



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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NOTICE: Check the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate, Community Gardens Mini Grant Program, and/or Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program websites for program updates.

[The University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center Climate Wise Academy](#)



Through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center was able to continue the Prince George's County Climate Wise Academy pilot program that will support three cohorts of 15 to 20 Climate Stewards each and foster an alumni network for continued peer learning.

This project is dedicated to ensuring that the success of the Prince George's County Climate Wise Academy pilot program extends beyond its initial implementation, fostering climate resilience in other communities and audiences through effective and adaptable strategies. This project will utilize several approaches identified during the Academy's Pilot phase to maintain and advance the County's Climate Stewards Academy program. This phase will allow for opportunities to replicate and adapt the Academy's strategies, insights, and successes in other communities facing similar climate challenges. EFC will host three cohorts of 15-20 Climate Stewards each and foster an alumni network for continued peer learning.

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

Riverdale Resident Receives a \$1,200 Rebate for Installing a Rain Garden at Their Residential Property



The [Rain Check Rebate Program](#) supports eight eligible practices, including rain gardens. Rain gardens are shallow, planted depressions full of water-tolerant

native plants that soak up stormwater. Rain gardens allow water to slowly seep into the ground, or infiltrate, which reduces the amount of water flowing across impervious surfaces.

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

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

[Growing Joy with Native Plants](#)

growing joy with native plants



MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CONGREGATIONS

Join us for an Introduction to Sacred Grounds Growing JOY with Native Plants on Your Congregation Grounds and Members' Homes

Are you passionate about caring for creation and building a joyful and stronger community? Join our next free Sacred Grounds multi-faith cohort and put your faith into action.

National Wildlife Federation's Sacred Grounds program provides an opportunity to care for creation through gardening with native plants. Planting native plants helps people and wildlife. They provide food for birds, butterflies, and native bees which in turn pollinate our own food. Additionally, they slow the flow of polluted stormwater, keeping our waterways clean and safe, especially important in an era of climate change. With Sacred Grounds we partner with your congregation to both help you create a native plant pollinator garden on your grounds and educate and engage your members on planting native plants at home.

Register for Sacred Grounds Growing JOY virtual presentation (repeated 3 times): June 16, July 17, September 4; all at 7-8 PM ET <https://bit.ly/GrowingJOYIntro>

For more information contact Naomi Edelson, edelsonn@nwf.org; www.nwf.org/sacredgrounds

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& Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grants Program



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Your Scraps Are Our Treasure

What happens to your curbside compost? It gets turned into Leafgro GOLD®, a soil conditioner sold locally to landscapers to cover the cost of facility operations. An eco-friendly solution at no additional cost to residents! Learn more: mypgc.us/compost.



Maintenance Support Available for Rain Check Rebate Participants



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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