



## Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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### NEWS FROM THE TRUST



### The 21st Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration

A Fantastic Success!

Oh what a night! Over 150 businesses, organizations, and individuals sponsored and donated to this year's event helping to raise funds to support the Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant programs. We surpassed our fundraising goal, provided a networking opportunity for nearly 400 guests, and truly celebrated our commitment to the improvement of the Chesapeake Bay.

Thank you to the attendees, [sponsors](#), [breweries and wineries](#), and [silent auction](#) donors and participants who supported our night, our mission, and the Chesapeake Bay!

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### AROUND THE BAY

- **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](#).
- **Prince George's County, Maryland nonprofit increases tree canopy and engages residents through tree adoption program.** Hundreds of families have adopted trees and learned the benefits to their families, their community, and the environment. Read the blog post and watch the video

- [here](#).
- **Poplar Island commemorates Earth Day with butterfly garden.** All it took was a little Chesapeake Conservation Corps teamwork to complete this pollinator garden. Check out the Star Democrat article on how the project began as the Capstone of Corps alumna Lily Schneider, and with help from current Corps member Kelly Jonson, was installed last week. Read the article [here](#).
- **Six of the Chesapeake's endangered species success stories.** Learn more about six of the critters that have recovered enough to be removed from the endangered species list in this Chesapeake Bay Program article [here](#).



### **Watershed Stewards Academy Celebrates Earth Day by Installing Native Plants**

The Berrywood community in Severna Park, Maryland was alarmed with the deteriorating water quality in Cattail Creek. It has been ranked year after year as having the worst water quality of any creek in the [Magothy River Watershed](#) according to Bob Royer, a Berrywood resident and volunteer water quality monitor for the [Magothy River Association](#).

The Berrywood Community Association saw future development upstream as a further threat to water quality and destruction of habitat for fish and wildlife such as Yellow Perch and the Great Blue Heron which make Berrywood their home.

Empowered by her new role as a Steward, in 2015 Molly LaChapelle, a long-time Berrywood resident, started looking for grant opportunities that could fund her restoration project. At a [Watershed Stewards Academy](#) event, she met a representative from [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) who said that their project would be a good fit for their funds. The [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) with [Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works](#) and Maryland DNR provided the funds in 2016, and [Underwood & Associates](#) was awarded the design and construction of the stream restoration.

Construction of the site began in October of 2018 with a three-part approach. Read more about this amazing project [here](#).

## Restoration and Stormwater Management at Chesapeake College

[ShoreRivers](#) implemented a suite of 19 projects to address major stormwater challenges on [campus](#) and to capture runoff from almost 80 acres of surrounding agricultural fields. The projects include a wetland restoration and meadow planting, ten bioponds, two riparian buffer plantings, a stream restoration, the conversion of 10 acres of turf to wildflower meadow, and a planting of four acres of switchgrass buffers around agricultural fields.



Collectively, these 19 projects will reduce bitrogen running into the Wye River by approximately 400 lbs. per year, phosphorus by 37 pounds per year, and sediments by almost 19 tons each year. The projects will also intersect with [education programs](#) at the college, provide opportunities for students to study the effects of the restoration work and to help maintain the new infrastructure, and will have high visibility as demonstration projects for all students and community members who use the campus.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Green Housekeeping Workshop:** Saturday, May 11th, 10a-noon. City Hall, 4500 Knox Rd. College Park, MD. Learn how to keep your household clean, green, and healthy! Join us for a workshop highlighting best practices for greening your cleaning routine. Learn easy and affordable ways to maintain healthy households. RSVP: [toddlarsen\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:toddlarsen_99@yahoo.com)

[What Lives in Long Branch? / ¿Qué Vive en Long Branch?](#) Saturday, May 11th. 1p-3:30p. Rolling Terrace Elementary School. Come with your family to explore the creek and take a nature walk! SSL hours for students.

[Ellicott City Soak It Up Community Gathering Day:](#) Saturday, May 18th, 1p-4p. 3695 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City. Offering walking tours, introduction to biochar and demonstration, stormwater education and free tree giveaway (for Howard County residents.)

[Emerson Food Forest Tour:](#) Monday, June 3rd, 5:30p-7p. 4515 Emerson St., Hyattsville, MD. Discover native fruits and nuts that you can plant in your own yard or community. Space is limited.

[Lecture and Dinner at Ladew Gardens:](#) "Enjoying the Outdoors Safely in the Age of Lyme disease." Thursday, June 6th. 3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton. Dr. John

Aucott, Director of Johns Hopkins Lyme Disease Clinical research Center, will discuss the current outlook for ticks and tick-borne diseases in Maryland.

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

[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.



## **Bike to Work for a Healthier You and Environment!**

Bicycling is a healthy, clean, and economical way to get to and from work and around the community. Thousands of commuters in the region bike to work every day. This year's annual Bike to Work Day will be held on

[Friday, May 17th](#) to encourage commuters to bike to work. There will be over 100 [Bike to Work Day pit stops](#) across the Washington metropolitan region in D.C., Maryland and Virginia to welcome bicyclists with food, refreshments, and prizes!

If you have not biked to work before, it's easy to get started. Think about [finding a ride buddy](#), [joining a bicycle convoy](#), or driving part of the way to work and biking the rest.

Learn more and [click here](#) to register (registration is free).

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

### **Direct donation:**

You can make a direct donation to the Chesapeake Bay Trust [here](#). Or mail your contribution to: The Chesapeake Bay Trust, 108 Severn Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.

### **Amazon Smile**

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

### **You 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](#).

### 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 anytime [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 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 of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

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