



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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News



TOWN OF EDMONSTON

home to one of the "greenest
streets in America"



Read about Edmonston's
green infrastructure
practices, including
Maryland's first pervious
curb and gutter systems

The Town of Edmonston has several "firsts" and "greats" as accomplishments, including being home to one of the "Greenest Streets in America" thanks to the completion of a "green street" in 2010. A "green street" is a technique that can include several green infrastructure practices,

such as street trees, rain gardens, pervious pavement, bioretention cells, and bioswales, in one location that is centered around and connected to a street site. Edmonston's "Green Street" project is a model for others that wish to "Go Green" to make their town greener and healthier. **Mayor Tracy Gant says, "Edmonston is committed to protecting our natural environment for future generations through innovative approaches and practices that protect the Anacostia Watershed and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay."**

Edmonston recently installed its 30th green infrastructure practice, with 10 more being constructed this summer. Yes, you read that correctly; this is a lot of green in a small town that 1,545 people call home. Many of these practices were implemented with grant funds including through the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) supported by the Department of the Environment. The Town plans to continue pushing the envelope by installing green practices while maintaining the existing practices so that they look beautiful and function to clean water while being home to native plants that attract our birds and butterflies.

The Town is touting another "first" with the **installation of the first pervious curb and gutter systems in the Maryland**. These innovative techniques, which were tested in the west coast and are used extensively in New York City, were brought to Maryland by Ecosite, Inc., a county-based firm, who worked closely with the Town on the projects. The pervious curb and gutter system use the road's right of way space to house the green infrastructure practice that soaks up stormwater from the roadways before it enters the storm drain. You can visit the pervious curb and gutter systems on Decatur Street (main street) and on Ingraham Street in the industrial district bounded by 46th Avenue, Ingraham Street, and Lafayette Place.

Click on the button below to learn more of the Town's greening efforts, including two more innovations from the Town to pilot "industrial green streets" and pioneer "in-situ" bioretention that maximizes existing soils to increase infiltration and reduce costs.

These green infrastructure practices reduce flooding, improve water quality, improve air quality, reduce urban heat effects, and support climate resiliency goals for the Town, County, State, and beyond. Learn more about the Town's greening efforts at <https://edmonstonmd.gov/about-edmonston/>, the County's Climate Action Plan at <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3748/Climate-Change>, and the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship-2/>.

[Read the Full Story Here](#)

Learn about the Rain Check Rebate Program at our
Informational Webinar on April 14 from 6 to 7PM

Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program Webinar



Receive rebates for projects that
improve our communities and
keep our waterways clean and
healthy!

Learn about the increase to
\$6,000 for homeowners
and other program updates.

For more information, contact
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April 14, 2022

6 pm

Register at
bit.ly/RCRwebinar414



The lifetime limit for residential Rain Check Rebates increased to \$6,000! Learn about the eligible practices you can install on your property that receive rebates because they help manage runoff. Applicants that have previously completed projects or reached the previous limit are also invited to attend this informational webinar.

Can't attend, but want to learn more? Visit our website at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/> or reach out to Rain Check Rebate Coordinator, Kathy Somoza, at ksomoza@cbtrust.org.

Register Here

We are proud to announce the eighth year of Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship grant program awards!



The [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) funds on-the-ground restoration activities that improve neighborhoods, water quality, and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams within their community.

This year, a total of \$675,000 was awarded to 12 projects. The awarded projects include:

- **Anacostia Watershed Society** to engage teachers and students in raising native freshwater mussels and their importance to water quality. \$22,653.
- **Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation** for tree plantings on residential property and workshops about the benefits of trees. \$99,990.
- **City of Mount Rainier** for the installation of 13 rain gardens on Arundel Road. \$150,520.
- **Defensores de la Cuenca** for education on the connection of environmental health and human health through fishing events, workshops, and trainings. \$29,964.
- **Defensores de la Cuenca** for the 7th Annual Festival del Rio to engage the Spanish-speaking community in watershed protection topics and activities in Prince George's County. \$25,575.
- **Global Health and Education Projects** for tree plantings on residential property and educating residents on the benefits of trees. \$58,000.

- **National Wildlife Federation** for workshops on rain gardens, native plants, and the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program at Oseh Shalom synagogue, African-American St. Marks United Methodist Church, and the Islamic Community Center of Laurel. \$30,000.
- **Town of Colmar Manor** for engineered designs for permeable pavement at the intersection of Newark Road and 43rd Street. \$36,318.
- **Town of Edmonston** for the installation of seven rain gardens on Hamilton Street. \$131,785.
- **University Christian Church** for the installation of one rain garden, four bioswales, and tree plantings. \$50,800.
- **University of Maryland College Park** to engage Homeowner Associations and their residents in watershed protection activities. \$29,975.
- **Washington Area Bicyclist Association** for ecologically themed bike rides along the Anacostia Tributary Trail system. \$9,420.

[Learn More About the Grant Program](#)

Internship Opportunity

We're looking for a Rain Check Rebate intern! The intern will play an important role in assisting the Trust's programmatic team with the administration of the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) and grant-related administrative tasks. This is a **paid** position at \$16/hr for 24hrs/week from approximately June 1 through October 1.

[Learn More About the Position](#)

Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Whitney Vong at wvong@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



Events and Opportunities



Happy Earth Month!

Earth Day is on Friday, April 22nd, but that doesn't mean you can't love the Earth every day! Prince George's County will host a Countywide community cleanup program entitled "[Growing Green With Pride](#)" on Saturday, April 23rd. This event supports our Beautification Initiative to make our community cleaner by conducting individual community litter collection events, which demonstrates our shared commitment to keeping our communities appealing and attractive. Community organizations and groups are encouraged to participate.

Registration is required for participation. Please register by **April 15th**.

[Register Here](#)

Hunt for "Earth Day Every Day" Items

Every weekend in April, Social Media

Scavenger hunt lists will be posted on Friday by 12pm on the Department of Environment's social media and [website](#). You have until the following Monday to post and earn points for that week! When you find the items, take a picture and tag DOE with #PGCEarthDayEveryDay. Top three winners earn a reusable goodie bag with a BPA-free plastic bottle, a steel reusable straw kit, and more!

Explore the entire "[Earth Day, Every Day 2022](#)" [Calendar of Events](#) that your Prince George's County Department of Environment (DOE) has planned everyone!

Discuss the film "Intelligent Trees" with fellow Prince Georgians, join a plant swap, tree workshop and giveaway, or enjoy the Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea, and the Arts!

Keep in the know by following the DOE on Facebook (@pgcdoe), Twitter and Instagram (@pgcsprout), or by visiting their website.

Mulch Madness

Saturday, April 23 from 8am to 1pm

6550 Maude Savoy Brown Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD

Ever wonder what happens with your live holiday trees collected curbside and dropped off throughout January? It goes straight back to you as FREE mulch! Residents must bring their own shovels, bags, containers, tarps, and other necessary materials to transport the mulch from the Organics Composting Facility to your dig site. This event is *only for County residents, so be prepared to show proof of residency*. This is also on a first-come, first-serve basis, so don't miss out on this great opportunity!



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 \$140 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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