



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

March 2020

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



You are cordially invited as our guest to a special presentation by award winning Photographer and local Annapolitan,

Jay Fleming

Thursday, March 5, 2020

6:30-8pm

Hors d'oeuvres & cocktails provided

Chesapeake Bay Trust

108 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD

Space is limited. Advanced registration required.

for more information or to R.S.V.P.

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Over \$1.3 Million Announced to Support Projects to Advance Restoration of Maryland Waterways Through a Unique Public-Private Partnership

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the [City of Baltimore Department of Public Works](#), [Charles County](#), [City of Gaithersburg](#), [Harford County](#), [Howard County](#), [Queen Anne's County](#), and the [City of Salisbury](#) announce \$1,361,357 in funding for the Trust's [Outreach and Restoration Grant Program](#). These awards

allow a diverse range of environmental and non-environmental organizations alike, such as faith organizations, workforce organizations, neighborhood associations, and business associations, to lead projects that enhance communities and improve natural resources. This round of grants demonstrates the benefits of a unique partnership between a grant-maker and multiple local governments who aim to engage and support their nonprofit communities on-the-ground through efficient administration of grant awards.

Awards were made to 39 projects rigorously reviewed by external technical experts and following widely accepted restoration best practices.

"This unprecedented program partnership with seven different governments speaks to the importance of working together to achieve efficiencies," said Dr. Jana Davis, executive director for the Chesapeake Bay Trust. "We are thrilled that so many dynamic projects can be supported to engage residents in natural resources projects, and that so many jurisdictions value the engagement of their local on-the-ground nonprofits, both primarily environmental as well as non-environmental, in addressing natural resource challenges." Read the full release and list of awarded projects [here](#).

Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces New Partnership to Support Community-Oriented and Inspired Projects

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is excited to announce a recently formed partnership with the [District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment](#) to create the [Community Stormwater Solutions Grant program](#).

The goals of this program are to protect and enhance the District's bodies of water or watersheds through a combined approach. This program will support community-oriented and inspired projects that are designed to increase knowledge and promote behavior change as it relates to environmental and stormwater management issues.



This program funds activities such as educational events/workshops, installation and maintenance of runoff reducing green infrastructure, art installations, restoration of habitat, litter or pollution reduction or other project-types that meet the goals of the grant program. Projects should be inspired and supported by the target community within the District. *The Trust will hold workshops for information, grant writing help, and one-on-one assistance. [Learn more here.](#)*

AROUND THE BAY

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](#).

I Just Spent a Year Without Buying Plastic. You Can Too. Trust executive director, Jana Davis, shares her tips and tricks on converting to sustainable

packaging and items in this [blog](#) that was originally submitted to the [Capital Gazette](#) for their opinion column.

What a Scientific Study Reveals About Crab Pot Placement. "A lifelong crabber, the Baltimore County-based Baltus said it costs him \$600 a day for bait, fuel and hired help, a figure that doesn't include health insurance, boat maintenance, gear and other costs. But a robust rise in crab abundance — scientists estimate nearly 600 million crabs populated the Bay before last season began and the highest total since 2012 — helped to keep his business afloat." Read Chesapeake Bay Magazine's full article about the study [here](#).

How a Beloved Bird is Helping Save the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland Farmers discover that what's good for the northern bobwhite quail is good for the Chesapeake Bay. Read the full [Hakai Magazine](#) article [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Walk in the Woods: Frederick Municipal Forest.](#) March 7th. 9a. Frederick. Free. Explore the Municipal Forest including flora, fauna, and natural history with arborist guide, Jenny Willoughby.

[Conservation Advocacy 101: Move from Upset to Action!](#) March 11. 10a-2:30p. Chevy Chase. Fee. Join the Audubon Naturalist Society for a workshop 101 on key introductory advocacy skills like identifying issues and solutions, developing an action plan, building coalitions.

[How to Read a Nautical Chart.](#) March 16th. 6p-9p. Havre de Grace. Fee. This course will provide navigators with the knowledge to interpret a chart's contents to navigate safely.

[Davidsonville Green Expo 2020.](#) March 21st. 11a-3p. Davidsonville. Free. Featuring exhibitors offering information, education and demonstrations on environmentally friendly products, sustainable lifestyle, lawn and garden techniques, agricultural practices, energy use, water conservation, recycling, land use and conservation.

[The Woods in Your Backyard.](#) Starts March 23-June 2nd. Online. Fee. Self-paced, 10-week course helping landowners (ideal for small parcels of land, 1-10 acres) convert lawn to natural areas and enhance stewardship of existing natural areas. Conducted by the University of Maryland Extension.

[Exploring Native Wildflowers and Their Habitats.](#) March 25th. 10:30a-11:30p. Monkton. Fee. Dr. Alan Weakley shares his vast experience investigating the flora, natural plant communities, and conservation of the region. Alan will introduce plants

in their natural habitats in vivid photographs, demonstrate a practical plant identification app, and update progress on significant plant conservation issues.

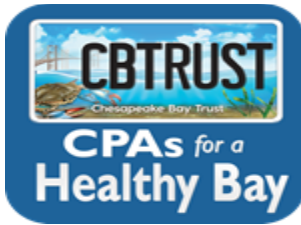
[Made in Maryland](#). May 3rd. 11a-5p. Pasadena. Fee. Mark your calendars for a one-day event highlighting all our state's best and famous offerings. The Trust will be there, how about you, hon? *The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of the event.*

[The 22nd Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Gala](#). May 7th. 6p-9p. Baltimore. Fee. Join more than 500 community leaders and friends of the Chesapeake Bay to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with open bar, silent auction, and much, much more!

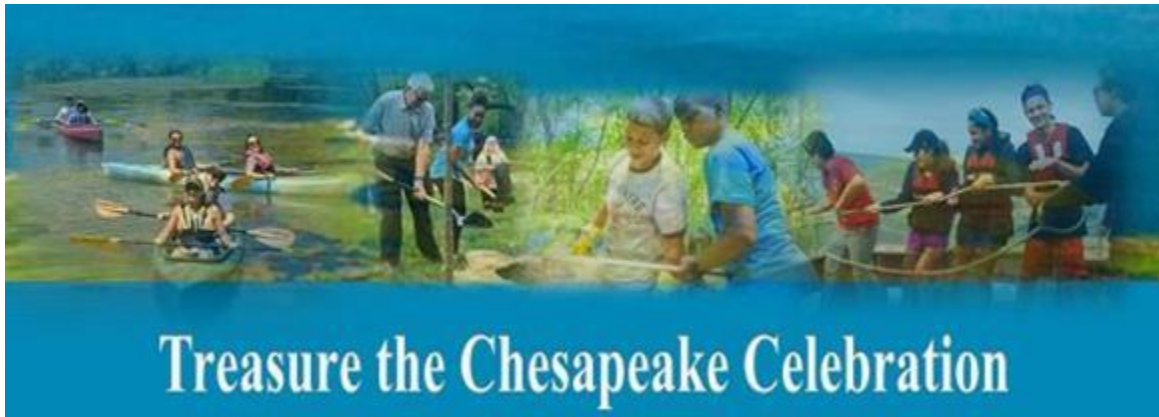
[The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim](#). June 14th. A 4.4-mile swim across the Chesapeake Bay. Join the fun and cheer the swimmers on from Sandy Point State Park or Kent Island. *The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of this event.*



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Thursday, May 7, 2020

6:00pm-9:00pm

[Baltimore Museum of Industry](#)

1415 Key Highway

Baltimore, MD 21230

Connect with over 500 community leaders and friends of the Chesapeake Bay to enjoy a night on the Baltimore waterfront with an open bar, dinner, silent auction, and much, much more! Proceeds raised are administered through the Trust as grants to schools, nonprofits, community groups, and other entities for on-the-ground restoration and education projects.

Sponsorship information available: kswartout@cbtrust.org

Through signage, weblinks, newsletters, media outreach, and more you can put your organization in front of tens of thousands of likeminded constituents... starting right now!

Tickets available [here.](#)

Join influential supporters, legislative and environmental leaders, and members of the public who come together to support the Bay and its waters.

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Chairman's Circle:

Created to engage those who want to make it possible for the Trust to meet the increasing demands of restoring and protecting our natural resources. Read more and join [here](#).

Amazon Smile:

You shop, Amazon gives. Bookmark [this](#) link so that all of your eligible shopping benefits The Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Federal, State, and Local Campaigns:

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

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](#).

The Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund

Fishers, boaters, and hunters who obtain registration or licenses through Maryland Department of Natural Resources [Compass online registration system](#) can make a contribution to support fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, wetlands, and k-12 student field trips.

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 any time [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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The iconic images of the Bay Bridge, crabs, grasses and blue skies all resonate with Marylanders far and wide and are now available on selected items curated by Trust staff through our online [shop](#).

ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, 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 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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