



Chesapeake Bay Stewards E-Newsletter May 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 resource stewardship.

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Spring has sprung! If you are planting a garden this year, consider planting milkweed, a beautiful native plant that attracts monarch butterflies. To find out more about the benefits of milkweed for monarchs and other pollinators, check out [this article](#) which will also help you select the right species to plant.

Determining the Value of Trees: Is it possible to place a value on trees? The research of SESYNC Postdoctoral Fellow Joe Maher and Social Scientist Dr. Morgan Grove about measuring the importance of trees was recently featured in Nature Energy by SESNYC Senior Fellow Lisa Palmer. Check out the featured article [here](#).

Partnership will improve Stream Mapping for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: The Trust recently funded a project led by the Chesapeake Conservancy and researchers from University of Maryland, Baltimore County to map streams in the watershed with high precision due to recent technological advancements. To find out more about this exciting project, click [here](#).

Port Isobel & Tangier Island Brandt Dirmeyer, a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member at Patapsco Heritage Greenway, wrote this [blog post](#) about the Corps' recent trip to Port Isobel and Tangier Island. Corps members spent 2.5 days exploring the history and ecology of the area.

Ocean Exchange seeks applicants for award programs: Ocean Exchange, a nonprofit focused on adopting sustainable solutions in order to protect natural resources while improving the environment, is seeking applicants with solutions to pressing issues. They award two \$100,000 grants to innovations which "have impact through sustainability- innovations that generate economic growth and increased productivity, while reducing the use of nature's resources and waste." If you would like to know more, head to www.oceanexchange.org or email contact@oceanexchange.org. Here you will find details about applying for these grants, as well as past projects that have been chosen for these awards.

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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