



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPEN PROGRAMS

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant-making strategies are shaped by three core objectives: environmental education, demonstration-based restoration, and community engagement. We look to these objectives as basic touchstones for developing our programs, engaging new partners, and communicating about our work.

[Restoration Research](#): January 30, 2020, 4pm

[Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration](#): March 12, 2020, 4pm

[Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member Application](#): March 12, 2020, 4pm

[Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns](#): March 20, 2020, 4pm

[Anne Arundel County Forestry & Forested Land Protection](#): March 26, 2020, 4pm

[Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate](#): Rolling deadline

[Anne Arundel County Mini Community Planting](#): Rolling deadline.

[Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline

[Community Engagement Mini Grant](#): Rolling deadline

[Sponsorship](#): Rolling deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



The Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Awardees

In **November 2019**, the Trust approved 57 grants totaling \$2,458,035 to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education projects and programs. Four times each year, the Trust's Board of Trustees announce their grant approvals helping local non-profit organizations, schools, community groups, local governments, and municipalities through a variety of outreach and restoration techniques. See the November 2019 awarded projects [here](#).

The Start of Legislative Season Marks Celebration for the Trust

Last week, the Trust had the honor of hosting our 10th cohort of Chesapeake Conservation Corps members, Corps alumni, Maryland State Delegates and Senators, grant program partners, supporters, and friends of the Trust at our annual



Legislative Reception. We were reminded by Senate President Bill Ferguson that “the Bay is not political. The Bay is the most important thing that we have in the state of Maryland. It is the commerce hub and is where we have the birth of our future experiences.”

Pictured here from left: Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio; Department of Natural Resources, Gary Jobson, Chairman of the Board of the Chesapeake Bay Trust; Senate President Emeritus Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.; Jana Davis, Trust executive director; Senator Pam Beidle; Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo; and Superintendent of the Chesapeake Bay Office for National Parks Service, Wendy O’Sullivan. Read the full blog post about this memorable evening [here](#).

Announcing the Chesapeake Bay Trust Speaker Series for 2020



Jay Fleming

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Capturing the Chesapeake Bay in Photos



John Shields

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Enjoying the Bounty of the Bay



Terence Smith

Thursday, October 29, 2020

How the Media Covers an Election

Started in 2019, the [speaker series](#) is our opportunity to provide perspective on shared interests within the Chesapeake Bay community and start conversations that lead to action. Speakers include experts, movers, and shakers in alignment with the Trust's mission to engage and educate the community and advance the improvement of the Bay.

For information on attending an upcoming event, please e-mail info@cbtrust.org.



The Trust Welcomes the New Year with a New Member

After completing an internship with the Trust, Katherine Somoza joins the Program team as Restoration Program Assistant. Katherine shares her story on why she decided to continue with the Trust after her time working with the Rain Check Rebate Program (RCR) ended. Read her interview with Trust Intern, Kristina Arezza, [here](#).

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

Plastic Free QAC Has Long Term Plans to Eliminate Single-Use Plastic

[Plastic Free QAC, Inc.](#) let no grass grow under their feet when awarded a [Community Engagement Mini-Grant](#) last November through the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a series of informational events regarding the effects of plastic pollution on waterways and reusable bags as better alternatives to plastic.



Plastic Free QAC (PFQAC) is grassroots, non-profit organization committed not only to beautifying [Queen Anne's County](#) but also in changing behavior and empowering residents and businesses to make more environmentally friendly choices day to day. Only in existence for 2 years, they started with a handful of trash cleanups along county roads and waterways and grew to reusable bag distribution events throughout the County and partnerships with environmentally friendly businesses, other local non-profits. PFQAC conducted 16 monthly cleanups, each 1/4 mile in length, adding up to 4 miles. A total of 944 plastic bags were collected and counted from the 8 most recent cleanups.

Read the full story [here](#).

WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"In 2019, [Butler Montessori](#) received an award to replace 3,000 square feet of asphalt in our driveway with permeable pavers. These pavers allow for rainwater to be absorbed into the ground instead of running off. This reduces erosion of the land and pollution that enters our rivers. In addition, we installed a student-created sign to educate our students and visitors about the water

cycle and the important role the pavers play in reducing erosion and pollution. We hope to teach and inspire other schools, businesses, and residents to reduce their asphalt footprint and help the environment."

GRANTEE RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[Nature-Based and Green Infrastructure Solution Grants](#): The American Planning Association is seeking project inquiries from communities interested in exploring nature-based and green infrastructure solutions through pre- and post-disaster recovery planning. The APA recognizes the growing need for communities to plan for increased resilience and understands the importance of shifting thinking away from expensive gray infrastructure solutions. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 28, 2020.

[Government Reform and Strategic Initiatives Sustainability Fellowship Position](#): The Baltimore County Office Government Reform and Strategic Initiatives seeks a Fellow to assist with the creation of a Climate Action Plan and research best practices and development of initiatives.

[Unity Garden Grant Cycle Now Open](#). Unity Grants is accepting proposals through March 1, 2020 for native gardening projects in Anne Arundel County.

[The Anacostia Watershed Society](#) has employment opportunities available as an Environmental Educator, Office Assistant, and Internships.



A Helpful Resource in Your Grant Application Process!

The "How to Apply" webinar is a tool to guide applicants through the grant application process from start to finish; with tips, resources, and contact information aimed to streamline your application time and eliminate the

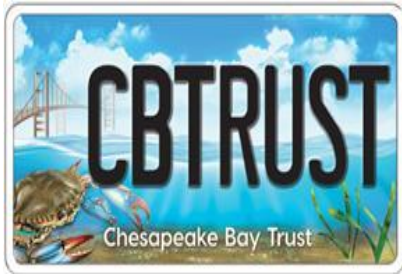
distractions that can sideline your efforts. Check out the informative video [here](#) or [learn more about our programs and opportunities](#).

HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust invites awardees to include us in your social media promotions! Send us your event flyers, tell us about your upcoming events, tag us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram

[@chesapeakebaytrust](https://twitter.com/chesapeakebaytrust). You might just be featured in our next newsletter reaching thousands of readers each month!

We encourage you to email photos taken during any grant event, and especially before and after photos of hands-on restoration projects. Send them to cedson@cbtrust.org and let the Trust help you tell your story!



Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo. Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

AROUND THE BAY

Christmas Trees Repurposed as Beach Erosion Barriers. "A homegrown effort to collect discarded Christmas trees for erosion prevention is getting traction." Watch the [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) video [here](#).

Making a Splash. "I fought for the Bay by educating the public, giving them the tools and knowledge to advocate for their watershed." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) story of Chesapeake Conservation Corps Alum, Dionna Bucci's experiences [here](#).

Baltimore's Bag Ban: What Will It Do? What's Next? "Eight attempts at a Baltimore plastic bag ban have come and gone since 2006. Today, nine times proved to be the charm." Read the full story [here](#), as recounted by [Blue Water Baltimore](#), on the recent Comprehensive Bag Reduction Bill passing.

Oyster Recovery Partnership Sets Shell-Recycling Record. "In 2019, the Shell Recycling Alliance collected 36,000 bushels of oyster shell. That much shell could potentially house 180 million oyster spat." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) article [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[D.C. Teacher Night](#). Thursday, January 30th. 6p-8p. U.S. Botanic Garden, D.C. Free, advance registration required. Connect with 40 D.C. area environmental organizations to find out how to get your students learning about nature and how to bring the environment into the classroom.

[Workshop on Building Resilient Eastern Shore Farms](#). Wednesday, February 5th. 9a-2p. Free. Focusing on building farm resiliency and innovative practices that benefit both farm productivity and conservation efforts.

[Howard County Residential BMP Workshop](#). Tuesday, February 18th. 9a-1p. Ellicott City. This free workshop will help residents learn design and installation specifications for common residential best management practices as well as basic information about the County's residential stormwater program.

["Leap into Action" Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy Featuring Doug Tallamy](#). Saturday, February 22nd. 9:15a-4:30p. Annapolis. Fee. Whether you are a seasoned Steward, a stormwater professional, or just getting started in the wide world of watershed restoration, this year's conference has something for everyone.

[Nature Nurtures: Exploring the Intersection of Trauma-Informed Care, Outdoor Experiences, and Environmental Education](#). Thursday, March 7th. 8a-4p. Digital Harbor High School, Baltimore. Fee. We are growing increasingly aware of the benefits of spending time in nature, some of which include improvements in mental and physical health, social-emotional development, stress reduction, and higher academic achievement. Join with others to foster cross-section communication and share the wealth of information that experts bring in helping Baltimore's children thrive.

[How to Read Your Stream](#). Thursday, March 7th. 7p-9:30p. Woodend Sanctuary, Chevy Chase. Fee. (Note: more dates and topics in this series listed online) Learn about the influence of land uses on streams, stream character and dynamics, bank erosion, bar formation, substrate composition, and the importance of riffles and riparian vegetation.

[Greener than Grass: A Sustainable Landscaping Workshop](#). Saturday, March 21st. 9a-12p. JMU, Harrisonburg, VA. Fee. Turf grass is America's #1 crop, yet it has no ecological value. Learn to landscape more sustainably.

[City Nature Challenge 2020](#). April 24-27th, April 28th-May 3rd. Cities around the world will be competing to see who can make the most observations of nature, find the most species, and engage the most people.

[Made in Maryland](#). May 3rd. 11a-5p. Mark your calendar's for a one-day event highlighting all of our state's best and famous offerings. The Trust will be there, will you hon? *The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a beneficiary of the event.*

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[The Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the streams, rivers, 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 \$120 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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