



# Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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## NEWS FROM THE TRUST

As we continue to navigate through the uncertain and stressful times of 2020, please know that your well-being remains of the utmost importance to all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust. We recognize that the impact of so many challenging circumstances has affected priorities, health, and quality of life for everyone. As we all work towards an end goal of returning to ordinary life, the Trust would like to offer a little glimmer of normalcy through our monthly newsletter. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of the natural resources and those working hard to protect them.



### Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Grant Awards

In May 2020, the Chesapeake Bay Trust approved awards totaling more than \$4,637,200 from 10 award programs to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education projects and programs.

Four times each year, after a rigorous technical review process, the Trust's Board of Trustees announce their award approvals. These awards support watershed-wide non-profit organizations, schools, community groups, local governments, and municipalities through a variety of innovative outreach, restoration techniques. See the May 2020 awarded projects [here](#).

## The Parkdale High School Community on Stormwater Management

In partnership with the [Clean Water Partnership](#), [Anacostia Watershed Society](#), and the [William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center](#), [Parkdale High School](#) was able to host and mentor 13 student interns from the [Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program](#).



Students were able to partake in a variety of educational activities, such as maintaining an edible food forest in front of the school's campus and visiting several facilities working to protect our natural resources, including the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, where they learned of the County's actions to better manage and protect the environment.

The [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Program](#) is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) that recognizes the potential these institutions, amongst others, have to engage the community and implement projects that improve the water quality of local streams and rivers.

Read the full Trust blog post [here](#).



### Chesapeake Conservation Corps Profile: Emma O'Donnell & Carrie Murray Nature Center

Emma O'Donnell considers herself a lifelong advocate for the environment, which is why she attended [Washington College](#), known in the region for its immersive environmental programming. Interning with the [National Aquarium](#) in Baltimore, The Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife, and [The Delaware Center for Inland Bays](#), Emma became even more

interested in the field as she worked her way through college.

[Carrie Murray Nature Center](#), an entity of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, is located inside of [Gwynn's Falls Leakin Park](#) and is part of [Baltimore City's Division of Recreation and Parks](#). The park is the largest urban wilderness park east of the Mississippi and the third-largest in the United States serving over 30,000 visitors annually. Thanks to Emma's hard work, the Nature Center itself is

now the first public entity in Baltimore City registered as a Maryland Green Center by the [Maryland Association of Environmental & Outdoor Education](#)

Read more about Emma and her capstone project [here](#).

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## AROUND THE BAY

**Cultivating inclusion in an urban park.** How Patterson Park in southeast Baltimore embraces diverse communities. Read [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) full article [here](#).

**Slightly reduced dead zone predicted in the Bay.** The Bay's "dead zone," an area with little or no oxygen, is expected to be slightly smaller this summer thanks to spring rains bringing less pollution into the water. But a leading environmental group is quick to add this news is "nothing to cheer." Read [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's Bay Bulletin](#) article [here](#).

**What to do when you encounter local animals and their babies!** Spring means lots of Potomac River region animals are mating, having babies, or becoming active--and hungry, after long hibernations. They may also be confused by changes in human behavior and traffic patterns due to the COVID-19 crisis. Read [Potomac Conservancy's](#) blog [here](#).

**An Eastern Shore wetland is a hotspot for birds.** Deal Island Wildlife Management Area delivers for nature lovers. Read the [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) full article [here](#).

**Bringing back the woods.** Nature has seemingly rejoiced during this time of crisis, as carbon emissions decrease, water quality improves, and wildlife returns to now quiet habitats. Read [The Friends of James River's](#) full account [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Because of the rapidly changing environment resulting from COVID-19, The Trust is suspending promotion of grantee and partner events to minimize misinformation.*



When you purchase your Maryland fishing license online, remember to make a contribution that supports cleaner water, fish and wildlife habitats!

Help us restore and protect the Chesapeake's rivers and streams.

Get your fishing license online and support the *MD Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund*

Visit <https://cbtrust.org/mdoutdoors/>



Many dealerships and tag & title agents are OPEN and working to process vehicle sales, deliveries, and registrations. Support area businesses who support the Chesapeake Bay!

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Making Powerful Investments in the Chesapeake

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Chesapeake Bay Trust's**  
*Treasure the Chesapeake*  
22nd Annual Celebration

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

Visit [CBtrust.org/TreasuretheChesapeake](http://CBtrust.org/TreasuretheChesapeake)  
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## 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.

### **Chairman's Circle:**

Created to engage those who want to make it possible for the Trust to meet the increasing demands of restoring and protecting our natural resources. Read more and join [here](#).

### **Amazon Smile:**

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

### **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](#).

### **The Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund**

Fishers, boaters, and hunters who obtain registration or licenses through Maryland Department of Natural Resources [Compass online registration system](#) can make a contribution to support fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, wetlands, and k-12 student field trips.

### **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 any time [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!

## Shop the Chesapeake Bay Trust

The iconic images of the Bay Bridge, crabs, grasses and blue skies all resonate with Marylanders far and wide and are now available on selected items curated by Trust staff through our online [shop](#).

## 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 our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.



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