



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPEN PROGRAMS

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant-making strategies are shaped by three core objectives: environmental education, demonstration-based restoration, and community engagement. We look to these objectives as basic touchstones for developing our programs, engaging new partners, and communicating about our work.

New or corrected deadline dates are highlighted in yellow!

Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns: **March 19, 2020, 4pm**

Anne Arundel County Forestry & Forested Land Protection: March 26, 2020, 4pm

NEW! District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions: **May 15, 2020, 6pm.**

Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate: Rolling deadline

Anne Arundel County Mini Community Planting: Rolling deadline. Submit by March 30, for April review consideration.

Charles County Forestry: Rolling deadline

Community Engagement Mini Grant: Rolling deadline

Sponsorship: Rolling deadline

For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Officer and Assistant assigned to the Grant Program.

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



The Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Awardees

In February 2020, the Chesapeake Bay Trust approved 37 awards totaling \$2,608,224 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 watershed-wide non-profit organizations, schools, community groups, local governments, and municipalities through a variety of outreach, restoration and innovative techniques. See the February 2020 awarded projects [here](#).

Side Effect to a Healthy Bay: Becoming Happier and Healthier People.

Examples of projects the Chesapeake Bay Trust has funded modeling holistic health alongside environmental improvements.



The Trust has a vision that the Chesapeake Bay and local watersheds are healthy and safe, our waters are fishable and swimmable, local communities benefit from healthy resources, and everyone participates in restoring and protecting natural resource treasures.

You may have seen the recent Cornell University article touting the benefits of stress reduction from spending time in nature. While there are numerous studies supporting this premise, sometimes anecdotal evidence is more powerful. Read more about replicable projects supporting health and human service benefits [here](#).

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



Partnership Launches "Healthy Habitats Program"

Chesapeake Bay Trust grantee, [Urban Ecosystem Restorations](#) (UER) collaborated with the Lakelands Community Association of Gaithersburg to reduce stormwater runoff, salt on icy sidewalks, and change social norms around landscaping preferences. This project was funded through the Trust's [Outreach and Restoration Grant program](#).

UER had a great 2019 launching its new "Healthy Habitats Program" to create and steward eco-functioning spaces. Through the program, UER delivers guidance and resources — by phone, email, and in-person consultations — to residents of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland, and works with landowners interested in placing conservation easements on their Eco-Functioning Spaces to protect them over time. The program is designed to help landowners and property managers address a variety of land management concerns using Eco-Functioning Spaces and ecosystem services. Read the full blog post [here](#). Learn more about the Trust's *Outreach and Restoration Grant program* [here](#).

Wellness Ambassadors of End Time Harvest Ministries Take Action

ETHM was awarded a grant in 2017 to conduct a Wellness Ambassadors Environmental Health Summer Employment Program. This program aimed to boost environmental literacy by connecting local stormwater management to the health and wellness of students and their families in the Port Towns, Kenilworth, and Riverdale neighborhoods. The Ambassadors participated in tree planting activities that were led by the [Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation](#) (CKAR CDC) and supported by the [University of Maryland](#) (UMD) and the [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) (AWS). A total of 15 native trees were planted at an Edmonston Road site, an area selected by CKAR CDC for revitalization. Students and their families also participated in a workshop held by AWS on the importance and benefits of trees in managing stormwater runoff.



This program was funded through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). This program supports applicants seeking to carry out environmentally conscious projects focused on stormwater management and citizen engagement efforts. Read more about End Time Harvest Ministries program and watch their inspiring testimonial video [here](#).

WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...



"CREEKfest gave the community the opportunity to see hawks and barn owls, listen to some blues music, watch the world premiere of a short movie about our beloved Cabin John Creek, and learn from a myriad of exhibitors about how to best improve and protect the Creek. A big thanks to the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the

grant that helped to financially support the event." [Friends of Cabin John Creek](#)

GRANTEE RESOURCES

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](#). You might just be featured in our next newsletter reaching thousands of readers each month!

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 and let the Trust help you tell your story!

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

[City Nature Challenge](#) (CNC). Calling all nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts in the Baltimore metro area! Please consider participating in the CNC - a friendly international science competition to see which metropolitan area can make the most observations of wildlife and identify the most species in their city. *The challenge starts Friday, April 24 and continues until Monday, April 27* in over 150 cities around the globe. Baltimore recorded 1,268 species during the 2019 challenge, earning 5th place for number of species identified among metro area regions similar in size. All

observations made and uploaded to the free [iNaturalist](#) app or website during the challenge in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Queen Anne's counties count toward Baltimore's City Nature Challenge totals. Learn more through the contest's regional partner, the National Aquarium, [here](#).

[Philanthropy Forum](#). Save the date - May 5th! All fundraisers, nonprofit staff, nonprofit board members, and those who work with fundraisers and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to join hundreds of attendees for this free event, hosted by the B&O Railroad Museum in downtown Baltimore. Presented by MedStar Health and catered by Rouge Catering, the forum will feature educational sessions, corporate and foundation funder panel, networking happy hour, and more. Registration and additional dates available soon. E-mail vconnelly@connellyfundraising.com or call (443) 413-6033 for more information and to be included as information is released.



A Helpful Resource in Your Grant Application Process!

The "How to Apply" webinar is a tool to guide applicants through the grant application process from start to finish; with tips, resources, & information aimed to streamline your application time & eliminate the distractions that can sideline your efforts. Check out the informative video [here](#) or [learn more about our programs and opportunities](#).



Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo

Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

Available in .jpg or .png file, the Trust logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project. Feel free to use on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](#).

AROUND THE BAY

Seniors Still Doing Good for the Environment. "No slowing down for seniors at Asbury Solomons who are leading several environmental projects, including a conservation landscape. Watch the Chesapeake Bay Magazine's [Bay Bulletin](#) video profile [here](#).

Brewery Unveils 6-Pack Rings That Feed Sea Turtles Instead of Killing Them. "One brewery in Florida has a solution - bio gradable six-pack rings that can serve as a snack to wildlife, as they are made of wheat and barley." Read the full [Healthy Food House](#) story of this innovative packaging/food source [here](#).

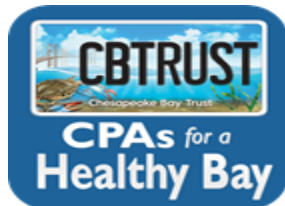
Maryland Researchers Track Oysters by Making Them Glow. "It sounds like science fiction, but it's real science. Researchers at NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Lab in Oxford, MD have come up with a way to track the growth, reproduction, and life spans of oysters using glowing light." Watch the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) video story [here](#).

Bill Would Boost Funding for Chesapeake Bay Cleanup. "Maryland's greatest natural resource is getting attention in Congress." Watch the full [WJZ Channel 13](#) story recap [here](#).

I Just Spent a Year Without Buying Plastic. You Can Too. Trust executive director, Jana Davis, shares her tips and tricks to converting to sustainable packaging and items in this [blog](#) that was originally submitted to the [Capital Gazette](#) for their opinion column.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Because of the rapidly changing environment resulting from COVID-19, The Trust is suspending promotion of grantee and partner events to minimize misinformation.



The Chesapeake Bay Trust recognizes these [CPA firms](#) who have committed to working toward a healthy bay. When considering professional tax help, please study our [CPA's for a Healthy Bay!](#)



Making Powerful Investments in the Chesapeake

Chesapeake Bay Trust's

Treasure the Chesapeake

22nd Annual
Celebration

Honoring D. Keith Campbell,
Philanthropist, Investor, and Champion for the
Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays

Join more than 400 community leaders, friends of the Chesapeake Bay, and YOUR clients to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with an open bar, Chesapeake Bay-themed cuisine, silent auction, oyster bar, and beer garden.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

6 - 9:30 PM | 1415 Key Highway
Baltimore, MD 21230

Tickets \$100 per person

Sponsorships available

Purchase tickets and sponsorship [here](#)

or contact kswartout@cbtrust.org (410) 974-2941 ext. 107

Support the event with a silent auction donation [here](#)

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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 \$120 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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