



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Check It to Protect It!

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 cannot 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 study our [CPA's for a Healthy Bay!](#)



The First Community-Wide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Survey

Trust staff presented alongside the [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#) at the annual [Watershed Stewards Academy conference](#). Their presentation focused on summarizing the recently completed analysis of the first community-wide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) survey.

Fielded in the summer 2018, the purpose of the survey was to understand the current status of DEIJ within the Chesapeake community; more specifically, the degree to which both funders and non-funders currently value DEIJ and how DEIJ is currently perceived and addressed within their individual organizations. The resulting data is currently being used to develop the first ever community-wide DEIJ plan for the Chesapeake, which will be unveiled for the first time at the upcoming [10th Annual Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference](#).



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 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

For silent auction item donations, please e-mail: cedson@cbtrust.org



Trust staff reports seeing the new Chesapeake Bay Plate as far away as Pittsburgh, PA. Since the unveiling in October 2018, this eye catching new plate is the talk of the watershed. Check out [our blog](#) to learn about the design team that helped put this new plate on the road and [upgrade](#) to a bay plate today!

AROUND THE BAY

- **National Wildlife Federations's Sacred Grounds Program Engages Faith Communities.** NWF and their partners conducted three Sacred Grounds workshops with participants from 22 places of worship in Prince George's County. Read about their success in a recent [blog post](#) from the Trust.
- **Bay Crossing Study Needs to Consider Importance of Shore**

Farms. With all the talk about a new bridge across the bay, this [article](#) from the [Bay Journal](#) reminds us that more is at stake than just traffic abatement.

- **Bringing up baby oysters.** It is the mission of scientists at the [Horn Point Laboratory](#) to conduct cutting edge research and restoration activities, which so far have led to the deployment of over one billion oyster spat to Bay waters and tributaries. Thanks to the [Chesapeake Bay Program](#) for this insightful [article](#).



Attendees at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church's recent screening of Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" were treated to a panel discussion with representatives from [Blue Water Baltimore](#), [Baltimore City Office of Sustainability](#), [Chesapeake Climate Action Network](#), [Interfaith Power and Light](#), and Maryland Sea Grant. The event was funded by [Baltimore City Department of Public](#)

[Works](#) and 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.

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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.

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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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