



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Announcing the Recent Release of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Guide

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. Read the newly released guide [here](#).

AROUND THE BAY

- **Scenic Rivers Land Trust And Anne Arundel County Protect 174 Acres of Forest...**"working with two separate landowners to place conservation easements on their properties, forever protecting

the ecologically valuable land from development." Read the BayNet's full story [here](#).

- **'Green Riprap' being used to prevent erosion while making shoreline lush.** "If you have riprap, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like you to stick a plant in it." Read the Capital Gazette article [here](#).
- **Microplastics in the Chesapeake Bay.** Plastic containers and other trash that gets washed into the Bay doesn't actually disappear. Read the Chesapeake Bay Program's eye opening article [here](#).
- **Chesapeake Bay Ghost Forests Highlight Wetland Transformation.** As sea levels continue to rise along the Chesapeake Bay, more and more rural land neighboring the bay will be reclaimed as wetlands. Read researcher Keryn Gedan's new paper [here](#).



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 stormwater management. 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 implementation [here](#).

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Profile

Maryland native, Connor Liu, grew up a few short miles from the Potomac River. Before joining the [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#), Connor worked at several environmental organizations in Maryland including the [Assateague Island National Seashore](#). Interestingly, Connor also spent a summer in Mozambique researching flora and fauna of the wild African ecosystem at [Gorongosa National Park](#). His Corps service host, [The Nature Conservancy](#), fits Connor's interest in restoration, stating that "restoring habitat is work that strengthens the intimate bond that humans should have with the land. Once can observe tangible progress and there is little that seems more fulfilling to me."



Capstone projects are a graduation requirement for all Corps members at the conclusion of their year of service. A capstone project is an initiative designed by the Corps member that advances both an interest of the member and a priority objective of the member's host site. Connor's capstone project is focused on monitoring and restoring [red spruce trees](#) in Maryland. Read about Connor's experiences [here](#).



Bayhawks Host Chesapeake Celebration with Green Game

The [Chesapeake Bayhawks](#) Lacrosse season is well underway and if you've never experienced "the fastest sport on two feet" this is the plate perk for you! Join the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) and [Annapolis Green](#) on [July 20th](#) as the Chesapeake Bayhawks take on the [New York Lizards](#) in a lifelong rivalry showdown at the iconic [Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium](#) in Annapolis. Be sure to wear your Bayhawks blue for an environmentally "greened" event and enjoy an evening with Bayhawks

alumni, complimentary tailgating including children's activities and bounce house, and live entertainment from the "[Pretty Big Deal](#)" band. Purchase tickets [here](#) and take your summer game out to the stadium and make a night of it with us!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Tour the Shore - Kayak Tour Series](#): Friday, July 12th (first of four dates), 10a-1p. Two Johns Landing, Preston (Choptank River). ShoreRivers "Tour the Shore" kayak series begins this month, with a monthly paddle on one of four rivers through September.

[Field Trip: Draw with Horses](#): Sunday, July 28th, 10a-1p. Safe Haven Equine Warriors, Sykesville. Registration deadline: **July 14th**. Join animal artist and founder of the Drawing Zoo for a tour of the Safe Haven Farm Equine Learning Center and top notch art guidance.

[Baltimore Planning Academy](#): Application Open through July 24th for Fall 2019 session (Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Oct.6, 6p-8:30p): Are you an advocate for your neighbors, your neighborhood, and your city? Join other Baltimore City residents to engage and learn about how urban planning, zoning, and the development process works in Baltimore.

[Life on a Half-Shell](#): Wednesday, August 14th, 7p-9p. The Natural History Society of Maryland., Baltimore. Get to know these fascinating marine creatures: Brachiopods and Bivalves.

[The Monarch Ultra Run](#). Thursday, September 19th - Monday, November 4th, 2019. A team of film-makers, runners, and pollinator advocates will be telling the story of the flight of the monarch butterfly seen through the eyes of ultra-runners who will run the same distance of 4,300 km from southern Ontario to Mexico in the fall of 2019. Sure, it's not in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, but an environmental adventure this epic deserves recognition.



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You Federal, State, and Local Campaigns

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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. 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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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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