



## 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.*

**Environmental Education Mini Grant**: June 11, 2020, 4pm

**Outreach and Restoration Grant**: August 4, 2020, 4pm

**Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate**: Rolling deadline

**Anne Arundel County Mini Community Planting**: Rolling deadline

**Charles County Forestry**: Rolling deadline

**Community Engagement Mini Grant**: 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.*

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### NEWS FROM THE TRUST



#### **The Chesapeake Bay Trust Provides Webinars to Field Awardee Questions On Impacts of COVID-19**



The Chesapeake Bay Trust (the Trust) recognizes that there have been and will continue to be significant impacts on the people and nonprofits that we work with because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we know that the full impacts of the virus are still uncertain, we want you to know that the Trust is here to help as

much as we are able and we will continue our efforts to ensure that our regions natural resources are restored. We have received several questions from awardees and recently held two webinars to address those most common questions and hear directly from the awardees to address questions and comments in real time. Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). We recognize that it is not an exhaustive list of questions and encourage you to contact the Program Officer who manages your award.

You may watch a re-cap of one of the webinars [here](#)  
Visit the FAQ webpage for grantee questions [here](#)

The Trust and our funding partners realize that this is a time for flexibility and understanding. Above all else, we wish everyone health and well-being today and in all the days ahead.

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## GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



### **Riverbea Community Salutes Neighborhood: "May The Forest Be With You"**



It is a problem faced by many homeowner associations: community common areas overtaken by invasive plant growth which seem to invade faster and cover more ground in a shorter amount of time than that spent maintaining our yards! This was the case for the [Riviera Beach Community](#) (RBC) subdivision in Pasadena, Maryland. The land is owned by RBC and this tight-knit community is governed by two different community associations; Riverbea and Riviera Community Improvement Association.

Valuable community public space had essentially become unusable because of overgrowth, neglect, drainage issues, and trash. With an award through the [Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Program](#), Riverbea was able to replace invasive foliage with native trees and plantings along the pathway to the shoreline, a semi-forested location within the watershed critical area. This project demonstrated the ability of neighbors to take an uncared-for lot and turn it into a

beautiful and ecologically friendly environment. Read the full story about this 2020 [PLANT award](#) winning project [here](#).



### **A Brighter Future for the Anacostia River**



The [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) recently released the [2020 State of the Anacostia River Report](#), which tells the story of the health of the Anacostia River from previously collected 2019 data. This report measures the overall health of the river by assigning a score and letter grade that takes into account several different water quality and remediation indicators. These indicators include dissolved oxygen, fecal bacteria, water clarity, chlorophyll a (measure of algae biomass), underwater grasses, stormwater runoff volume, amount of toxins and trash. Read the summation of the full report [here](#).

### **WHAT GRANTEES ARE SAYING...**



"I could not imagine how we could have achieved Green School status without the experiences that were funded through the Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini Grant program. Our boys and girls delve deeply into Bay-related issues and help to generate solutions to problems within our community's watershed. They put their research into action with on-campus restoration projects and have an opportunity to experience the issues in a different environment during the off-campus field trips that the Mini Grants help to fund. These grants also help us to develop community partnerships with a wide range of organizations. Overall, the Mini Grant program has been an amazing source of funding for Bay-focused experiences for so many of my students!" [Kennard](#)

[Elementary School](#)



## HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust has begun research and development of the 2020 Annual Report; cataloging all the Trust awards made from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. As with prior year's reports, there are opportunities to showcase specific grantee events, projects, and outcomes through high-resolution photographs and captions provided to us by current grantees.

**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](mailto:cedson@cbtrust.org) or tag us at [@chesapeakebaytrust](https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakebaytrust) on Facebook or [@baytrust](https://twitter.com/baytrust) on twitter and let the Trust help you tell your story!

See the 2019 Annual Report [here](#)

See the full history of annual reports [here](#)

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## GRANTEE RESOURCES



## Grantee Resources for Applying and Managing Awards

"How to Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant" [video](#)

"How to Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award" [video](#)

"How to Manage Your Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19" video

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](#).

The videos linked above can be found on our Vimeo page [here](#) as well as on our Grants and Opportunities page under "Resources" [here](#) along with Trust logos.

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## AROUND THE BAY

**Maryland highway administration hopes to exchange education for credits toward stormwater permit in new pilot.** "When students are moved to install rain gardens for capturing stormwater runoff or take mass transit for reducing harmful emissions, those actions can be tracked, pollutant reductions can be measured, and stormwater discharges can be reduced." Read the [Baltimore Sun's](#) full article [here](#).

**How the largest environmental movement in history was born.** "It is the largest environmental movement in history. Fifty years on, Future Planet talks to Earth Day's original and present-day organisers to hear how the movement evolved." Read the full [BBC Future Planet](#) article [here](#).

**Rehabilitated Grey Seal Returned to Assateague Waters.** A seal found in bad shape on the beach at Assateague State Park two months ago is now back in his natural habitat, fully recovered. Watch the [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) video coverage of the release [here](#).

**ShoreRivers Releases the 2019 River Report Card for Sassafras, Chester, Choptank, Miles & Wye rivers.** Each year for more than a decade, ShoreRivers has released an annual River Report Card based on the rigorous scientific collection

and analysis of more than 10,000 data points collected at nearly 200 water quality monitoring stations. Read the full [ShoreRivers](#) report [here](#).

**Arundel Rivers releases the 2019 Report Card for South, West, and Rhode rivers.** The report card scores are calculated with data from 22 tidal sites in the South River and 30 between the West and Rhode Rivers. Seven parameters are measured weekly (Apr.-Oct.) using water quality instruments. Read the full [Arundel Rivers Federation](#) report [here](#).

**Choosing Material Using the Native Plant Finder.** When it comes to attracting beautiful butterflies and birds to your yard or community, the best thing you can do is use native plants. By planting natives, you restore the health and function of your local ecosystem. This website will help you find the best native plants specifically for your area that attract butterflies and moths and the birds that feed on their caterpillars, based on the scientific research of Dr. Douglas Tallamy. Use the [National Wildlife Foundation's](#) Native Plant finder [here](#).

**Stewards for Streams Expands to Queen Anne's County.** Stewards for Streams is a partnership between two nonprofit organizations: ShoreRivers, which protects and restores Eastern Shore waterways; and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, which has engaged over 300 congregations across Maryland in caring for local watersheds. Read the full [Bay Times](#) and [Record Observer](#) article [here](#).

**Poultry Industry Ammonia Air Pollution Adds More Nitrogen to Chesapeake Bay than all MD or PA Sewage Plants.** "A new study concludes that ammonia air pollution from the Chesapeake region poultry industry contributes about 12 million pounds of nitrogen to the Bay every year, more than all the sewage and wastewater in Maryland or Pennsylvania." Read the full [BayNet](#) story [here](#).

**Consider Conservation Before There Is no Choice.** "After years of repeated tillage on highly-erodible soils, the damage started to show in nutrient loss and soil runoff. Each pounding rain brought loss, and Harbach and his family knew it was time for a change on their Chesapeake Bay-area farm." Read the full [Ag/Web](#) story [here](#).

**Read FishTalk Magazine Online.** Do you love finding your free copy of FishTalk at one of our many distribution points each and every month? We're betting you do, but both distributing the magazines and grabbing those free copies has become quite difficult recently. You can now read every edition of FishTalk online [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Making Powerful Investments in the Chesapeake

**Chesapeake Bay Trust's**

*Treasure the Chesapeake*

22nd Annual Celebration

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

**BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY**

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

*Tickets \$100 per person*

*Sponsorships available*

*Purchase tickets and sponsorship [here](#)*

*or contact [kswartout@cbtrust.org](mailto:kswartout@cbtrust.org) (410) 974-2941 ext. 107*

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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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