



## Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

October 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.*

**Consultant Services - Applicant and Grantee Survey**: October 18, 2019, 4pm

**Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach**: November 14, 2019, 4pm

**Environmental Education**: December 5, 2019, 4pm

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

**Environmental Education Mini Grants**: January 9, 2020, 4pm

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

**Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting**: Rolling deadline, submit by November 22 for December Board for review.

**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. Join the [program workshop](#) on Wednesday November 6th, 8:30a-4:30p. Fairfax, VA. Intended for local government and nonprofits new to the G3 program who are interested in receiving free training and consultation on the Chesapeake Bay Trust's G3 Grant Program. The goal of the grant program is to help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local streams and the Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability.

### NEWS FROM THE TRUST



#### Chesapeake Bay Trust Rated 4-Star Charity

At the Chesapeake Bay Trust, we take our role as financial stewards very seriously. For 17 years, the Trust has been given a [4-star charity rating](#) from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of non-profit organizations, based on the Trust's sound fiscal management practices and a commitment to accountability and transparency. Ninety-two cents of every dollar

supports on-the-ground projects and educational programs in the community. As a result, you can rest assured that your support will be used wisely for what you intended: to help restore the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams.

Recently, the Trust talked to [WNAV's](#) 1430 Connection with Donna Cole about our mission, our projects, and how you can keep your "heron" plate. [Listen here.](#)



### Rate the Trust and spread the positivity!

If you love our work, then tell the world! Stories about us from people like you will help us make an even bigger impact on our community. [Great Nonprofits](#) - a source for nonprofit stories and feedback - is honoring highly regarded nonprofits with their 2019 [Top-Rated](#) list.

Help the [Trust](#) raise visibility for our work by posting a brief story of your experience with us! It's easy and only takes 3 minutes! *We only have until October 31st to collect 10 reviews to earn our Top-Rated badge.* So please don't delay! Get started now!

### TRUST WELCOMES NEW INTERNS

Kathy Somoza is an Annapolitan and recently graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore county with a B.S. in Biology. During school she was drawn to the fields of public and environmental health. Her favorite class during school was Genetic and Molecular Biology lab, where she had the opportunity to carry out an individual, semester-long experiment focused on isolating a single bacteriophage from the environment. Kathy hopes to have a career in the public/environmental health nonprofit sector. She is especially interested in working with underserved communities.

Kristina Arreza studies communications and rhetoric at the University of Maryland, College Park. Two of her favorite classes are Strategic Messages in Graphic Design and Visual Rhetoric. She is the Social Media Director at the university's radio station, WMUC where she hosts a radio show called "Pep Talk." After graduation, Kristina hopes to work as an archivist or correspondent for National Geographic. She has always had an interest in the environment and is excited to learn more about the Chesapeake Bay during her time at the Trust.

## GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



### Blogging About Plogging

Karlis Grauze (right in picture) is a recent graduate of the [University of Maryland](#) with a degree in Philosophy. Karlis joins the 10th-anniversary Chesapeake Conservation Corps cohort position with [Patapsco Heritage Greenway](#) (PHG). PHG aims to preserve, protect, and restore the environment history, and culture of the Patapsco River Valley. Karlis will lead GIS work about the Patapsco River Valley to help engage the Spanish-speaking community who use [Patapsco Valley State Park](#), help with environmental stewardship events, and educational outreach to local schools.

In support of his host site's outreach mission, Karlis helped introduce [plogging](#) to the popular [Patapsco Trail Fest](#) which took place mid-September. The concept of plogging is still relatively new to the United States. It evolved from the European [#plogga](#) or [#plogging](#) and derives from the Swedish "Plocka upp" and jogging. Plogging combines the recreational act of jogging/running (or even hiking) with environmental stewardship (e.g. picking up trash) along the way. The weekend combines different events including mountain biking, climbing, paddling, hiking, and trail runs, as well as other recreational and stewardship activities for adults and families alike, making it the perfect test "plog" for the concept. Read the full blog [here](#).

### ECO City Farms Helps Improve Water Quality for the Anacostia River

[ECO City Farms](#) (ECO) is a nonprofit organization in Prince George's County, Maryland growing food and farming in ways that protect, restore, and sustain the natural environment and the health of local communities. ECO currently has two farms, a 1.5-acre farm in Edmonston and a 3.5-acre farm in Bladensburg, where they cultivate a variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs, honey, and microgreens. They also work with the local community and educate and train the next generation of urban farmers through their [apprenticeship opportunities](#) and [SEED 2 FEED summer youth program](#).



In 2015, ECO received a grant award through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) to install a stormwater management system at their Edmonston Farm, located next to the Anacostia River. During rainstorms, [runoff](#) around the farm and surrounding areas would flow directly into the river, carrying with it any pollutants such as trash and sediment. The volume of runoff entering the river also contributed to the erosion of the riverbanks. After the installation of the stormwater management system, however, runoff is now captured and treated onsite, reducing the negative impacts of runoff on the farm and the river.

Read about the innovative solution ECO City Farms created on our blog [here](#).



## ShoreRivers + REALTORS = Water Wise and River Friendly Homeowners

The Chesapeake Bay watershed offers a lifestyle unmatched elsewhere, however, waterfront property ownership comes with special responsibilities. [ShoreRivers](#) recently held a half-day workshop to educate area REALTORS on resources to help them take the lead with residential buyers and sellers and their waterfront homes.

From [yard fertilization](#) to [living shorelines](#), members of [Bay Area Association of REALTORS](#) and [Mid-Shore Board of REALTORS](#) packed the [Chesapeake College](#) classroom to learn about safe, effective, and sustainable methods for improving landscapes and water quality. ShoreRivers' Riverkeepers updated the group on the conditions and threats posed to the [Choptank](#), [Sassafras](#), [Chester](#), and [Miles](#) rivers. Environmental planners from Talbot, Queen Anne's, and Dorchester counties discussed the laws surrounding protection of all land within 1,000 feet of [Mean High-Water Lines](#) of tidal waters, landward edge of tidal wetlands, and all waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Read more about this workshop on our blog [here](#).

## Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church Reforests Woodlands



On an overcast Thursday morning, volunteers from the [Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church](#) (WMPC) in Severna Park, Maryland, prepared for the planting of 176 native trees, shrubs, and plants across the church's woodlands by digging all of the holes and placing all plants into their properly assigned locations. Located between Sunset Assisted Living and WMPC, this Anne Arundel Watershed Stewardship Capstone Project is led by Steward candidate Frank Goetschius (pictured left with Bob Royer, WMPC Property Management). The volunteers included members of the [REHABS](#) (REtired HAndyperson Breakfast Society) as well as the gardener's group from the church.

On the designated planting day, more than 75 volunteers showed up representing more than 12 community organizations including the [Magothy River Association](#), the [Watershed Stewards Academy](#) (WSA), Baywise volunteers, [Maryland Master Gardeners](#), [Severna Park High School](#), [Broadneck High School](#), Boy Scouts Troop 339, Girl Scouts Troop 184, local community gardening clubs, and multiple WMPC church groups.

Read the full blog coverage and watch Chesapeake Bay Magazine's video coverage of the project [here](#).

## GRANTEE RESOURCES

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# Climate Change Investment Initiative

## Up to \$20 Million Available for Innovators as Part of Climate Change Investment Initiative Launched by the Exelon Foundation and BGE Parent Company, Exelon Corp.

*New 2c2i program to cultivate startups working on technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change*

The Exelon Foundation will contribute \$10 million over the next 10 years to fund the initiative, which will focus on clean energy and environmental technologies with potential for wide-scale commercialization. Exelon Corp. will match that grant with up to a \$10 million in-kind investment of pro-bono services, including mentoring entrepreneurs on ways to access other sources of capital, structure business plans, allocate financial resources and meet regulatory requirements. The startups also will be able to tap into Exelon's internal innovation programs – Exelorate Growth, Constellation Technology Ventures and Partnership R&D – for counsel.

Through 2c2i, the Exelon Foundation will concentrate on startups working on greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation or building local resiliency through climate change adaptation strategies, and that support achieving local sustainability goals that focus on:

- Improving energy efficiency and/or supply to reduce GHG emissions.
- Electrification of transportation to reduce GHG emissions.
- Infrastructure/community resilience to increasing heat, storm and flood risks.

Read the full release [here](#).

Applications for the Exelon Climate Change Investment Initiative can be submitted online at [exelonfoundation.org](http://exelonfoundation.org). The 2019 submission deadline is October 25.



### 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

**EPA awards grants to support pollutant reduction plan tied to Conowingo reservoir infill.** "EPA is funding three activities to fulfill the Chesapeake Bay Program's commitment to address the Conowingo Dam infill." Read the full [U. S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) release [here](#).

**Cruel world awaits neglected streamside buffers.** "Planting the tree is the easiest part. Getting the tree to survive the first 5 years is the hardest part," said Lamonte Garber, watershed restoration coordinator for the Stroud Water Research Center, whose studies into more effective techniques for establishing buffers have become industry standards. Read the [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) article [here](#).

**Berlin's wetland project back on.** "After two false starts, the Graham Avenue submerged gravel wetland project is now moving forward." Read coverage by [The Dispatch](#) about a Trust grantee [here](#).

**Photos: Art contest winners beautify D.C. storm drains.** "Yahnae Riddick, a student at Eastern High School in Washington D.C., has been selected as one of five winners of DC Water's "Cool Arts and Cleaner Rivers" contest. After submitting an entry design to DC Water, each winner was selected by a panel of judges to paint a storm drain along the Northeast Boundary Tunnel." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) article [here](#).

**Anne Arundel County publishes "A Land of Rivers" Annual Report.** "In 2012, the County finalized its Watershed Implementation Plan to provide goals for improving water quality and watershed health, and to protect and restore natural resources. The County reports annually on progress made towards these goals through innovative and collaborative projects." Read the [Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection and Restoration Program](#) report [here](#).

**Yale Climate Opinion Maps.** "These maps show how American's climate change beliefs, risk perceptions, and policy support vary at state, congressional district, metro area, and county levels." Read the [Yale Program on Climate Change Communication's](#) report [here](#).

**Forest conservation bill draws controversy in Maryland County.** "Battle lines have been drawn in one of Maryland's most populous counties over preserving more of its forest land from development, in a debate that could be a test case for the rest of the state." Read the full [Bay Journal](#) article [here](#).

**Outdoor recreation: a growing MD industry that deserves federal support.** "In fact, the Bureau of Economic Analysis last month released its first-ever report on outdoor recreation's economic impact in each state, finding that our industry accounts for nearly 2% of Maryland's total GDP." Read the full Baltimore Sun Op-Ed Opinion piece by the owner of [Herrington Harbour](#) [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Water/Ways](#): Saturday, October 19 - Saturday, November 30th. See website for hours. Cambridge. This traveling exhibition from the [Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program](#) examines water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element. *Water/Ways* explores water's effect on the landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality.

[Fall Native Plant Social](#). Sunday, October 20th. 9a-1p. Annapolis. FREE native plants for you to take home (one per family while supplies last), apple cider, and donuts! Tour the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's unique and newly painted building.

[Jug Bay Paddle - HerChesapeake](#). Sunday, October 20th. 9a-1p. Lothian. Enjoy a fall day on the water, bonding with fellow environmental enthusiasts and delighting in a waterside view of the sanctuary's 1,700 acres of protected aquatic and forest habitat.

[Living Architecture: Green Walls for Residential and Community Scales](#). Thursday, October 24th. 6p-7:30p. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland. Learn from experts on how you can utilize green walls, green roofs, and vertical gardens in your community.

[Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns \(G3\) Grant Program Workshop](#). Wednesday, November 6th. 8:30a-4:30p. Fairfax, VA. This workshop is intended for local government and nonprofits new to the [G3 program](#) (opening early December) who are interested in receiving free training and consultation. The goal of the grant program is to help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces in urban areas, improve the health of local streams and the Bay, and enhance quality of life and community livability.

[15th Annual Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Conference](#). Thursday, November 7th. 8a-4p. Linthicum Heights. As part of MAFSMs purpose we provide educational opportunities and promote public awareness of sound environmental solutions to floodplain and stormwater management. This event will increase awareness about issues pertaining to restoration and protection of the natural resources of the Chesapeake and/or Maryland's other watersheds.

[Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference](#). Thursday, November 14th. 8a-3p. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis. Maryland's premier conference on agricultural and environmental law.

[14th Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum](#). Friday, November 15th - Sunday, November 17th. Shepardstown, WV. "Better together: Diverse and Innovative Collaborations for the Chesapeake Watershed" intends to highlight collaborative models from the Chesapeake Bay Watershed that accelerate the protection and restoration of its lands and waters.

[Doug McKenzie-Mohr Community-Based Social Media Marketing Workshop](#). Wednesday, December 4th -Thursday, December 5th. 9a-4p both days. Washington, D.C. This workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied throughout the world to foster behaviors that protect the environment and promote health and safety.

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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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