



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

May 2019

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & OPEN PROGRAMS

- [**Facilitator Training Services for Chesapeake Conservation Corps:**](#)
May 30, 2019 at 4pm
- [**Consultant Services for Capacity Building Initiative:**](#) May 31, 2019 at 4pm.
- [**Capacity Building Initiative-Individual Organizations:**](#) June 13, 2019
This program aims to increase the effectiveness of organizations that protect and restore rivers and the watershed by addressing organizational capacity needs.
- **NEW DEADLINE:** [**Environmental Education Mini Grant:**](#) June 13, 2019
- [**Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program:**](#) Rolling deadline
- [**Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting:**](#) Rolling deadline
- [**Charles County Forestry:**](#) Rolling deadline
- [**Sponsorship Program:**](#) Rolling Deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST



The Chesapeake Bay Trust's [*21st Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration*](#) shattered its fundraising goal raising over \$115,000 in sponsorships, registrations, and silent auction winners; all for the benefit of Trust initiatives and grant programs. Many thanks to all the companies and individuals who supported the event, the [Oyster Recovery Partnership](#) who provided a feast of oysters, breweries of the Bay and wineries of the watershed who sampled their finest, and the [Baltimore Museum of Industry](#) (BMI) for a magical venue that everyone

enjoyed. Mark your calendars for the 22nd Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration to be held at the BMI on May 7, 2020!

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



Restoration of Cattail Creek

This project will restore the stream at the headwaters of [Cattail Creek](#) in the [Berrywood](#) community in Anne Arundel County, with the objective of achieving significant improvements in the creek's water quality. This project will improve the creek's water quality by providing flood plain connection, sedimentation reduction and other ecological benefits, and stabilizing the storm drain and culvert outfall as well as establishing a

living shoreline. To prepare for this project, the Berrywood community removed invasive plants growing in the area with funding from an [Anne Arundel Community Planting](#) grant award. The Berrywood community and project partner, [Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards](#), hope that this project will serve as a foundation for officially establishing this area as a [Habitat Protected Area](#) for fish, such as Yellow Perch, birds such as Great Blue Heron, wildlife such as Red Fox, and vegetation species such as Skunk Cabbage. Read more about their project, groups involved, and their Earth Day event in the [Annapolis Capital Gazette](#).

Chesapeake Conservation Corps at Poplar Island

[Poplar Island](#) is being rebuilt through the placement of dredge material and restoration is currently underway with plans to restore the island to 1,715 acres of native bay habitats including wetlands, forests, and pollinator meadows. This site was selected for a [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#)



member capstone project because the ongoing restoration provides an opportunity to create new [pollinator habitat](#). Additionally, Poplar Island receives over 2,000 visitors a year, including a large number of school groups and visitors from around the globe. This will allow the project to reach a large and diverse

scope of people. Poplar Island is a public site, managed by the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#), the [Baltimore Port Administration](#), [Maryland Environmental Service](#), and the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#).

The garden will give citizens tips for the types of plants to choose based on butterfly preferences and environmental conditions. It will also help encourage citizens who are unaware of the benefits of planting gardens or who are intimidated by the process of planting native habitats of their own.

This project intends to inspire others to plant their own native habitats and become watershed stewards. A successful garden will be able to reach community members, promote future learning, and fuel curiosity about pollinators. All it took was a little [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) teamwork to complete the Poplar Island Pollinator Garden! Thanks to Corps alumna Lily Schneider, current Corps member Kelly Johnson, and Congressman John Sarbanes all seen here during an Earth Day planting. Photo credit: Christina Acosta.



Baltimore schools participate in [Clean Drain Campaign](#)

The [City of Baltimore](#), [Ridge to Reefs](#), and [Blue Water Baltimore](#) teamed up to implement a social marketing plan to eliminate [Sanitary Sewer Overflows](#) (SSOs) caused by the improper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOG) and wipes (rags) into the sanitary system. Working with local Baltimore schools [Bernard Harris, Sr. Elementary](#), [Harlem Park Elementary/Middle](#), [Robert W. Coleman Elementary](#), and

[Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle](#), the group better connects with communities and expands the message reach to meet their end goal: increasing awareness of FOG/wipe issues, change unwanted behavior, and reduce the volume of SSOs entering streams and water bodies.

The results of this project will continue to be transferrable to utilities across the Chesapeake Bay for the development of more effective SSO reduction outreach programs. Results can also be used by watershed organizations and non-profits conducting water quality improvement education and outreach campaigns. Read more from campaign media coverage [here](#).

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](#).

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 cedson@cbtrust.org and let the Trust help you tell your story!

AROUND THE BAY

- **[NOAA Education Resource Collections](#)**. Check out NOAA Education's Resource Collections. Download lesson plans and activities, view multimedia resources, and dive deep into themes that are aligned with common teaching topics.
- **Chesapeake Bay blue crab rebounding in 2019, led by near-doubling of juvenile crab population.** Reports show that there are nearly twice as many juvenile crabs in the Chesapeake Bay waters as there were a year ago, according to an annual population survey. Read the Baltimore Sun article [here](#).
- **Everything Americans think they know about recycling is probably wrong.** "The truth is, there's no universal form of recycling across the country." Read NBC's opinion [here](#).
- **Chesapeake Bay report shows record-breaking improvements, impacts of climate change.** Reports show that the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay has reached its highest level since measurements began in the 1980s, a sign pollution is decreasing. But the group in charge of monitoring said there's still a lot of work to be done. Read the WTOP article [here](#).
- **60 percent of bird species came from Australia.** All perching birds - the majority of the world's bird population - originated in Australia, researchers report. For those whose environmental interests include bird watching, read the full article [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Emerson Food Forest Tour](#): Monday, June 3rd. 4515 Emerson St., Hyattsville. Discover delicious native fruits and nuts you can plant in your yard or community.

[The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim](#): Sunday, June 9th. Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis. The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a proud beneficiary of this event.

[Project WILD Training Workshop](#): Thursday, June 27th. Jug Bay Wetlands, Lothian. Project WILD is an interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife and the environment.

[Chesapeake Bayhawks vs. New York Lizards](#). 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.

["The Clean Bin Project" - Film Screening](#): 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: www.cbtrust.org/blog

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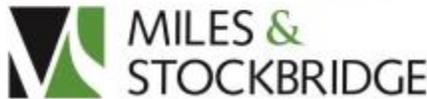


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[The Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the streams, rivers, and other natural resources of the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$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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