



## Chesapeake Bay Trust Grantee Newsletter

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### Grants: Upcoming Deadlines and 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.*

#### **[Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program: November 11, 2021 at 4PM EDT](#)**

The Anne Arundel County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are partnering to provide funds for forestry projects and land protection in Anne Arundel County. The goal of the program is to implement cost-effective reforestation and greening projects and increase the number of acres of protected forested land in the County.

#### **[Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program: November 18, 2021 at 4PM EDT](#)**

The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce the eighth year of our partnership to support projects throughout Prince George's County that aid neighborhoods while treating and controlling stormwater. The goal of this program is to improve neighborhoods, improve water quality in the County's waterways, and engage County residents in stormwater issues.

#### **[Chesapeake Conservation Corps Host Application: December 2, 2021 at 4PM EDT](#)**

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps places young adults (ages 18-25) with nonprofit organizations or government agencies to work fulltime in the environmental field for a one-year term of paid service. The Corps provides young professionals with experience, leadership and professional development training, mentorship, and a support network of young environmental professionals. Positions offered by host organizations are in the fields of environmental restoration, community engagement, environmental education, sustainable agriculture, energy conservation, and forestry.

### **Environmental Education Grant Program: December 2, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Environmental Education Grant Program funds programs and initiatives that advance environmental literacy and result in students having the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and motivation to take informed and responsible actions to protect and improve the environment.

### **Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program: December 2, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program is a partnership between the Montgomery County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that funds public outreach and stewardship projects, community-based restoration water quality implementation projects, and litter reduction projects in the Anacostia River Watershed through trash trap maintenance and monitoring.

### **Watershed Assistance Grant Program: December 2, 2021 at 4PM EDT**

The Watershed Assistance Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Environment (MDE). The program provides support for watershed restoration project designs and permitting and for watershed planning and programmatic development. The ultimate goal for projects funded through this opportunity will be improved water quality in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, the Maryland portion of the Youghiogheny watershed, and the Maryland Coastal Bays.

### **Charles County Forestry: Rolling deadline**

The Charles County Forestry Grant Program is a partnership between the Charles County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that aims to fund cost-effective reforestation projects in the County to increase tree canopy and as a result create forest habitat and improve water quality in the county's local watersheds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

### **Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program: Rolling deadline**

The Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program is designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. This program funds small-scale activities such as tree plantings, rain gardens, stream cleanups, and storm drain stenciling, among others.

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

The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health. Seven types of stormwater practices are eligible for rebates: rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

## **Sponsorship Program: Rolling deadline**

The Sponsorship Program is designed to support events that will increase awareness and knowledge among event participants about issues pertaining to restoration and protection of the natural resources of the Chesapeake and/or Maryland's other watersheds. The Trust will also entertain requests that promote the following major sources of revenue for the Trust: 1) the "Treasure the Chesapeake" license plate program; 2) the Chesapeake and Endangered Species Tax Check-off on the Maryland State income tax form; and 3) the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund.

*For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Program Officer assigned to the Award Program.*



Help provide input as a \$10-million Urban Tree funding opportunity is shaped!

# **URBAN TREE LISTENING SESSIONS**

Choose the date that works best for you:  
September 23 (2-3:30 pm), October 4 (8-9:30 am), or November 1 (6-7:30 pm) via Zoom.



As the result of work by many key legislators, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and many other environment and climate partners, The Maryland General Assembly established a target of planting 5 million trees in Maryland by 2031, with at least 500,000 of those trees to be planted in underserved urban neighborhoods and communities across the State.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust was tapped to administer a grant program to support the Urban Tree portion of the effort. The Trust is asking individuals and groups interested in urban greening, urban forestry, tree planting, community engagement, neighborhood beautification, heat island effect, and other related topics to participate in listening sessions this fall as Trust staff shape the Request for Proposals that will be used to solicit grant proposals. Individuals should register for only one of the three offered listening sessions, as the material covered will be the same.

- Register for [Listening session #3: Nov 1 6-7:30pm \(https://bit.ly/2WI9tTW\)](https://bit.ly/2WI9tTW)

Individuals with difficulty participating via zoom for any reason can contact Whitney Vong ([wvong@cbtrust.org](mailto:wvong@cbtrust.org), 410-974- 2941 ext. 122) for alternative arrangements to providing input. We anticipate also holding formal grant workshops once the Request for Proposals for the Urban Tree Program is released.

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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](#)

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The "Native Plant Species Selection Guide" is a [downloadable PDF](#) guide that walks through the importance of using native plants, when and how to use them in projects, and other resources available to find and purchase native plants in the Chesapeake Bay region.

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 the Trust's logo on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](#).

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### About The Trust

[The Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River through grant programs, special initiatives, and partnerships that support K-12 environmental education, on-the ground watershed restoration, community engagement, and the underlying science of these three realms.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$130 million in grants to local municipalities, nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations. About 90% of the Trust's expenditures are directed to restoration and education programs.



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