



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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NOTICE: The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate and Community Gardens Mini Grant Program have been reinstated for FY26! Learn more and apply using the links below.

[Accokeek Resident Receives a \\$2,143 Rebate for Installing a Cistern at Their Residential Property](#)



The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) supports eight eligible practices, including cisterns. Cisterns collect rainwater that flows from rooftops and store it for other uses like watering plants. They provide a supplemental water source and reduce the transportation of pollutants from impervious surfaces (surfaces that prevent stormwater infiltration) to waterways. In the Rain Check Rebate Program, cisterns must be larger than 250 gallons for all property types. For smaller spaces or gallon storage needs, rain barrels are a smaller alternative eligible practice with a minimum required storage size of 50 gallons. Cisterns and rain barrels capture and treat stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and can lower water costs!

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

[Learn More and apply to the Rain Check Rebate Program](#)

Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant



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 supporting 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.

Requests are accepted on an on-going basis.

Photo: Project Bright Future

[**Learn More about the Community Gardens Mini Grant**](#)

Growing Joy with Native Plants

growing joy with native plants



CONGREGATIONS LOCATED IN MONTGOMERY & PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY & WASHINGTON DC

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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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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