



## Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

November 2019

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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**: December 5, 2019, 4pm

**Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship**: December 5, 2019, 4pm

**Chesapeake Bay Program: Goal Implementation Team Support**: December 12, 2019, 4pm

**Mini Pre-k-12th Grade Environmental Education**: January 9, 2020, 4pm

**Restoration Research**: January 30, 2020, 4pm

**Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration**: March 12, 2020, 4pm

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

**Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting**: Rolling deadline. Submit by November 30, for December review consideration.

**Charles County Forestry**: Rolling deadline

**Community Engagement Mini Grant**: Rolling deadline

**Sponsorship**: Rolling deadline

**COMING SOON: Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3)**: Opens Early December. Check out this website offering all the information you need to successfully apply to the program: [q3forum.tetrattech.com/](http://q3forum.tetrattech.com/)



As we head into the season of thanks, the Trust wanted to acknowledge all our past and current grantees for your inspiring ideas, creative solutions, and boots-on-the-ground determination!

## NEWS FROM THE TRUST



### **The Chesapeake Bay Trust Announces Awardees**

In September, the Trust approved 66 grants totaling \$828,570 to enable a wide range of organizations to implement on-the-ground restoration and education projects and programs. Four times each year, the Trust's Board of Trustees announce their grant approvals helping local non-profit organizations, schools, community groups, local governments and municipalities through a variety of outreach and restoration techniques. See the September 2019 awarded projects [here](#).



**You Never Know Where that Chesapeake Bay License Plate is**

## Going to Show Up!



Chesapeake Bay Trust staff member, Nguyen Le, is in Egypt learning about sustainable development as part of the Virginia Tech's Executive Master of Natural Resources program and took our iconic Chesapeake License Plate along for a "vacation."



Just one year ago, the Trust unveiled the third design in the history of the Maryland State Chesapeake Bay License plate... and the response couldn't have been better.

The iconic images of the Bay Bridge, crabs, grasses, blue skies and the Chesapeake Bay all resonate with Marylanders far and wide leading us to think... why limit to just license plates? The Bay Boutique arrives just in time for holiday shopping with new products to be added soon. Shop now: [Shop Chesapeake Bay Trust](#)



*Proceeds from all sales of the Chesapeake Bay Plate and online shop fund the work of the Trust to collaboratively support your projects in several key topic areas: education, restoration, community engagement, and science and innovation.*



# DEALERS FOR THE BAY

## Congratulations to the following Auto Dealers: Winners of our 2019 Chesapeake Bay Plate Challenge! April 1– June 30, 2019

Regional auto dealers were challenged to show their Chesapeake Pride by offering customers the opportunity to upgrade their license plate to a Maryland Chesapeake Bay Plate. Proceeds from the plates are distributed by the non-profit Chesapeake Bay Trust through grants to schools, community groups, and not-for-profit organizations for education, conservation, and restoration projects.

Many thanks to our Dealership Partners for their tireless work to the Chesapeake Bay and Maryland's natural resources. If you are planning to buy a car, please visit our Dealers for the Bay webpage at [www.cbtrust.org/dealers](http://www.cbtrust.org/dealers).

### The Following Automobile Dealers Were the **GREENEST** Dealerships in Maryland:

#### Highest Plates Sold 2019

Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis  
Euro Motorcars Bethesda  
Lindsay Ford  
CARMAX Superstore Laurel  
CARMAX White Marsh  
BMW of Annapolis  
Ourisman Lexus of Rockville  
Jones Junction  
Bill Kidd's Toyota Scion  
Annapolis Subaru

#### Highest Percentage of Total Sales 2019

Mercedes Benz Annapolis  
Johnson Fiat of Annapolis  
Volvo Cars Annapolis  
Annapolis Subaru  
R & H Motor Cars  
Frederick Subaru  
Lindsay Ford  
Jaguar Land Rover of Hunt Valley  
Annapolis Hyundai  
Lexus of Towson

#### Highest Number Increase in Bay Plates

Sold 2018 vs. 2019  
Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis  
Lindsay Ford  
Euro Motorcars Bethesda  
CARMAX Superstore Laurel  
Ourisman Lexus of Rockville  
Jones Junction  
CARMAX White Marsh  
BMW of Annapolis  
Euro Motor Cars Germantown  
Frederick Subaru

#### Highest Increase in Total Market Share

2018 vs. 2019  
Annapolis Hyundai  
Mercedes Benz Annapolis  
BMW of Annapolis  
Jones Junction  
Mercedes-Benz of Hunt Valley  
Volvo Cars Annapolis  
BMW of Silver Spring  
Herb Gordon Subaru  
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## GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

### Goatscaping: Clearing Invasive Species Never Looked So Cute

Maintaining and enhancing its community areas is one of the primary responsibilities of the Edgewater Beach Citizens Association for the Edgewater Beach Shaded section community. The community is a small neighborhood of 53 homes. In the communal area of several acres a park, picnic area, and an active pier with boat slips are the backdrop for 36 goats from [Browsing Green Goats](#). Why you may ask? Read the full story [here](#).



### Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member, Amanda Bland and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Amanda was placed at the [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#) (The Alliance) for her year-long term of service in August. The Alliance works to implement unique strategies to enable humans, waterways, and land to prosper. Amanda is “ecstatic and grateful to be working with an organization whose values align so

closely with my own,” and has already gained an entirely new understanding and appreciation of restoration projects around the region. On her first day at the Alliance, Amanda was able to visit a potential spotted turtle restoration site. Amanda has been hard at work planning a habitat forum in Southern Maryland, leading outreach for the [Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#), and producing new content for the [Alliance Blog](#). Amanda says her experience so far has allowed her to explore many different things and has increased her motivation to work in the environmental field. Read Amanda's full profile, including her anticipated capstone project idea [here](#).

## Great Relationships, Healthy Gardens

*A Trust grantee reports on the unexpected benefits of their Native Habitats for Habitat program.*

"Is it alive?" asked Tynita Cummings, one of six Habitat for Humanity homeowners participating in [Pickering Creek Audubon Center's](#) Native Habitats for Habitat program. She pointed to a native plant with brown leaves from last year that she had been puzzling over to Pickering Creek naturalist, Samantha Pitts, during a garden visit late one summer evening. "Maybe it didn't make in through the winter after all," Cummings added, with a little edge of worry crossing her face.



"It's alive and doing great. It just needs the old growth to be cut back," Samantha reassured her after closer inspection. She pointed out the healthy new growth coming through last year's brown stubble. "You'll want to trim last year's leaves back early in the spring." "Oh, I didn't know that," replied a relieved Tynita as they continued their walk about the yard and moved easily on to other garden questions. The relaxed atmosphere where homeowners feel free to ask questions about their garden is the result of time well spent by Pickering Creek Audubon staff. Read the full article [here](#).



### **Baltimore Lab School again welcomes our high school Watershed Steward volunteers in our 5th year of oyster gardening!**

*A recently awarded grantee updates us on their successful project.*

Our [oyster spat](#) have been distributed, thanks to all the work by our 9th grade [Baltimore Lab](#) students, Senior Constantine Santos (who single handedly built 20 cages over the

summer) and Carmera Thomas of the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#).

Our baby oysters, born at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Oyster Center Lab in Shady Side now enjoy the protection of oyster cages at a dock located at the [Baltimore Yacht Basin Marina](#), in the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River. Spat will safely grow and harden their shells until they are ready to be transferred to the [sanctuary reef on Fort Carroll](#) in May 2020.

On October 16, 2019 our freshman oyster gardeners had the opportunity to examine our oysters. Spat can be a challenge to find, looking something like a crusty, disc-shaped scale about the size of a pencil end. The spat's chance of survival this first year of life are greatly increased by our thoughtful care and simple actions to promote ideal growing conditions. The oyster cages allow the spat to develop during the growing season in the upper water column where food and oxygen are plentiful.

*Baltimore Lab School's project was funded through the Trust's Mini Pre-k-12 Environmental Education grant program which was established to support educating students about their local environment how they can become stewards and have an impact in their community. The program is open for application and more information can be found [here](#).*

## GRANTEE RESOURCES

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### Ron Bowen Environmental Legacy Award

Honoring a public servant who has gone above and beyond to foster environmental stewardship.

The Ron Bowen Environmental Legacy Award honors the legacy of Watershed Steward Academy co-founder Ron Bowen by recognizing an individual who has made a unique contribution to environmental stewardship in Anne

Arundel County by connecting government or institutional resources with private sector investments to generate significant environmental actions.

For more information, qualifications, and the nomination form, click [here](#).



## Introducing A New Resource in Your Grant Application Process!

The new "How to Apply" webinar is a tool to guide applicants through the grant application process from start to finish; with tips, resources, and contact information aimed to streamline your application time and eliminate the distractions that can sideline your efforts.

Check out the informative video [here](#) or [learn more about our programs and opportunities](#).

## 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](#). You might just be featured in our next newsletter reaching thousands of readers each month!

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](mailto:cedson@cbtrust.org) and let the Trust help you tell your story!



**Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo.** Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

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## AROUND THE BAY

**\$11 Million in Gifts Awarded to the National Aquarium for a Greener Waterfront.** The National Aquarium plans to install a network of floating wetlands between Piers 3 and 4, creating habitat for native species, gradually improving the harbor's water quality and reconnecting residents and visitors with the natural world right at the water's edge. Read the full [PR NewsWire](#) release [here](#).

**Izaak Walton League (IWL) of America gears up for another season of Winter Salt Watch.** It keeps us safe on the roads and sidewalks, but it can also pose a



threat to fish and wildlife as well as human health. Read [IWL](#)'s recommendations on what you can do [here](#).

**River Reflections and Underwater Grasses.** All told, the drought in 2019, while tough on terrestrial plants, was just the sort of weather the rivers needed to bounce back from the onslaught of rain in 2018. Read the full [Arundel Rivers](#) blog on the past two monitoring seasons [here](#).

**Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) profiles 13 years of working with the Trust.** See the extensive work they have accomplished and the growth of the organization as a result. Thank you [ANS](#) for wonderful recap of our partnership! Take a look [here](#).

**Henrietta Lacks Park Inspires Bright Future for Baltimore Community.** "This is now a world-class park," Preston affirms. It helps connect people to water by teaching them about stormwater and the importance of water resources. Read the full [National Recreation and Park Association's](#) magazine article [here](#).

**Mallows Bay Celebrates Marine Sanctuary Milestone.** The World War I ghost fleet in the Potomac River shallows gets national recognition. read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) story and watch the video [here](#).

**Planting a Healthy Harbor.** This summer, 20 volunteers from [Healthy Harbor](#), [Constellation](#), [Baltimore City Youthworks](#), and the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) banded together to install The Harris Creek Rain Garden. Read the full blog post [here](#).

**Student Dreams Up Award-Winning EcoSystem Classroom Project.** "Now here's the really impressive part: The popular program was created entirely by a middle schooler, who, now 17 years old, has grown it into a successful nonprofit." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) article [here](#).

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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 our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

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