



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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NOTICE: In keeping with FY26 budget prioritizations the Rain Check Rebate Program, Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, and Community Gardens Mini Grant Program are proposed to be suspended for FY26, July 1, 2025 – June 31, 2026

Active Rain Check Rebate applications and projects must be completed with all materials submitted by May 1, 2025, to qualify for the rebate. Please reach out to the Chesapeake Bay Trust team (rebate@cbtrust.org) for help in project close-out. Applications for Rain Check Rebates closed on April 5, 2025, in anticipation of the proposed suspension.

Active awarded Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program and Community

Gardens Mini Grant Program projects will continue.

We continue to recognize the positive benefits and environmental uplift of these projects. In addition, we recognize that the programs and their projects provide opportunities to County property owners and communities. Should the proposed suspension occur, we will re-evaluate the potential reinstatement of these programs as soon as feasible.

Anacostia Watershed Society's Mussel Power: Empowering High School Students as Environmental Stewards



Through the **Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program**, the Anacostia Watershed Society was able to engage teachers and students in raising native freshwater mussels and their importance to water quality.

For the past four years, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) have been implementing the Mussel Power program together, engaging PGCPS high school students. The Mussel Power program is a multi-part program that includes professional development workshops for teachers, introductory classroom work for students, a field study on the Anacostia River, follow-up classroom work, and participation in an authentic mussel restoration project. Additionally, AWS and PGCPS have

collaborated to enhance the professional development component of the program for teachers to include biweekly Zoom meetings to establish and strengthen a professional learning community of teachers who can learn from each other's challenges and successes and fine-tune their program delivery.

In addition to the professional development for teachers and subsequent classroom lessons facilitated by teachers, the program also includes field experiences at Bladensburg Waterfront Park and on the Anacostia River. These field experiences allow students to not only have a fun and engaging experience out in their local environment, but also to gain exposure to natural resource management careers and restoration projects. The ultimate goal of this program is to inspire not just the next generation of environmental professionals, but the next generation of environmental stewards who are empowered with the knowledge and understanding of how science impacts our daily lives.

[**Learn More about past Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program projects**](#)

[**Fort Washington Resident Receives a \\$100 Rebate for Installing a Rain Barrel at Their Residential Property**](#)



The [Rain Check Rebate Program](#) supports eight eligible practices, including rain barrels and cisterns. Rain barrels are containers used to collect and temporarily

store rainwater that flows from the rooftop. Cisterns are essentially larger versions of rain barrels that store a lot more water.

Collected water can be reused for non-potable purposes, such as watering your flower garden, trees, or lawn! It's a great way to reuse water that otherwise might run off into your local waterways during a large storm event.

To learn more about rain barrels, click [here](#) and to learn more about cisterns, click [here](#). Congratulations to this Fort Washington resident for playing a part in keeping local streams and rivers clean and healthy!

[Learn More about past Rain Check Rebate Program projects](#)

[Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant Program](#)



The Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant Program supports the creation and need for community gardens that provide resources to the Prince George's County community while advancing the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. The primary goal of this mini grant is to fund community garden projects that help address food security and support neighborhood scale implementation of regenerative agriculture and other sustainable gardening practices.

This program supports both the development of new community gardens as well as the growth of existing community gardens that plan to expand regenerative practices. New community gardens can request up to \$9,500. Existing community gardens can request up to \$3,000 OR \$9,500 with the addition of mentorship. Mentorship can include, but is not limited to, mentoring applicants applying for community gardens, holding classes and information sessions, and conducting tours.

This program is currently closed. In keeping with FY26 budget prioritizations the Rain Check Rebate Program, Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, and Community Gardens Mini Grant Program are proposed to be suspended for FY26, July 1, 2025 – June 31, 2026. Active awarded Community Gardens Mini Grant Program projects will continue.

Photo: Laurel City Community Garden: Courtesy of City of Laurel

[Learn more about past Community Gardens Mini Grant projects](#)

Tantallon Potomac Protectors Garden Party

TANTALLON POTOMAC PROTECTORS GARDEN PARTY!



Join your neighbors and Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to learn how green infrastructure, like rain gardens and rain barrels, help to address local water issues. Stay for a community maintenance day and native plant giveaway!

Activities:

- Morning coffee & light snacks
- Stormwater issues in Fort Washington
- How green infrastructure helps address these issues
- Community maintenance (gloves and tools provided)
- Wrap-up

WHEN? SATURDAY, MAY 3RD 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE? CORNER OF CARNOUSTIE LANE & W TANTALLON DRIVE

RVSP: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/MN35C6ANPQKQETOEG](https://forms.gle/MN35C6ANPQKQETOEG)

For more information, visit www.allianceforthebay.org/project/tantallon-potomac-protectors/



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[RSVP Here!](#)

Prince George's County Beautification Awards

The Prince George's County Beautification Awards, a product of the County's Beautification Committee, celebrates people who help shape the County's aesthetic through landscaping and gardening. You are encouraged to apply on your own behalf or nominate a friend or neighbor whose property you consider beautiful. Applications are due 5/1/2025.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Prince George's County Beautification Committee member, Brooke Westby, by dialing 301-627-7758, emailing pgc.beautification@gmail.com or visit pgcbeautification.com.

[2025 Prince George's County Beautification Awards Application](#)

Blue-Green Infrastructure Flood Ready Open House

REGIONAL OPEN HOUSE FLOOD AWARE COMMUNITIES

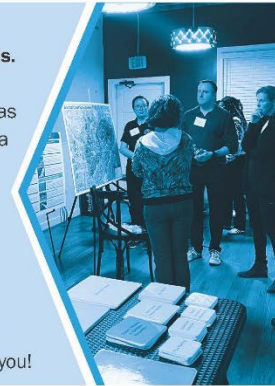
**FINAL INPUT TO SHAPE AND LAUNCH
FUTURE PROJECTS.**
Join us in-person for the Regional Open House!

May.22
THURS|4:30–7:30 PM
MARVIN GAYE REC CENTER

Be part of the planning process and drive future implementation to shape projects that reduce flooding and create green spaces in your neighborhoods. Learn how a regional planning project to decrease flooding, could have other benefits such as lowering the heat in the summer, and creating recreational areas in **Watts Branch, Arundel Canal** (part of the Northwest Branch) of the Anacostia River, and **Oxon Run**, which is part of the Potomac River watershed.

This event marks the final showcase of a yearlong planning effort in your communities—don't miss this opportunity to share your final input and explore ways to stay involved in bringing these projects to life!

We want **your input** on the proposed concepts in your neighborhood **to reduce flooding and build sustainable, resilient solutions**. We look forward to seeing you!



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE A \$25 GIFT CARD!

By Attending, You Will:

- » **Learn** about flood-reduction project ideas and funding opportunities that could benefit your area—and how you can help champion these efforts in your community.
- » **Share your feedback** on the proposed concept ideas.
- » **Discover** how Blue-Green Infrastructure (BGI) can help reduce flooding while providing additional benefits to your neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- » **Engage** with experts and connect with neighbors working together toward a flood-resilient future

Location:

Marvin Gaye Recreation Center
15 61st St NE,
Washington, DC 20019

Register Here:

Scan the QR code to register.
Contact us: BGI@MWCOG.ORG
WWW.MWCOG.ORG/BGI



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

CONSULTANTS



Learn More and Register Here

CROSSROADS FARMERS MARKET

OPENING
DAY!
¡DÍA DE LA
APERTURA!

04.23.2025



APR | ABR 23 - NOV 26, 2025

WEDNESDAYS | MIÉRCOLES

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SNAP & WIC DOUBLED!

up to \$50 every week

¡SE DUPLICAN SNAP Y WIC!

hasta \$50 cada semana

ANNE STREET AT
UNIVERSITY BLVD EAST
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND



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Local fruits, vegetables, honey, coffee, lunch items, ice cream, and other healthy snacks.
Frutas, verduras, miel y café locales, y también almuerzos, helados y otros alimentos saludables.



CrossroadsCommunityFoodNetwork



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[Learn More About the Crossroads Community Food Network](https://crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org)

Maintenance Support Available for Rain Check Rebate Participants

MAINTAINING STORMWATER PRACTICES IN THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED

Receive **FREE** assistance with your stormwater practices!

Have you had a stormwater practice installed through the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program? Introducing the Maintaining Stormwater Practices in the Anacostia Watershed program! This program is funded by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to help support residential property owners with maintenance of their Rain Check Rebate projects. This program offers support for Anacostia watershed residents through:

- **Free Inspections:** A landscape professional will evaluate your stormwater practice and provide a written report of maintenance recommendations
- **Discounted Maintenance:** **For a limited time only, get up to 75% of the cost covered** for the maintenance of your green feature while you learn proper maintenance techniques through hands-on preparation
- **Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center:** Check out the online maintenance resources for more information about caring for your stormwater practices
- **Green Ambassadors Program (GAP):** Are you interested in joining a community volunteer maintenance team to maintain neighborhood stormwater practices, including yours?

If you are interested in participating, please review the [Property Owner Guide](#) or visit the [Stormwater Maintenance Resources website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Thank you for doing your part to improve water quality and promoting a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake Bay!

In partnership,



Check out this video that highlight's the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program, in addition to the Trust's other rebate program, featuring residential projects that have had a positive impact on reducing stormwater runoff and beautifying green spaces in their communities.

Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Grace Dho at gdho@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter

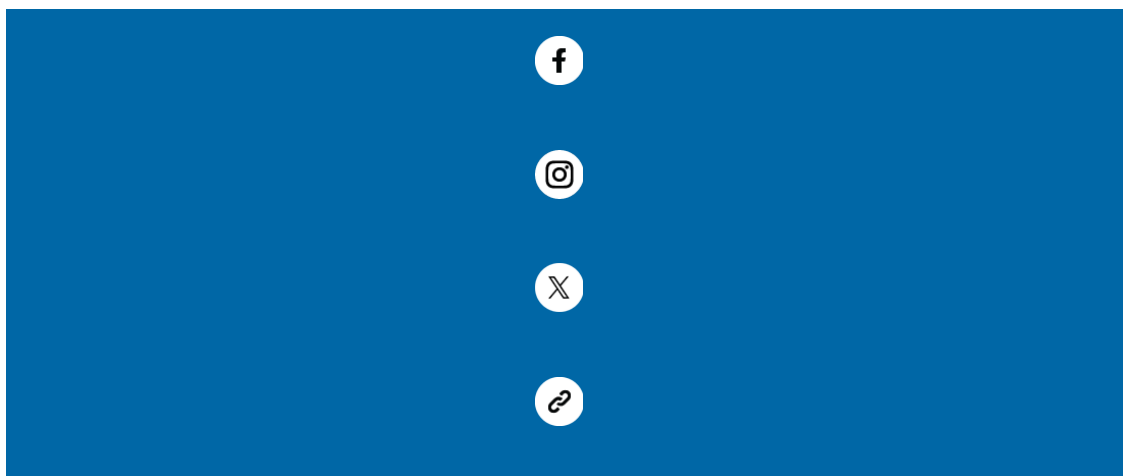


THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST, a grantmaking nonprofit, empowers local groups with the resources they need to take on a meaningful and measurable role in restoring forests, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and more in their own communities. Every year, about 400 groups receive grant awards or other assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded \$140 million in grants and engaged hundreds of thousands of resident stewards in projects that have a measurable impact. **The Trust has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for over two decades: on average 90 percent of the Trust's expenditures are directed to its restoration and education programs.**



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