



# Prince George's County Newsletter

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## First Bandalong Litter Trap in Maryland Installed in the City of Mount Rainier

*Efforts Towards a Litter Free Prince George's County*



[Anacostia Riverkeeper](#) and the [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) recently commemorated the completion of the Arundel Canal Bandalong Litter Trap project with a ribbon cutting in the City of Mount Rainier joined by partners, supporters, and community members. The [Bandalong Litter Trap](#) is the first of its kind in Prince George's County and in Maryland. This innovative practice is designed to capture litter and debris that ends up in our waterways and prevent the litter from continuing to flow downstream to the Anacostia River and the Chesapeake Bay. The litter can then be removed, sorted, and weighed by litter type (e.g., styrofoam or plastic bottles). This data will be recorded and shared with County partners and community members and will help meet the County's litter reduction goals. This project was funded through the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), a partnership between the County and the Trust.

Read more about this project, [here](#).

## We Want to Hear from You!

Send us your photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Nguyen Le at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org) to be featured in a future newsletter.

### Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Program *Improving Our Waters and Building Community*

The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce the fifth year of our partnership for the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). This grant program supports projects that provide community engagement while treating and controlling stormwater. The goal of this program is to improve communities, improve water quality in the County's waterways, and engage County residents in stormwater solutions.

This year's program focuses on water quality implementation projects (requests for \$50,000 up to \$200,000) and tree planting projects (requests for \$50,000 up to \$150,000). Please refer to the application package found on the [grant program page](#) for additional details, application instructions, and requirements. **The deadline to apply is September 27, 2018, at 4pm.**



Several recent grantees sat down with us to share how the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship grant program helped fulfill their organizations' mission while making a positive impact in their communities and for the environment. View the video, [here](#).

Visit the [grant projects page](#) to learn more about past projects.

### Get Involved

*Upcoming Events and Opportunities*



### **Anacostia River Paddle Night**

Thursday, August 23rd - 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
Bladensburg Waterfront Park

*Join the Anacostia Watershed Society for a paddle night and discover your Anacostia River! [Learn more...](#)*

### **Rain Check Rebate Workshop**

Saturday, September 8th - 9am to noon  
Fairmount Heights Town Hall

*Learn how to improve and beautify your property, receive a rebate, and help improve local rivers through the [Rain Check Rebate Program!](#) [Learn more...](#)*

### **Rain Barrel Sale and Pickup**

Saturday, September 15th - 10am to noon  
Mount Rainier Public Works Building

*The City of Mount Rainier and the County are offering rain barrels at a discounted price. Rain barrels must be pre-ordered by September 9th. [Learn more...](#)*

### **Champion Tree Tour**

Saturday, September 22nd - 9am to 4pm  
Accokeek Firehouse and Banquet Hall

*Join the County's Forestry Board for a tour through southern Prince George's County to view and learn about the County's Champion Trees! [Learn more...](#)*

### **Watershed Stewards Academy**

Now accepting applications for fall 2018!

Educate, equip, and empower yourself to be an environmental leader in your community! The Anacostia Watershed Society is excited to be partnering with the City of Greenbelt on the upcoming Watershed Stewards Academy. In this 8-week classroom and field-based program, participants will learn about stormwater runoff and Prince George's County resources for greening your communities, conduct water quality sampling, and go on a boat tour of the Anacostia River.

Classes start on Wednesday, September 12th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Registration is open until the class is filled. Learn more and register, [here](#).

**View more events and volunteer opportunities on the Chesapeake Bay Trust's [event calendar](#).**

## 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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