



## Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

July 2019

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### GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPEN PROGRAMS

- [Consultant Services for Facilitator: Green Streets Forum](#): July 15, 2019, 4pm
- [Consultant Services for Strategic Planning Facilitation](#): August 1, 2019, 4pm
- [Outreach and Restoration Program](#): August 22, 2019, 4pm
- [Watershed Assistance Grant Program](#): August 29, 2019, 4pm
- [Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program](#): Rolling deadline
- [Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting](#): Rolling deadline
- [Charles County Forestry](#): Rolling deadline
- [Community Engagement Mini Grant](#): Rolling deadline
- [Sponsorship Program](#): Rolling deadline

## NEWS FROM THE TRUST

### Over \$965,900 Announced to Support Green Infrastructure Projects to Improve Communities and Provide Jobs



*Pictured from Left back row:* Mayor Kulman, **Borough of Marietta, PA**; Eric Lyons, **LandStudies, Inc.**; Jeff Wilkerson, **City of Martinsburg, WV**; Jared Tomlin, **City of Martinsburg, WV**; Emily Janzow, **City of Martinsburg, WV**; Barbara Wilson, **Lancaster City Housing Authority, PA**; Eric White, **Wrightsville Borough Council, PA**; Edward Erfurt IV, **City of Ranson, WV**.  
*Front row:* Glen Mazis, president, **Borough of Marietta Council, PA**; Kintira Barbour, **Mount Clare Community Council, MD**; Scott Goldman, **the 6th Branch, MD**; Alison Pearce, **Audubon Naturalist Society, MD**; Marita Roos, **Neighborhood Design Center, MD**; Terri Burhans, **City of Ranson, WV**; Katie Clendaniel, **Cambridge Main Street, MD**; Catharine McManus, deputy director, **Water Division, U.S. EPA Region 3**; Jana Davis, executive director, **Chesapeake Bay Trust**.  
*In attendance but not pictured:* Jeanne Braha, **Rock Creek Conservancy, DC**; Hal Metzler, **City of Hyattsville, MD**.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust in partnership with the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#), [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#), and the [City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability](#) announce \$965,972 in funding for the [Chesapeake Bay Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program](#). These awards help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay, create “green jobs,” and enhance livability in cities and communities. Read about the Program, its history, and the 20 awardees [here](#). Watch the event (20 minutes) [here](#).



## Trust Announces Recent Release of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Guide

In May 2017, the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#), the [Chesapeake Bay Funders Network](#), and the [Choose Clean Water Coalition](#) launched a significant, collaborative initiative to assess the state of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) among organizations working on environmental

issues in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and to develop a DEIJ Guide with recommendations for how organizations working on environmental issues and the funders who support them, can increase DEIJ within their organizations. This effort represented the first assessment effort of its kind within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed restoration community. The impetus for launching this initiative grew out of several DEIJ efforts already being led by these three organizations to address a recognized lack of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in our environmental community, and a desire to assess the readiness of their grantees and member organizations to advance DEIJ. Read the Guide [here](#) and the appendix [here](#).

## Trust Names Gary Jobson Chairman of the Board

World renowned sailor, television commentator, and author Gary Jobson has been named Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Board of Trustees, succeeding Annapolis-based attorney Benjamin S. Wechsler. Wechsler served as Chairman from July 2018 through June 2019 and will remain on the Trust's Board as Vice Chair.



"The Trust is very lucky to have Gary at the helm for the next phase of our growth," said Jana Davis, Trust executive director. "Gary brings a broad perspective on education, environmental and health issues and proven leadership experience to the Chairman role." Read the full announcement [here](#).

## GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

### Students Perform Investigations and Implement Projects on Campus to Keep Our Rivers Clean



Freshwater streams and rivers are a valuable resource to us all. They provide us with drinking water and places to swim, fish, and canoe. Unfortunately, only about 10% of Maryland's waterways are in good condition. The rest are in fair or poor condition due to polluted runoff entering our waterways.

[The Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin's \(ICPRB\) Score Four: Students, Schools, Streams, and the Bay](#) stormwater education program engages students in investigations and projects right on their school grounds.

In 2015 and 2016, ICPRB received two grant awards to conduct their Score Four program in Prince George's County public high schools. This project was funded by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#).

Read more about this project on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog, [here](#).



### Elementary School Leads the Way in Stormwater Management

With large campuses full of green fields for kids to play in, elementary schools such as [James Craik Elementary School \(JCES\)](#), are great places to implement practices for clean waterways. The students there are proud to call themselves a certified [Maryland Green School](#). Along with incorporating

environmental subjects into their curriculum, the staff of JCES, with assistance from the [Port Tobacco River Conservancy](#), implemented [stormwater management programs](#) on their grounds in order to limit their school's rainwater, sediment, and [nutrient runoff](#) into the downstream [Port Tobacco Creek](#): one of ten major tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay in Charles County. Read about their project [here](#).

This project was funded through the Chesapeake Bay Trust [Outreach and](#)

[Restoration Grant Program](#). The program is currently accepting applications through August 22, 2019 at 4pm.

## Rock Creek Conservancy Fights Stormwater Pollution One HOA at a Time

The [Rock Creek Conservancy's](#) Crabbs Branch conservation landscaping project is one of many small-scale green infrastructure initiatives. The project, which broke ground in May of 2018, can be found in Derwood, MD, where a concentration of runoff from hard surfaces like driveways, and streets led



to a full-blown stormwater situation. When it rained, a stormwater pipe funneled thousands of gallons of stormwater into the 2-acre grassy common area of a [local homeowners association](#), and it wasn't just a neighborhood nuisance. That water flowed directly into Crabbs Branch stream, a tributary of [Rock Creek](#), causing erosion of the streambanks and pollution of the area's local waters with chemicals and sediment. Read the full project press release [here](#).

The project, completed in 2018, was funded by the [Montgomery County Water Quality Protection fund](#) and managed by the Chesapeake Bay Trust through the [Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program](#) (MCWRO). Recently, the Derwood Station HOA Retrofit project received an Honorable Mention award for [Best Habitat Creation BMP](#) through the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. The MCWRO grant program will open for applications early fall 2019.

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## 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](#).

We are beginning work on the Trust Annual Report! **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](mailto:cedson@cbtrust.org) and let the Trust help you tell your story!

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## AROUND THE BAY

- **Blue crab population increases by 60%, stock considered sustainable:** Experts recommend a cautious, risk-averse approach to resource management. Read the Chesapeake Bay Program's article [here](#).
- **Giving Green Streets the Green Light: Improving Water Quality Through Capital Improvement Policies:** Chesapeake Bay Trust awardee, the [Environmental Law Institute](#), recently released a white paper on leveraging capital infrastructure projects to incorporate green streets elements into the public right-of-way. Download the paper [here](#).
- **Scenic Rivers Land Trust (SRLT) and Anne Arundel County Protect 174 Acres of Forest.** Working with funding from Anne Arundel County's Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program and administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, SRLT worked with two property owners. Read the full BayNet article [here](#).
- **Tons of pollutants trapped by dam could mean 'dead zone' in Chesapeake Bay, experts say.** Officials opened some of the flood gates of the Conowingo Dam Thursday after the Susquehanna River swelled to over three feet above flood stage. Read the Full [York Daily Record](#) story [here](#).
- **Local boaters help map underwater grasses in South River.** In a volunteer program run between late April and early June, locals help the [Arundel Rivers Federation](#) count the submerged aquatic vegetation they see in their neighborhood waterways. Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) article [here](#).
- **Riviera Beach cleanup gets boost.** Riviera Beach resident Mike Vaccarino passed an overgrown community lot on Stony Creek on Carroll Road every day for years and knew the property had a lot of potential, but the cleanup would require time and money. Read [the Pasadena Voices'](#) article on their project [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Chesapeake Bayhawks vs. New York Lizards](#). Saturday, July 20th. Navy Marine Corps Stadium. Annapolis, Maryland. Join the area's biggest lacrosse rivalry night for an action packed game and pre-game Tailgate benefitting the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

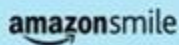
[Baltimore Planning Academy](#): Application Deadline July 24th. Academy dates Wednesdays, Sept. 11th-Oct. 16th, 6:30p-8:30p. Join a cohort of dedicated Baltimore City residents to engage and learn about urban planning, zoning, and the development process in Baltimore City.

[River Rally & Heritage Festival](#): Sunday, August 11th. 2p-7p. Snowhill, MD. join the town of Snow Hill and the [Lower Shore Land Trust](#) for an afternoon on the river featuring water activities, live music, heritage displays and refreshments. For more information or to RSVP e-mail: [info@lowershorelandtrust.org](mailto:info@lowershorelandtrust.org)

["The Clean Bin Project" - Film Screening](#): Wednesday, Oct. 9th. Havre de Grace Maritime Museum. Is it possible to live completely waste-free? In this multi-award winning festival favorite, partners Jen and Grant go head-to-head in a competition to see who can swear off consumerism and produce the least garbage.

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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 \$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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