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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER



## September 2025

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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.

**[Oxon Hill Resident Receives \\$6,000 Rebate for Installing 1,568 sq. ft. of Conservation Landscaping](#)**

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The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) supports eight eligible practices, including conservation landscaping. A conservation landscape is a garden that improves water quality, promotes and preserves native species, and increases wildlife habitat. It can be a native flower garden, a mini urban meadow, a native vegetable garden, a pollinator garden or a rewilded forest patch which takes the place of large turf areas and existing hardscapes. Conservation landscaping means working with nature to create diverse landscapes that help protect clean air and water; enhance climate resilience; support pollinators and wildlife, all while providing a healthier and more aesthetically pleasing environment to residents and their neighbors.

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

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

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



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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. Proposed gardens less than or equal to 400 sq. ft. can apply for up to \$5,000 and gardens proposing to plant over 400 sq. ft. can apply for up to \$9,500. 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.

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[Prince George's County Green Festival](#)

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11AM - 4PM

save the date  
OCT 11



INTRODUCING



An updated tail-wagging area full of pet exhibitors, adoption and license information, and much more!

**Join us for a FREE, family and pet-friendly day of environmentally focused exhibitors, vendors, kids' activities, food trucks, music, and more.**

**DAVID C. DRISKELL COMMUNITY PARK**  
3911 Hamilton Street | Hyattsville, MD 20781



Learn more at [mypgc.us/greensummit](https://mypgc.us/greensummit)

Join the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, in partnership with the City of Hyattsville and Prince George's County Park and Planning, for its annual Green Festival (formerly known as Green Summit) on Saturday, October 11, 2025, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at David C. Driskell Community Park in Hyattsville.

**New this year:** Our upgraded pet pavilion, named **Pawchella**, where you will find information on pet exhibitors and vendors, pet adoptions, licenses, and much more.

Find more information, including exhibitor and vendor applications, at [mypgc.us/greensummit](https://mypgc.us/greensummit).

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Recreation Pr. Geo. County, para nuestro Festival Ecológico (anteriormente la Cumbre Ecológica) el sábado 11 de octubre, 2025, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. en David C. Driskell Community Park en Hyattsville.

**Nuevo este año:** Nuestro pabellón recreativo de mascotas, llamado Pawchella, donde encontrará información sobre expositores de mascotas, vendedores, adopción de mascotas, licencias y mucho más.

Encuentre más información, incluyendo solicitudes para expositores y vendedores, visitando [mypgc.org/greensummit](https://mypgc.org/greensummit).

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## [Prince George's County Regional Hub Gathering](#)



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# Prince George's County Regional Hub Gathering



**October 21,  
2025**

**5:30PM - 7:30PM**



**Hyattsville Library**

6530 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Join IPC and Partners for our Prince George's County next Hub Gathering! Connect with fellow faithful stewards, organizations & other concerned people to gain valuable resources and to plan for the future! All are welcome to lend your time and talent to a faith-led effort to protect, restore, and act justly in our shared watershed.

[InterfaithChesapeake.org/prince\\_george\\_s\\_county\\_hub\\_gathering\\_10\\_21\\_25](https://InterfaithChesapeake.org/prince_george_s_county_hub_gathering_10_21_25)



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[Fall 2025 Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training](#)

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# RAIN CHECK REBATE Contractor Training

## October 15, 2025

### DAY 1

Course topics include:

- ▶ Urban Tree Canopy
- ▶ Rain Barrels
- ▶ Cisterns
- ▶ Rain Gardens
- ▶ Conservation Landscaping
- ▶ Permeable Pavement
- ▶ Pavement Removal
- ▶ Green Roofs

### DETAILS

#### DATE / TIME

October 15, 2025

8:15AM - 4:30PM

(RAIN DATE: October 16, 2025)

#### LOCATION

Clean Water Partnership  
9475 Lottsford Rd, Suite 100  
Largo, MD 20774  
Conference Room

#### COST

Free of Charge for  
Landscape Professionals!  
\*\*\*BYO Lunch!\*\*\*

Did you know that Prince George's County's Rain Check Program offers rebates to homeowners, businesses and others to install best management practices (BMPs) intended to capture stormwater runoff? This training is designed to provide landscape professionals with practical hands on information on the eight Rain Check Rebate practices and processes. Special emphasis is placed on rain gardens, pavement removal and permeable pavement.

This all-day training teaches landscape professionals how to plan, design, construct and maintain Rain Check Rebate practices. Classroom exercises provide guidance on practice selection, site assessment and site selection. After completion of the classroom training, participants are eligible to sign up for Day 2, which will be a field day to further hone their skills and help install or assess stormwater BMPs. Participants who successfully complete both sessions (classroom training + field day) will be added to the [County's public list](#) of landscape professionals who have completed the Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training. Please note that you must be present for the full Day 1 and Day 2 sessions in order to receive credit for completion of the training.

#### HOW TO REGISTER

Go to: [https://raincheck\\_october2025.eventbrite.com](https://raincheck_october2025.eventbrite.com).

Click "Reserve a spot" and RSVP for FREE!

Questions? Contact [kmattern@lidcenter.org](mailto:kmattern@lidcenter.org)



[Register Here](#)

[Growing Joy with Native Plants](#)



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## Growing Joy with Native Plants

### CONGREGATIONS IN MONTGOMERY, PRINCE GEORGE'S, & WASHINGTON, D.C.

**REGISTER for a FREE In-Person Workshop on Sacred Grounds:  
Cultivating Joy with Native Plants at Your Congregation and Members' Homes!  
Step 1 of 3 (additional steps optional)**

October 4: 1-5 pm (Prince George's County)  
October 5: 2-6 pm (Montgomery County)  
October 11: 1-5 pm (Washington, D.C.)



[bit.ly/GrowingJoyWorkshops](https://bit.ly/GrowingJoyWorkshops)

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. They slow the flow of polluted stormwater, keeping our waterways clean and safe, especially important in an era of climate change. Join us to learn more about creating a native plant pollinator garden on your grounds (Step 3) and engaging your members on planting native plants at home (Step 2).

For more information: Naomi Edelson, [edelsonn@nwf.org](mailto:edelsonn@nwf.org)

*Funded by: Chesapeake Bay Trust's Clean Water Montgomery Grant Program  
& Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grants Program, , the District of Columbia Stormwater Enterprise Fund, and the District of Columbia Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund*












Register  
[bit.ly/GrowingJoyWorkshops](https://bit.ly/GrowingJoyWorkshops)

[Register Here](#)[Annual Jug Bay 10k/5k & 3k Fun Walk](#)



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## ANNUAL JUG BAY 10K/5K & 3K Fun Walk

**Saturday, November 1 at 9 am • All Ages**  
**Patuxent River Park**

16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Run along the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Driving Tour. This mostly flat, paved and dirt road course leads runners along the banks of the scenic Patuxent River, home to an incredible variety of wildlife. Water stations are located along the race course. Proceeds from this event support projects, research, conservation and education in the Patuxent River watershed.

### Registration Fees:

Early registration fee is \$30 for all 10K runners, \$25 for all 5K runners, and \$20 for all 3K walkers.

Race day registration is \$35 for 10K runners, \$30 for 5K runners, and \$25 for 3K walkers, and will be available November 1 from 7:30-8:30 am.

For race details and/or to register, scan the QR code.

For more information, email us at [pgparkrangers@pgparks.com](mailto:pgparkrangers@pgparks.com) or call 301-627-7755; Maryland Relay 7-1-1.



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## CARRERA Y CAMINATA DE 10km/5km y 3km por la vida silvestre de Jug Bay

**Sábado, 1 de noviembre, 2025, 9 am • Para todas las edades**  
**Parque del Río Patuxent**

16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Corra o camine por el "Critical Area Driving Tour" de la Bahía de Chesapeake. Este recorrido, mayormente llano, pavimentado o de tierra, lleva a los corredores por las orillas del pintoresco Río Patuxent—hogar de una increíble variedad de vida silvestre. Hay puntos de agua a lo largo del recorrido. Los ingresos de este evento apoyan proyectos, investigación, conservación y educación en la cuenca del Río Patuxent.

### Precio de inscripción:

Inscripción anticipada (antes del 1 de noviembre): \$30 para todos los participantes de 10K, \$25 para todos los participantes de 5K y \$20 para todos los participantes de 3K.

Inscripción el día del evento: \$35 para los participantes de 10K, \$30 para los participantes de 5K y \$25 para los participantes de 3K, y estará disponible el 1 de noviembre de 7:30 a 8:30 am.

Para obtener más información sobre la carrera/caminata o inscribirse, escanee el código QR.

Para obtener más información, envíenos un correo electrónico a [pgparkrangers@pgparks.com](mailto:pgparkrangers@pgparks.com) o llame al 301-627-7755; Maryland Relay 7-1-1.



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## American Indian Festival 2025

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# AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 18, 2025  
11 AM-4 PM

FREE admission.  
ASL interpretation  
available on-site.

For more information,  
contact [aif@pgparks.com](mailto:aif@pgparks.com)  
or see [pgparks.com/aif](http://pgparks.com/aif).

**PATUXENT RIVER PARK**  
16000 Croom Airport Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**  
Live music and dancing  
Artisan market  
Native food vendors  
Native American horsemanship  
Indigenous tools and technologies  
DIY arts and crafts, archery, spear throwing, and more!

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- The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register a minimum of two weeks prior to the program start date to request and receive a disability modification.
- Customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, call Maryland Relay 7-1-1.
- Language interpretation is available at all facility front desks. Please ask for assistance.

## 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](https://mypgc.us/compost).

**Hey Prince Georgians!**

# YOUR SCRAPS ARE OUR TREASURE

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**EVERY MEAL EVERY SCRAP EVERY MONDAY**

Let's Compost

**¡Hola, Prince Georgians!**

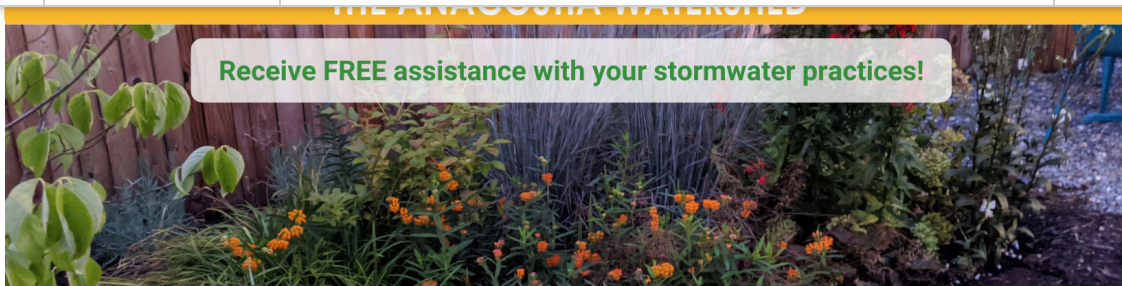
# TUS DESECHOS SON NUESTRO TESORO

PGC COMPOSTS  
**EVERY MEAL EVERY SCRAP EVERY MONDAY**

Hagamos Compostaje

## Maintenance Support Available for Rain Check Rebate Participants



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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:

**Kristen Parsons**

**202-599-8164**

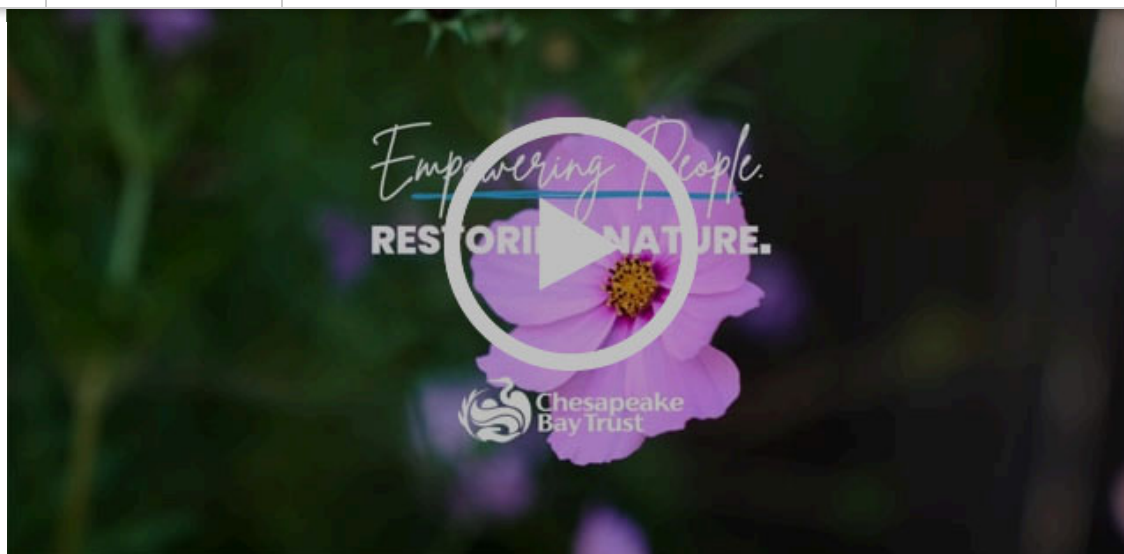
**[kparsons@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:kparsons@allianceforthebay.org)**

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

In partnership,





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Check out this video that highlights 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.

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## Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Grace Dho at [gdho@cbtrust.org](mailto: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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