



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates



Bike to Work For a Healthier You and Environment

Bicycling is a healthy, clean, and economical way to get to and from work and around the community. Thousands of commuters in the region bike to work every day. This year's annual [Bike to Work Day](#) will be held on Friday, May 17th to encourage even more travelers to bike to work.

Prince George's County will have 13 [Bike to Work Day pit stops](#) to welcome bicyclists with food, refreshments, and prizes! There will be over 100 pit stops across the Washington metropolitan region in DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

If you have not biked to work before, it's [easy to get started](#). Think about [finding a ride buddy](#), [joining a bicycle convoy](#), or driving part of the way to work and biking the rest.

Learn more and [click here](#) to register (registration is free).



Receive up to \$5,000 for pre-K-12 Environmental Education Projects

Schools and other eligible applicants can receive up to \$5,000 through the Chesapeake Bay Trust's [Environmental Education Mini Grant Program](#). This program supports projects that educate students about an environmental issue, provide an outdoor learning experience, and conclude in a student-led action project. Applicants may request funding for field trips, student projects, and professional development for educators.

The deadline to apply is **June 13, 2019, at 4pm EDT**.

We Want to Hear from You!

Keep us updated! Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Project Highlights from Awardees of the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program



Behnke Nurseries Rain Check Rebate Demonstration Site

Stormwater management practices help reduce polluted runoff, improve the quality of local streams and rivers, and reduce flooding and erosion. The [Rain Check Rebate](#) program provides homeowners, businesses, and others with the opportunity to receive a reimbursement for installing approved stormwater practices, such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavers ([see all seven practices here](#)).

In 2014 and 2015, the [Low Impact Development Center](#), a nonprofit organization based in Prince George's County, installed all seven of the Rain Check Rebate practices and a resource center to showcase each practice at [Behnke Nurseries](#) in Beltsville, Maryland. Behnke Nurseries serves as a demonstration site where residents and business owners can come learn about the practices and see each of them in action.

Earlier this month, Behnke Nurseries announced the nursery will be closing in June. We encourage you to visit Behnke Nurseries to see all seven of the Rain Check Rebate Practices and view the educational kiosk. Thank you to Behnke Nurseries for using their site over the last few years to showcase how the Rain Check Rebate program works to clean water.

Read more about this project on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog, [here](#).



Families Adopt Trees for Greener Communities

Trees provide numerous benefits to communities, from clean air to lower city temperatures. In an effort to increase the amount of trees in Prince George's County and educate residents about the benefits of trees, nonprofit organizations like [Global Health and Education Projects](#) (GHEP) develop programs to support this effort.

GHEP developed the Family Tree Adoption Program (FTAP) to provide native trees to homeowners in the County. Residents help select the native trees for their property and once planted, the entire family adopts the trees and agrees to care for and maintain them.

Click on the image above to [view a video](#) about FTAP and hear Executive Director of GHEP, Romuladus Azuine, talk about the program's impact on the community.

Read more about this project on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog, [here](#).

Events and Opportunities

Maryland Day 2019

Saturday, April 27th 10am to 4pm
University of Maryland

Come for a day of learning, fun, and discovery with a wide variety of family-friendly events and activities! [Learn more](#)

Spring Greening Fair and Expo

Saturday, May 4th noon to 5pm
Mount Rainier Nature Center

Come learn about environmental practices and resources that benefit you, your family, and the environment! This event features gardening, recycling, children's activities, demonstrations, food vendors, and more! [Learn more](#)

Mussel Power Open House

Saturday, May 11th 10am to 11am
Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Come learn about the Anacostia River's freshwater mussels, how they help clean the river, and what the Anacostia Watershed Society is doing to restore them! [Learn more](#)

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 17th
Various Locations

Join thousands of other commuters in the region who choose bicycling for a healthy, clean, and economical way to get to work! Give it a try and find a ride buddy or join a bicycle convoy! [Learn more](#)

ABOUT THE TRUST

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 of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.



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