

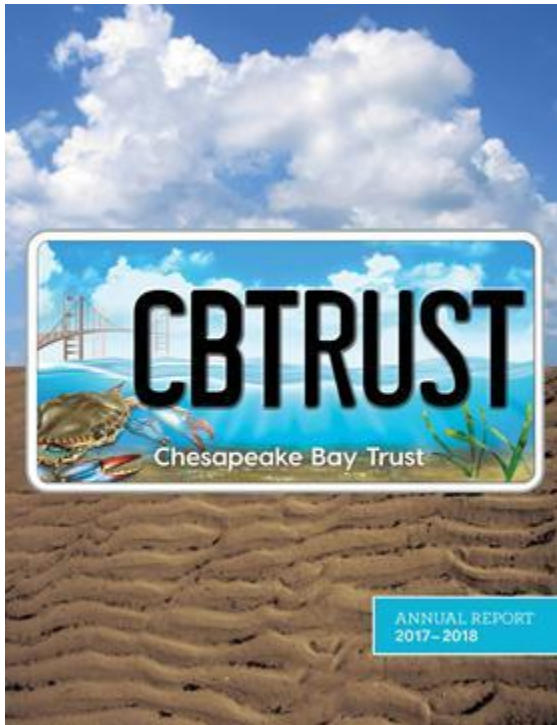


Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



2017-2018 Annual Report Now Available

The Trust's **2017-2018 Annual Report** is now posted on our website. In fiscal year 2018, the Trust awarded more than \$13.1 million in grant funds to organizations throughout the Chesapeake watershed.

[Check out the Annual Report](#) to learn more about the hundreds of watershed restoration, environmental education, and community outreach projects we've awarded in the last year and to see what's next for the Trust!



From left to right: Trust Executive Director Dr. Jana Davis, Connie Ray and Claire Hudson of Frederick Food Security Network (Melanie Teems Award winner), Anthony Clarke and Michael Galway of Irish Restaurant Company (Commercial Stewards Award winner), Maleah Smith (The Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship winner), Nicholas Kophengnavong (Student of the Year Scholarship winner), Stuart Clarke of Town Creek Foundation (Ellen Frites Wagner Award winner), Dr. Kimberly P. Tucker of Stevenson University (Educator of the Year Award winner), Senator John C. Astle (Torrey Brown Award winner).

Trust Celebrates 2019 Scholarship and Award Winners at Annual Legislative Reception

Earlier this month, the Trust was joined by friends, supporters, and Maryland legislators to celebrate our 2019 scholarship and award winners at our Annual Legislative Reception and Awards Program held at the Maryland General Assembly. During the event, more than 150 environmental leaders and Maryland legislators came together to honor remarkable individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to environmental education, watershed restoration, and volunteerism.

Awards are made each year to two students for environmental and community leadership, to one educator for excellence in environmental education, to one business for green efforts, to one organization for a notable watershed stewardship project, and to one community leader or volunteer who goes routinely above and beyond in improving the streams, rivers, parks, forests, or other natural resource within our watershed.

This year, in addition to these annual awards, the Trust presented the Torrey Brown Award to Senator John C. Astle for his fervent dedication to environmental causes and his steadfast commitment to the Trust as a member of its Board of Trustees. Notably, Senator Astle was instrumental in the establishment of the Chesapeake Conservation Corps, an early career and green jobs training program managed by the Trust, in 2010.

Read about the award winners [on our blog](#) and in the [press release](#) for the event.



Applications Now Open for the 2019-2020 Chesapeake Conservation Corps

Looking to launch your environmental career? Or know a young person who is? Soon-to-be college grads and high school seniors interested in a gap year can gain vital green jobs skills and build a network of connections in the environmental field through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps program.

This one-year term of paid service places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies to work full-time in the environmental field in the Chesapeake watershed.

Application deadline is March 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Learn more about this life-changing program [here](#).

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Host Site Applications

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is also still accepting Host Site applications for the 2019-2020 Cohort. Deadline is February 19, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Find the application and learn more about how your organization can benefit from this green jobs program and help shape the next generation of environmental leaders [here](#).



Save the Date! 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; network with environmental leaders and Maryland legislators; bid on luxury getaways, fine art by local artists, and more at the silent auction; and enjoy some of the best brews 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! Contact Kelly Swartout (kswartout@cbtrust.org) to learn more about how to sponsor the event.



Did you know the Trust is on Instagram?

Follow us: [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.instagram.com/chesapeakebaytrust)

AROUND THE BAY

- **Chesapeake Falls to a D-plus in Bay Foundation's Annual Report Card.** The Chesapeake Bay Foundation downgraded the health of the Chesapeake from a C-minus to a D-plus, blaming the dip in its latest report card on increased pollution from extraordinary amounts of rainfall in 2018. Read more in [this post](#) from the *Bay Journal*.
- **Eaglet Blood Tests Bring Good News for Eagles and the Bay.** Researchers tested the blood of baby eagles on the lower Chesapeake Bay, and found a noticeable drop in contaminants that stopped eagles from reproducing in the past. Read more about this study from the Center for Conservation Biology (CCB) in [this article](#) from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*.
- **Making a Home for Wood Ducks.** After declining in the 1900s, the wood duck is on the rise thanks to the help of manmade nesting boxes. Learn more in [this article](#) from the Chesapeake Bay Program.

TAX SEASON OPPORTUNITIES



Tax Season will soon be here!

Contact one of our "CPAs for a Healthy Bay" to work with a Bay-friendly professional! The full list of participants is available [here](#).



Do Good While Doing Your Taxes!

Tax time is an opportunity to look out for the Bay and local at-risk species. Donations made to the **Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund through your Maryland Tax form (Line 35)** are split between the Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife & Heritage Service. The funds cannot be diverted for any other use. [Learn more today.](#)

WAYS TO GIVE

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.

ABOUT THE TRUST

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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