



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Funding Available for Green Roof Installation

**SEEKING A GREEN ROOF PROJECT NEAR THE LOWER BEAVERDAM CREEK WATERSHED**

Funds available for demonstration project on industrial building preferred to be located in the Lower Beaverdam Creek Watershed, but open to Prince George's County

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FOR INQUIRIES

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is seeking a Green Roof Project to demonstrate the value of green roofs for the numerous warehouse and industrial buildings in Prince George's County. We hope to demonstrate the cost effectiveness, value and opportunity for green roofs as an attractive way to reduce runoff and provide other environmental, public health, and aesthetic benefits in the county, especially in and near floodplains. It is preferred, but not required, that the project be located in or adjacent to either the Lower Beaverdam Creek or Cabin Branch watershed corridors, areas inside the Beltway generally along Route 50 and south toward Capitol Heights. The building site is preferred (but not required) to be within or adjacent to a 100-year floodplain. Green wall(s) and green roof-solar panel hybrid projects are considered eligible for funding. There is around \$70,000

available for this project and the funds are being held by and administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Contact [sdrescher@cbtrust.org](mailto:sdrescher@cbtrust.org) for more information.

To view the map of the Lower Beaverdam Creek Watershed, go to [pgatlas.com](http://pgatlas.com). Then, click on the "Map Layers" icon on the top right. Next, check the box for the "Latest Imagery" layer. Then, click the dropdown arrow for the "Environmental" layer and check the box for the "Watershed (DOE) layer". Finally, zoom in until the watershed names appear on the map. The Lower Beaverdam Creek watershed is located just east of District of Columbia.

## Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

### Caring for Creation in the City of Laurel through a Multifaitth Partnership



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the National Wildlife Federation, in partnership with Saint Mark's United Methodist Church, Oseh Shalom Synagogue, and the Islamic Community Center of Laurel, conducted workshops and events about native plants and the Rain Check Rebate Program. Native plants are adapted to local soils and climate conditions, and are often more resistant to changes in environmental conditions. With a message of caring for creation, participants learned about local watershed health, the importance of native plants and how to use them, and how to leverage County resources for tree plantings and native plant gardens. Together, the congregations engaged with over 200 members and gave away 614 native plants at the Native Plant Pick Up Days. All three congregations are eager to install native plant gardens on their grounds and congregation members expressed excitement to plant native plants at their homes and participate in the Rain Check Rebate Program. Congratulations on this wonderful community engagement effort on caring for creation!

### Town of Cheverly Installs 430 Square Foot Rain Garden



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the Town of Cheverly designed, engineered, and installed a 430 square foot rain garden. The rain garden is located at the Cheverly Town Park, a highly visible and heavily populated area within the Town. The rain garden captures and treats stormwater runoff from Town Hall's roof and overflow from its cisterns. Rain gardens use water-tolerant native plants to soak up stormwater flowing across impervious surfaces, therefore reducing pollution in the Lower Beaverdam Creek watershed and beyond. This rain garden serves as a demonstration project that will be used for educational and training sessions, such as the Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training classes. The above photo shows the rain garden shortly after installation. Congratulations to the Town of Cheverly for a successful rain garden project and thanks for doing your part to help reduce stormwater runoff and pollution in the County!

[Learn More about this Grant Program](#)

**Rebates Available for Homeowners, Businesses, and Other Property Owners**

# RAIN CHECK REBATE

GET REBATES FOR...



Rain Barrels



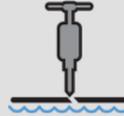
Cisterns



Urban Tree Canopy



Rain Gardens



Pavement Removal



Permeable Pavement



Green Roofs

*...and help keep Prince George's County beautiful and healthy!*

The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) offers incentives to homeowners, businesses, and other property owners to install practices that will reduce stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and improve the health of our local rivers.

The seven stormwater practices eligible for rebates include rain barrels, cisterns, urban tree canopy plantings, rain gardens, pavement removal, permeable pavement installation, and green roofs.

The total maximum rebate amount for the lifetime of a property is \$6,000 for residential properties and \$20,000 for commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. **Please note that the total maximum rebate amount for residential properties has increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000 as of March 2022.** So, if you previously had reached the cap, you may be able to apply for more projects now!

[Learn More & Apply](#)

**Maintenance Support Available for Rain Check Rebate Participants**

## MAINTAINING STORMWATER PRACTICES IN THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED

Receive FREE assistance with your stormwater practices!

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](#): 50% of the cost, up to \$750, could be 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:

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

In partnership,



## University Park Resident Receives \$2,400 for Installing a 240 Square Foot Rain Garden



Rain Gardens are shallow, planted depressions full of water-tolerant native plants that soak up stormwater. Rain gardens allow water to slowly seep into the ground, or infiltrate, which reduces the amount of water flowing across impervious surfaces.

The picture above shows a 240 square foot rain garden planted at a residential property in University Park, through the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#). The rain garden includes native plants like white wood aster, northern sea oats, and black chokeberry! A downspout from the house is directly connected to the rain garden, which increases the total impervious area treated to 432 square feet. The resident received a rebate of \$2,400 (\$10 per square foot). This applicant has previously installed a rain barrel and removed impervious pavement on their property!

[Learn More About Rain Gardens](#)

## Opportunity for Increased Urban Treen Canopy Rebates in Underserved Communities

## Additional Resources for Urban Tree Canopy Projects

# New! **Increased rebates** for tree planting projects in eligible **underserved communities**

Additional rebate funding will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

See the Rain Check Rebate program website or contact program staff at [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) for more details.



You may be eligible for a \$300 rebate for every 2 to 2 ½ inch caliper or larger native tree installed on your property! The Prince George's County Department of the Environment was awarded funds to supplement existing tree planting programs as part of the Five Million Maryland Trees for Climate Progress initiative. If your property is located within a designated underserved area, you may be eligible for an increased rebate.

Contact [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) for more information.

[Learn More About this Program](#)

## Sustainable Maryland Job Opportunity!



Sustainable Maryland (SM) is hiring a new Program Assistant. This position contributes to SM's overall mission by leading the municipal certification process, supporting direct technical assistance projects, and coordinating outreach efforts. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of climate change and sustainability practices, successful customer service experience, and a passion for working collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams. They will play a critical role in partnering with the SM team in strategic decision-making as the SM program undergoes a growth and innovation period.

The application deadline is May 15.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

## Happy Earth Day!



Earth Month is filled with activities for all ages around the County! Participate in a community cleanup, pick up free mulch, learn how to make crafts out of upcycled items with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, drop off electronics or household hazardous waste, and so much more!

Check out the Prince George's County Website for fun Earth Day events throughout the month of April!

[Prince George's County Earth Day Website](#)

### Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Megan Andreasen at [mandreasen@cbtrust.org](mailto:mandreasen@cbtrust.org) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



### ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust shares a bold vision for a restored and protected Chesapeake Bay watershed and other natural resources in our area—from the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake to the Youghiogheny River. We uniquely empower local community-based groups on the ground 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.

The Trust empowers these groups by providing grants and technical assistance. Every year, about 400 groups are awarded project money or provided 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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