

Chesapeake Bay Stewards E-Newsletter June 2017



Our Mission

The mission of the Chesapeake Bay Trust is to promote public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the water quality and aquatic and land resources of the Chesapeake Bay region and other aquatic and land resources of the State. The Trust will engage residents of the region in programs that lead to actions that measurably improve local communities and increase

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resource stewardship.

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It's **Chesapeake Awareness Week!** This week is celebrated in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, and encourages people to participate and raise awareness about the importance of the Bay. For more information about this week and for a list of some events you can get involved in, check out **this guide** from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Looking for other ways to celebrate Chesapeake Awareness Week? Come help with the Great Turtle Lift of 2017!

Since mid-May over 40 volunteers have been helping to relocate turtles from the pond at Harbour Center in Annapolis. South River Federation and the Terrapin Institute are catching, marking and relocating these turtles because the pond will be under construction until the fall, when the turtles will be returned. To learn more and to get involved, check out the Federation's coverage of this project!

24 new public access sites were created throughout the watershed in 2016 with the help of Chesapeake Bay Program partners. Making waterways more accessible is a key component of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement and now there are 1,271 public access points in the watershed. Visiting some of thesapeake Awareness week, so be sure to get out there!

Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program is open! The Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Department of the Environment just announced that up to \$1 million in grants are available through the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. This on-the-ground restoration program has been working since 2014 by improving or installing green features in local communities and engaging local audiences to create meaningful change. To view the press release about this exciting opportunity, click here.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Eastport will soon be starting a major "restoration of nature" project as part of their creation care, which is a major tenet of the church's mission. Funding for this project is coming from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and other funding partners. The project will start in late summer and will include a restored stream channel and living shoreline, which will control runoff from the city, as well as create more green spaces for the community.

Arts 4 A Cause, which celebrates local art and nonprofits, recently benefited the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This event was held on April 27th to promote the Annapolis Arts District, and was the first in a series. For more information, check <u>out this article</u> in the Capital Gazette.

Thinking about trading in or buying a new car this summer? Consider visiting one of the Trust's Dealers for the Bay. These dealers will be competing to see who can sell the most Bay Plates by June 30, 2017. This friendly little competition between dealers will help promote Bay Plate sales, which in turn will help restore and protect the natural resources of our region. If you're thinking about a buying or leasing a new or used car, don't leave the lot without one! Click here to view a full list of our Dealers for the Bay.

Save the Date! Promoting Pollinators for the Bay Workshop, September 1, 2017, Robinson Nature Center. The Chesapeake Bay Trust will host a workshop to explore and discuss simple ways to enhance new or existing stormwater practices to support local pollinator populations and other species at no additional costs.

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