



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates

As we face the uncertainty of this health crisis together, please know that your well-being is of utmost importance to all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Department of the Environment. We understand how tough the situation is that you and your loved ones may be facing. We understand that individuals, businesses, governments, and nonprofits are all hurting right now. We understand that many of us have friends and family that may be suffering as a result of direct or indirect effect of COVID-19. We understand how difficult it has been for everyone who must attempt as much normalcy as possible while restricted to home. We also realize there are many entities right now on the front line of COVID-19, and we respect the needs of those entities and are very grateful for their work to keep our population safe and healthy.

We are spending this time working hard to keep the Prince George's County grant supported projects and the Rain Check Rebate programs going and to make sure that the Chesapeake and other natural resources keep improving so that when we can use them again, they will be there for us. In the meantime, we would like to offer you a little glimmer of normalcy through our monthly newsletter. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of natural resources and those working hard to protect them.

Congratulations to this Year's Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Awardees!



This past February, a total of \$979,056 was awarded to 14 different projects through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). This grant program funds on-the-ground restoration activities that improve neighborhoods, improve water quality, and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Prince George's County.

The awarded projects collectively propose to engage 5,000 County residents, treat over 11 acres of impervious surface, and plant over 1,900 trees and 11,000 native plants that will provide shade, clean air, and improve water quality.

The groups awarded this year are: [City of Mount Rainier](#), [Alice Ferguson Foundation](#), [Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation](#), [Global Health Education and Projects](#), [Town of Edmonston](#), [Town of Cheverly](#), [City of Hyattsville](#), [GreenTrust Alliance](#), [University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center](#), [EcoLatinos](#), [End Time Harvest Ministries](#), and [Anacostia Watershed Society](#).

Congratulations to all the awardees, we look forward to working with you!

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Spotlight on an Inspiring Environmental Leader



Tiaa Rutherford of [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) was recently named a Regional Environmental Champion by the [Audubon Naturalist Society](#) during the Taking Nature Black Conference 2020. Tiaa manages the [County's Litter Reduction Program](#) and has worked tirelessly through this program to reduce the amount of litter that reaches the Anacostia River and streams throughout the County. Congratulations, Tiaa! We appreciate all you do and look forward to continuing to work with you!

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Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Kathy Somoza at ksomoza@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



Events and Opportunities

Job Opportunity: Office Assistant

Alice Ferguson Foundation,
Accokeek

The Alice Ferguson Foundation seeks an Office Assistant to provide support for administrative and development activities of the Foundation. [Learn more](#)

Job Opportunity: Rain Check Rebate Intern

Chesapeake Bay Trust,
Annapolis

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks an intern to assist the Trust's programmatic team with administration of the Rain Check Rebate Program and related administrative tasks. [Learn more](#)

Watershed Stewards Academy

May 19 to June 23
Anacostia Watershed
Society, Bladensburg

The Watershed Stewards Academy has gone online! The application deadline has been extended to May 10, 2020. [Learn more](#)

Due to COVID-19's impact on our region, many in-person events have moved to remote meetings, were postponed, or were cancelled. As information becomes available, the County's updates and resources are [here](#).

TUESDAY TIP

COVID-19 HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE

The CDC recommends older adults and those with chronic illnesses avoid contact with others to protect themselves from the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Ensure appropriate stock on medication.
- Avoid non-emergency air or cruise travel.
- Avoid people who have flu-like symptoms, such as coughing, fever and shortness of breath.
- Avoid large gatherings and stay home as much as possible.

Stay safe and healthy, Prince George's County!

ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY 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 \$120 million in grants and projects that have engaged over 2 million dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.

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