

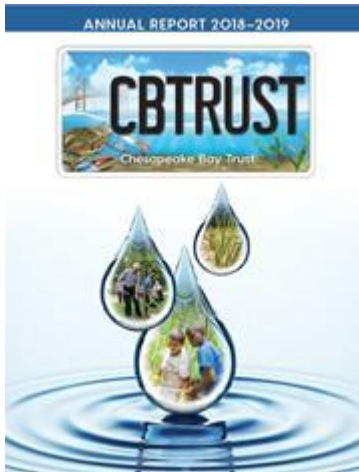


Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



2018-2019 Annual Report Now Available

The Trust's 2018-2019 Annual Report is now posted on our website. In fiscal year 2019, the Trust awarded over \$11 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!

Applications Now Open for the 2020-2021 Chesapeake Conservation Corps Members

Looking to launch your environmental career? Or know a young person who is?

Now in its 10th year, the Chesapeake Conservation Corps places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofits or government agencies for a one year term to work full-time in the environmental field in the Chesapeake watershed gaining vital green jobs skills and building a network of connections in the environmental field through the Chesapeake Conservation Corps program. **Application deadline is March 12, 2020 at 4:00 pm.** Learn more about this life-changing program [here](#).



Introducing the Chesapeake Bay Trust Speaker Series



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

Begun 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 Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Awardees

In November 2019, the Trust approved \$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](#).





Tax Season will be here soon!

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



Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration

Thursday, May 7, 2020

6:00pm-9:00pm

[Baltimore Museum of Industry](#)

1415 Key Highway

Baltimore, MD 21230

Connect with over 500 community leaders and friends of the Chesapeake Bay to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with an open bar, dinner, silent auction, and much, much more! Proceeds raised are administered through the Trust as grants to schools, nonprofits, community groups, and other entities for on-the-ground restoration and education projects.

Sponsorship information available: kswartout@cbtrust.org

Through signage, weblinks, newsletters, media outreach, and more you can put your organization in front of tens of thousands of likeminded constituents... starting right now!

Tickets available [here](#).

Join influential supporters, legislative and environmental leaders, and members of the public who come together to support the Bay and its waters.

Goatscaping: Clearing Invasive Species Never Looked So Cute

Maintaining and enhancing its community areas is one of the primary responsibilities of the Edgewater Beach Citizens Association for the Edgewater Beach Shaded section community. The community is a small neighborhood of 53 homes. In the communal area of several acres, a park, picnic area, and an active pier with boat slips are the backdrop for 36 goats from [Browsing Green Goats](#). Why you may ask? Read the full story [here](#).



This project was funded through the Trust's [Community Engagement Mini-Grant program](#) which is designed to connect residents throughout Maryland in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. The Trust seeks to reach groups that have traditionally been under-served in tackling environmental issues and new applicants and organizations from a diverse array of communities. *Applications are currently being accepted for the Community Engagement Mini-Grant program. Read more and apply [here](#).*



Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member, Amanda Bland and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Amanda was placed at the [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#) (The Alliance) for her year-long term of service in August. The Alliance works to implement unique strategies to enable humans, waterways, and land to prosper. Amanda is “ecstatic and

grateful to be working with an organization whose values align so closely with her own,” and has already gained an entirely new understanding and appreciation of restoration projects around the region. On her first day at the Alliance, Amanda was able to visit a potential spotted turtle restoration site. Amanda has been hard at work planning a habitat forum in Southern Maryland, leading outreach for the [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#), and producing new content for the Alliance Blog. Amanda says her experience so far has allowed her to explore many different aspects of the environmental field and has increased her motivation. Read Amanda's full profile, including her anticipated capstone project idea [here](#). *Applications are currently being accepted for the 2020-2021 Chesapeake Conservation Corps cohort - read more about the program and apply [here](#).*

Frederick Food Security Network Expands Upon 2018 Success

The [Frederick Food Security Network](#) (FFSN) is a collaborative community effort formed by the Hood College Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies to address the needs of both stormwater mitigation and food insecurity.



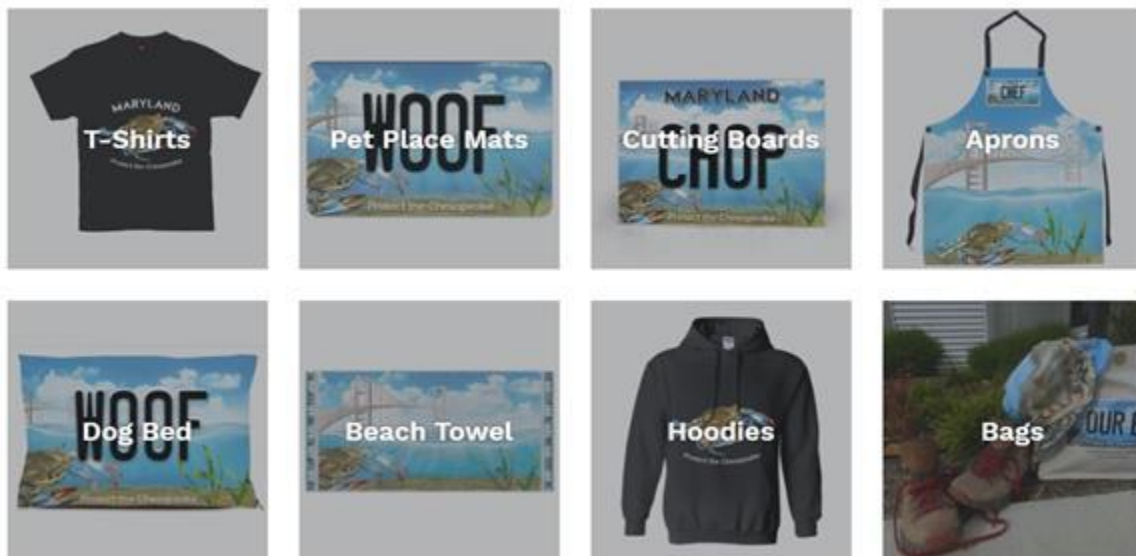
The network is a growing collective of urban farming operations from very small-scale garden sites to larger community garden operations built on currently unused lots. The network leverages community-based public-private partnerships to build and maintain a unique system of green stormwater mitigation, called vegetable rain gardens, which redirect rooftop runoff to use as subsurface

irrigation. Additionally, the project worked to improve the aesthetics of, and overall community benefit derived from unused space on partner grounds in Frederick City.

Since project funding in 2018, FFSN has established 5 community gardens, distributed food through six partner non-profit organizations, producing 1,500 pounds of produce with 200 volunteers reaching 400 families.

In 2019, FFSN goals include expanding their reach to 500 families, growing 2,500 pounds of produce, employing student workers, conducting community outreach events and cooking classes, and starting a campus food pantry.

Several grants provided funding for this effort including the Trust's [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns "G3" program](#); a partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources supporting local, grassroots-level greening efforts to reduce stormwater runoff. *Applications are currently being accepted for the G3 program. Read more about the program and apply [here](#).*



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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!

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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](#).

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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 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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