



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News and Projects

As we continue to face the uncertainty of this health crisis together, please know that your well-being is of the utmost importance to all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Department of the Environment. We continue to spend 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. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of natural resources and those working hard to protect them.

Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate: 2020 Year in Review



A property owner proudly displays a Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate yard sign to showcase their new permeable pavement driveway and participation in the program.

The Prince George's County Department of the Environment partners with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to administer the Rain Check Rebate Program. We are excited to announce that Fiscal Year 2020 (July 2019 to June 2020) for the program was another successful year with 154 approved applications, representing 416 projects, for a total rebate amount of \$161,878. These projects help treat 92,928 square feet of impervious surface, which is almost the size of one and a half football fields!

Thank you to everyone that has participated in the Rain Check Rebate Program throughout the years! Your efforts help keep Prince George's County beautiful and healthy!

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Mussels & More with the Chesapeake Conservation Corps



Anacostia Watershed Society is in Bladensburg.

April 17 at 12:23 PM · 🌐

Our Chesapeake Conservation Corps intern Gabi Radoiu has been working on an enhanced design for our mussel river bottom cages with our environmental educator Kendra Bierman. Fiona Herbold, a high school junior at the National Cathedral School, and a mussel enthusiast, has been helping them. We've got a nice cage ready for a test in the river!



The [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) (AWS) is working with Chesapeake Conservation Corps member, Gabi Radoiu, to support the ongoing mussel restoration work in the Anacostia River. AWS was also awarded a grant in the amount of \$23,453 through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) in 2020 to use mussels, wetlands, and trees to enhance habitat along the Anacostia River and to construct floating wetlands at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, with the help of fourth-grade [Rice Rangers](#). The project aims to educate on the value of wetlands, mussels, and trees in restoring the health of the Anacostia River. Learn more about their mussel restoration work and how you can help, [here](#).

The [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) (Corps) places young adults ages 18-25 with nonprofit or government agencies for one-year terms of service in the Chesapeake Bay region. The Corps program aims to increase access and opportunities to green careers through hands-on education and training on how best to manage and protect and restore our region's natural resources.



The graphic features a large circular globe with the words "EARTH DAY 2021" in white, 3D-style letters. The globe is decorated with various environmental icons including a recycling symbol, a globe, a lightbulb, a leaf, a wind turbine, and a recycling bin. The background is a gradient of blue and green. In the top left corner is the Prince George's County seal. In the top right corner is the Prince George's County Department of the Environment logo. On the left side, there is a circular "TUESDAY TIP" logo with a lightbulb icon. Below it, a green banner reads "APRIL IS EARTH MONTH". The bottom right corner features the "Prince Georges County MD Proud" logo with the tagline "GET TO KNOW US".

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

Celebrate Earth Day every day by taking small but important steps to keep our planet clean and healthy for generations to come.

- Reduce, reuse, recycle, and upcycle as much as you can.
- Choose reusable and bring bags for all your shopping needs.
- Reduce your carbon footprint by carpooling, changing to LED bulbs or simply turning off your electronics when you're done.
- Help keep our communities and waterways litter free by throwing trash and recyclables away in the proper bins.

Prince Georges County MD Proud
GET TO KNOW US



ABRIL ES EL MES DE LA TIERRA

Celebremos el Día de la Tierra todos los días tomando pasos pequeños pero importantes para mantener nuestro planeta limpio y saludable para generaciones futuras.

- Reduzca, reúse, recicle y reutilice lo más que pueda.
- Elija reutilizar y traiga bolsas reutilizables siempre que vaya de compras.
- Reduzca sus emisiones de carbono compartiendo viajes en carro, cambie sus bombillas a bombillas LED o solamente apague sus dispositivos electrónicos cuando haya terminado de utilizarlos.
- Mantenga nuestras comunidades y vías pluviales libres de basura colocando sus residuos y reciclables en los contenedores apropiados.



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

Spring 2021 Growing Green with Pride Day
Saturday, May 1 - 8am to 12pm
Prince George's County, Countywide

Common Invasive Plant Species and How to Control Them
Tuesday, May 25 - 7pm to 8pm
Audubon Naturalist Society, Virtual

Join this biannual countywide cleanup event aimed at keeping Prince George's County clean and beautiful. After registering, participants will receive all the supplies necessary for litter collection and mulching at a grab-n-go style pick-up. [Learn more](#)

Read Aloud: Snakes and Owls with Watkins Nature Center

Monday, May 6 - 10am to 10:30am
Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Online

Join Ms. Marsha from the South Bowie Branch library and Ms. Morgan from Watkins Nature Center as we hear stories and learn facts about snakes and owls, and even have some surprise special animal guests. Recommended ages: 2 to 5. [Learn more](#)

National Harbor River Cleanup

Saturday, May 8 - 12pm to 3pm
Potomac Riverkeeper Network, Oxon Hill

Volunteers of all ages needed to help remove single-use plastics and trash washed along the bank of the Potomac River! Gloves, bags, and trash pickers will be provided. [Learn more](#)

Family Birding Adventures

Saturday, May 15 - 8:30am to 10am
MNCPPC, Online

Be as free as a bird as you look for new feathered friends. Explore Watkins Park with your family and learn from a naturalist on how to find wildlife, to use binoculars, and how to be respectful to the park's native inhabitants. [Learn More](#)

Defend our local ecosystems! Garlic mustard, English Ivy, Lesser celandine, Japanese honeysuckle are some of the invasive species that you'll learn to recognize and control in ecosystems around you. [Learn more](#)

Job Opportunity: Lifeguard

Seasonal
M-NCPPC, Prince George's County

Various lifeguard employment opportunities through the M-NCPCC aquatics facilities. Free Lifeguard Training will be offered in preparation for the Summer 2021 season. [Learn more](#)

Job Opportunity: Programmatic Intern

Summer 2021 (full-time)
Chesapeake Bay Trust, Annapolis (remote)

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks an intern to complete a variety of administrative grant-related tasks, some fieldwork to assess restoration projects, and an independent project of the student's choosing related to watershed issues and aligned with the Trust's mission. [Learn more](#)

Free K-12 Virtual Tutoring Available

Ongoing
University of Maryland, Virtual

Is your child in need of academic support? Sign up for free, one-on-one K-12 virtual tutoring with The Every Child Project! [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](#).

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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