



## Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

April (Fools) 2019

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### NEWS FROM THE TRUST

## Want to protect it? Check it!



**Donate to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund  
on your Maryland State Tax Form**

When you make a tax-deductible donation to the **Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on your Maryland tax form (line 35)**, you are supporting a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake watershed and protecting local at-risk species.

Donations to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland state tax form (line 35) make a **HUGE** difference in the Chesapeake Bay Trust's efforts to protect and restore our waters and natural resources:

- \$20 can fund a life-changing outdoor experience for 2 students
- \$40 can plant 4 native trees to improve air and water quality
- \$75 can buy 150 wetland plants that protect precious habitat and prevent erosion
- \$100 can remove 500 pounds of trash from local streams and rivers

Your generosity ensures we can continue to protect and restore our natural resources; and you can be assured that your investment can not be diverted for any other use.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust recognizes these [CPA firms](#) who have committed to working toward a healthy bay. When considering professional tax help, please consider our [CPA's for a Healthy Bay!](#)



### **The Chesapeake Bay Trust's "Protect the Chesapeake" License Plate Wins Award.**

The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association, an international group spanning all 50 states and 19 additional countries, recently announced the Chesapeake Bay Trust's "Protect the Chesapeake" license plate as their 2018 Best Plate award winner. ALPCA member, Justin Mattes stated "The plate has been redesigned a number of times and keeps getting better!"

The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association, a group of over 2,700 members, is dedicated to the promotion of license plate collecting and research, the exchange of information and plates, and the fraternal benefits of sharing a common interest throughout the world. Read more about them [here](#).



### The 21st Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration

**Thursday, May 2, 2019  
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
Baltimore Museum of Industry**

Join us for an evening on the Baltimore waterfront to support the Bay and a cleaner, greener, healthier Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Enjoy an open bar and Chesapeake Bay themed food, networking with colleagues and friends, bidding at our silent auction, and indulging in some of the best brews of the bay and wines of the watershed.

The Trust's 21st Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala celebration raises funds to support our restoration, education, and community outreach grant programs. Last

year's event raised a record \$110,000! Help us break the record again at this year's event!

For event ticket information, please check out: [Treasure the Chesapeake Tickets](#).

For sponsorship information, please e-mail: [kswartout@cbtrust.org](mailto:kswartout@cbtrust.org)

For silent auction item donations, please e-mail: [cedson@cbtrust.org](mailto:cedson@cbtrust.org)

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## AROUND THE BAY

- **Alliance for the Chesapeake guest blogger reports on a phenomenon impacting storms.** "As the world has warmed up, precipitation events have also become more flashy and intense." Read the blog [here](#).
- **The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) highlight the trends of the automotive industry.** Among them, EPA reports new vehicle CO2 emissions area at a record low and fuel economy is at a record high. Read the full report [here](#).
- **Rain gardens beautify your home and benefit the environment.** The Chesapeake Bay Trust examines the benefits, ease, and different Maryland programs to help get you started. Read the blog post [here](#).
- **Maryland Trophy Fishing season begins in April.** The first few weeks comprise the "Trophy Season" where the large, migratory Stripers are in the Chesapeake Bay. Keep on top of the news with the Department of Natural Resources [here](#).
- **What are your Earth Day plans?** [Earthday.org](http://Earthday.org) has declared 2019 the year of protecting our species. So, after checking [line 35](#) on your Maryland State Tax form, get inspired with other ways to help our Chesapeake Bay buddies [here](#).
- **Trust Announces Awardees from February 2019 Board Meeting.** Community Engagement and Resoration small Grants and Environmental Education Grants Awardees announced. See the approved projects [here](#).





## Partners Preserve Scenic Land on Little Patuxent

Recently, [Scenic Rivers Land Trust](#) closed on a conservation easement to permanently protect 111 acres in Anne Arundel County. Partnering with [Maryland Environmental Trust](#) and working with grant funding through the Chesapeake Bay Trust's [Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program](#), Scenic

Rivers was able to help the property owner protect land that has been in her family for more than 100 years from development, while conserving vital forested land, wetlands, and green space in Anne Arundel County.

Scenic Rivers Land Trust is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to protecting forests, wetlands, farmlands and other open spaces in Anne Arundel County. Since 1988, Scenic Rivers has used land conservation easements to protect special places from development and provide tax incentives to property owners.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Green Neighbor Festival](#): Saturday, May 4th, 10a-4p. Culler Lake Park, Frederick. Join "green" vendors, local foods, and activities all promoting sustainable living practices and businesses.

[Made in Maryland Festival](#): Sunday, May 5th, 11a-5p. Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena. This completely Maryland-themed festival features a fun line-up of vendors and entertainment, from artisans, crafters, live jousting, food vendors, local wineries and breweries, live music, children's activities and beyond. The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of this event.

[Ellicott City Soak It Up Community Gathering Day](#): Saturday, May 18th, 1p-4p. 3695 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City. Offering walking tours, introduction to biochar and demonstration, stormwater education and free tree giveaway (for Howard County residents.)

[Lecture and Dinner at Ladew Gardens](#): "Enjoying the Outdoors Safely in the Age of Lyme disease." Thursday, June 6th. 3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton. Dr. John Aucott, Director of Johns Hopkins Lyme Disease Clinical research Center, will discuss the current outlook for ticks and tick-borne diseases in Maryland.

**SAVE THE DATE:** [The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim](#): Sunday, June 9th. Sandy

Point State Park, Annapolis. The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of this event.

[Chesapeake Bayhawks vs. New York Lizards](#). Saturday, July 20th. Navy Marine Corps Stadium. Annapolis, Maryland. Join the area's biggest lacrosse rivalry night for an action packed game benefitting the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Direct donation:

You can make a direct donation to the Chesapeake Bay Trust [here](#). Or mail your contribution to: The Chesapeake Bay Trust, 108 Severn Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

### Amazon Smile

You shop, Amazon gives. Bookmark [this link](#) so that all of your eligible shopping benefits the The Chesapeake Bay Trust.

### You Federal, State, and Local Campaigns

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

### Monthly Giving

At any level, monthly giving is an easy and efficient way to invest in the Chesapeake Bay's recovery. Your monthly gift will ensure that the Trust can provide everyday citizens with the resources they need to accomplish projects that have a measurable, positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake and its rivers and streams. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).

### Chesapeake Bay License Plates

Did you know that sales of the Chesapeake Bay license plates support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at anytime [online](#), through a [tag agent](#), or in person at the MVA. As a Chesapeake Bay plate owner, you are invited to join our Plate Perks program, giving you preferred parking or discounts at a growing number of businesses!

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The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, 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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