, and stream restoration.

**Mid-shore Community Foundation, \$16,126**

*Envision the Choptank: Investing in disenfranchised communities through development of community-led restoration plans*

For members of three disenfranchised communities in the Choptank watershed to participate in community meetings and site visits to identify natural resource concerns and develop community restoration plans to address issues.

**Asbury Foundation, \$30,000**

*Asbury Methodist Village - Creating Watershed Awareness: Engaging & Educating Youth and Seniors about the Environment*

For the engagement of Asbury Methodist Village residents in tree plantings and workshops designed to increase understanding of watershed health.



## Restoration Projects

**Baltimore City Department of Planning, \$21,472**

*Increasing Tree Canopy at Racheal Wilson Memorial Park in Southwest Baltimore*

For planting 32 trees in the Boyd-Booth community in Baltimore City, Maryland.

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$25,130**

*Conservancy Northern Border Planting*

For the planting of a soft edge habitat with native trees and shrubs to support greater wildlife diversity and further protect the watershed along the border of the Howard County Conservancy and the historic Mt. Pleasant Farmstead in Woodstock, Maryland.

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$49,958**

*Healthy Forests, Healthy Waters III*

For an 11-acre reforestation project in Harford County, Maryland.

**Oyster Recovery Partnership, Inc., \$49,999**

*Marylanders Grow Oysters*

For the Marylanders Grow Oysters program through the Oyster Recovery Partnership and its community-based partners to recruit waterfront communities and homeowners near Maryland tributaries to donate their time, effort, and dock to care for cages of juvenile oysters until they mature.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, \$46,068**

*Harry Green Farm - Wetland Restoration on MD's Eastern Shore*

For wetland restoration in Kent County, Maryland.

**Baltimore Green Space, \$49,420**

*Springfield Woods Springs into Shape*

For invasive species removal at Springfield Woods.



**Blue Water Baltimore, \$49,999**

*Supporting Community Greening in the Cherry Hill Neighborhood of Baltimore*

For planting 150 trees and associated outreach efforts in the Cherry Hill neighborhood in Baltimore City, Maryland.



**Outreach and Restoration Projects**

**McDaniel College, \$35,000**

*Expanding Environmental Education and Restoration at the McDaniel Environmental Center*

For a forest and wetland restoration and the installation of a student-focused educational signage project at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland.

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$41,777**

*Serenity Farm Habitat Meadow Project/Charles County*

For the conversion of agricultural land into meadow at Serenity Farm and associated outreach efforts for the development and planning of future meadow projects in Charles County.

**ShoreRivers, \$31,859**

*River-Friendly Community*

For the engagement of two Eastern Shore communities in the implementation of conservation planting projects, two River-Friendly Yards workshops, and one bus tour.

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church, \$64,358**

*St. Peter's Pervious Parking Lot Project and Outreach*

For the removal of impervious surface and replacement with permeable pavement, installation of native plantings, and associated outreach efforts at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

**ShoreRivers, \$63,446**

*ShoreRivers SAV Outreach & Restoration*

For establishing a partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Anne Arundel Community College, and Washington College to restore 24 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation and to provide new hands-on volunteer opportunities to improve water quality and clarity, increase of aquatic habitat, and to help meet the Chesapeake Bay Agreement habitat restoration goal.

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$75,000**

*Water F.O.R.C.E. (Farm-based Opportunities for Restoration and Community Education)*

for the installation of best management practices and associated outreach efforts at Freetown Farm.

**ReBUILD Metro, Inc., \$36,775**

*East Preston Pocket Park*

For the creation of the East Presenton Pocket Park and to train 30 local green team leaders and volunteers in greenspace stewardship and maintenance techniques.

**NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$35,000**

*Bayscape and Connect at Flannery Lane Park!*

For impervious surface removal, native plantings, and rain garden installation at Flannery Lane Park in Towson, Maryland.

**Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center, \$30,602**

*Pearlstone: Water is Life and Bio-Retention and Outreach*

For a bioretention and water stewardship outreach project at the Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland.

