

### Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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### **GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPEN PROGRAMS**

- Outreach and Restoration Program: August 22, 2019 at 4pm.
- Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program: Rolling deadline
- Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting: Rolling deadline
- Charles County Forestry: Rolling deadline

### **NEWS FROM THE TRUST**







Members of the Automobile License Plate Collector's Association join award winners Tina Cardosi (TM Design, Inc.), Jana Davis (Chesapeake Bay Trust), and Chrissy Nizer (Maryland Department of Transportation/Motor Vehicle Administration) in celebrating the "Protect the Bay" license plate.

## New Chesapeake Bay License Plate Receives Recognition from Collector's Association

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Maryland Department of Transportation, and TM Design Inc. were recently presented with the award for "Best Plate 2018" by the Automobile License Plate Collector's Association at the MVA Waldorf Branch Office in Charles County. Sales of the special license plate raise money for environmental programs conducted by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The new license plate was designed by TM Design Inc. of Frederick and was made available to the public in October 2018. Since then, more than 30,000 have been purchased. See the entire award presentation here: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/2K9FKM1">bit.ly/2K9FKM1</a>



# Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces \$3,941,976 in Grant Awards from May 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chesapeake Bay Trust approved 129 grants totaling \$3,941,976 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. In the fiscal year 2018, the Chesapeake Bay Trust awarded more than \$13 million in grants.

"More and more first-time applicants are entering into the environmental grant arena, along with groundbreaking projects and forward-thinking partnerships, that will not only benefit communities of the watershed, but catapult environmental mindfulness to new audiences and new locations," said Jana Davis, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. "We take our role as fiscal manager very seriously and work hands-on with our grantees to get as many valuable projects as possible in the ground and moving forward." Read about the awards here.

### THE TRUST WELCOMES SUMMER INTERNS



Janina Jones is a rising junior pursuing a B.S. from Coastal Carolina University in Marine Science. Originally from Prince George's County, Janina is pleased to be supporting the Prince George's County Rebate Program. Living in the watershed of the Chesapeake Bay has given her a greater appreciation for the practices needed to maintain such a vital part of our ecosystem.



Shannon Taylor is a rising junior at the University of Maryland College Park where she is pursuing a degree in Environmental Science and Policy with a concentration in Politics and Policy. She's a member of the UMBC Public Service Scholars Program as a Sondheim Nonprofit Leadership fellow. Under this program she was paired with the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a summer internship. She plans to study abroad in Costa Rica in the fall of 2019.

### GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



## Historic Cemetery Safe from Stormwater Runoff

Headstones would float as the <u>stormwater</u> <u>runoff</u> flowed from an uphill park into the <u>historic African American church's cemetery</u>, where civil war soldiers as well as Harriet Tubman's descendants are buried.

This has come to an end at the <u>Asbury-Broadneck United Methodist Church</u> (ABUMC) cemetery in Annapolis, Maryland. The Chesapeake Bay Trust, through the <u>Anne</u> Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant

program, awarded ABUMC and project partner the Alliance for the Chesapeake funding so that they would be able to finally fix the issue. Read the full blog post here.

Congratulations to Spring intern and blog contributor, Chante Goodger, who recently graduated from Towson University.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church invite all grantees to their ceremonial ribbon cutting commemorating the conclusion of this amazing project.

Please read details for the event in the blog post.

## Darnestown School Embraces Permeable Pavers

In 2019 <u>Butler Montessori</u> received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to replace 3,000 square feet of asphalt in their driveway with <u>permeable pavers</u>. These pavers allow for rainwater to be absorbed into the ground instead of running off. This reduces both the <u>erosion of the land</u> as well as the pollution that is caused by nitrogen



and other particulates which would otherwise be washed into the bay. In addition, they installed a student-created sign that educates all our students and school visitors about the water cycle and the important role the pavers play in controlling erosion and pollution. Butler Montessori hopes to teach and inspire other schools, businesses and residents to reduce their asphalt footprint and help the

environment by replacing it with permeable surfaces.



## Stormwater Savvy Program Combines Clean Water Goals with Community Vision

Polluted <u>stormwater runoff</u> negatively impacts our environment, our communities, and the people who live there. Fortunately, many organizations like the <u>Neighborhood Design</u> <u>Center</u> help communities reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff. Through

their <u>Stormwater Savvy</u> program, the Neighborhood Design Center works with the community to create master plans that combine stormwater management with community goals.

Stormwater Savvy isn't just about design services. In addition to providing action-oriented master plans, the program seeks to inspire people to take stewardship of the land around them. Through an immersive community design process, the Neighborhood Design Center helps communities in Prince George's County refine their vision and create drawings and plans that clearly communicate that vision. These plans can be included in applications to request funding and then, as needed, to professional contractors who can bring the community vision to life. Read more about the Neighborhood Design Center's grant awards and watch the community visioning workshop video <a href="here">here</a>.

### **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 <a href="mailto:obaytrust">obaytrust</a>, Facebook <a href="mailto:ochesapeakebaytrust">ochesapeakebaytrust</a>, and Instagram <a href="mailto:ochesapeakebaytrust">ochesapeakebaytrust</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:cedson@cbtrust.org">cedson@cbtrust.org</a> and let the Trust help you tell your story!

- Black Girls Dive Pairs SCUBA with STEM Learning: Chesapeake Bay Magazine profiles Trust award winning organziation, Black Girls Dive, and their aquatics-based lessons. Watch the video <a href="here">here</a>.
- **Art and Science Support the Bay.** The Maryland Natural Resources magazine contributing writer and Trust executive director, Jana Davis, outlines the process involved in creating the new, award winning "Protect the Bay" License plate. Read the article <a href="here">here</a>.
- Going Native? Let experts help you find the best plants for your needs. Bay Journal provides many great resources for identifying native plants species that match your needs based on location, soils, sun exposure, and bloom time. Read the full article here.
- **Dorchester Students Lift Off with Drone Technology.** Horn Point Laboratory hosted Dorchester County high school students to explore remote sensing technology with University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Read all about it here.
- Towson University Speaks for the Trees. University honored for dedication to campus trees by Arbor Day Foundation and Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Read all about it <a href="here">here</a>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<u>Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit</u>: June 17th-19th. Arlington, VA. Join researchers, educators, policy-makers and businesses at this collaborative summit as they explore solutions to decreasing litter and marine debris.

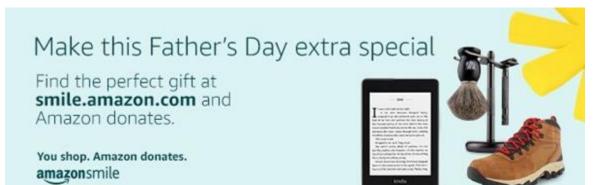
<u>Project WILD Training Workshop</u>: Thursday, June 27th. Jug Bay Wetlands, Lothian. Project WILD is an interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife and the environment.

<u>Chesapeake Bayhawks vs. New York Lizards</u>. Saturday, July 20th. Navy Marine Corps Stadium. Annapolis, Maryland. Join the area's biggest lacrosse rivalry night for an action packed game benefitting the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Monarch Butterfly Workshop at Ladew Gardens: Tuesday/Wednesday, August 6th-7th. 8:30a-4p. Monkton, MD. Classroom teachers, naturalists, and gardeners will gain knowledge and skills in raising monarch catepillars and butterflies. MSDE credit available.

<u>"The Clean Bin Project" - Film Screening</u>: 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.



**New Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo.** Along with the new Bay Plate, the Trust now has a new logo. Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs here.

And check out our blog to learn about the design team that helped put this new plate on the road: <a href="https://www.cbtrust.org/blog">www.cbtrust.org/blog</a>

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<u>The Chesapeake Bay Trust</u> 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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