



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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News and Projects

Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program Now Open - Application Deadline is November 18



The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are proud to announce the eighth year of our partnership through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#)!

What this 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.

Who can apply: Non-profit organizations, municipalities, watershed organizations, education institutions, community associations, faith-based organizations, civic groups, and more.

How much is generally awarded for each project type:

- Water quality projects (track 1) are typically \$50,000 to \$150,000
- Tree planting projects (track 2) are typically \$50,000 to \$100,000
- Citizen awareness and engagement projects (track 3) are typically \$5,000 to \$30,000

Grant Application Process: Review the [Request for Proposals](#) and submit your grant application through the online system [here](#).

Review Process: All applications go through a Technical Review Committee. The technical team reviews the proposals based on cost benefit, experience, suitability for implementation, consistency with the Request for Proposals (RFP), sustainability, and other selection criteria that are relevant to the proposal and that are published in the RFP.

See past project for ideas and potential collaborations: Visit [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Projects](#) to view past successful projects.

[Learn More about this Grant Opportunity](#)

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Members in Prince George's County



On August 17, 2021, the Chesapeake Bay Trust welcomed the newest cohort of [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) members and celebrated graduating members. The program matches young people ages 18-25 with non-profit and government organizations for one-year stipend-supported terms of service, focused on improving local communities and protecting natural resources.

This year, 33 new Corps members were placed with 31 host organizations throughout the state of Maryland, as well as a host site in Pennsylvania. During their year of service, Corps members will gain valuable on-the-job experience as they work to advance environmental conservation, K-12 education, energy efficiency

programs, sustainable agriculture practices, and a host of other environmentally focused initiatives.

Five of the incoming Corps members will be working with Prince George's County-based organizations:

- Kathryn Burcham, Prince George's County Public Schools, William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center
Brandywine
- Andrew Rapp, U.S. Geological Survey: Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
Laurel
- Jack Ruszkowski, Accokeek Foundation
Accokeek
- Bethany Sims, Town of Edmonston
Edmonston
- Sally Watanabe, ECO City Farms
Riverdale

Congratulations to the incoming 2021-2022 cohort and the graduated alumni! Learn more about this year's full cohort [here](#).

Read More about the Incoming Members Serving Prince George's County

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

Breakfast on the Bay: ecoLatinos

Wednesday, September 1 - 12pm to 1pm
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Virtual

Hear from ecoLatinos on the values of environmental and social justice within the Latino community. [Learn more](#)

Clean Waterways Cleanup: Kenilworth Park

Saturday, September 11 - 9am to 12pm
Anacostia Riverkeeper, Kenilworth Park

Help keep local waterways clean! All equipment will be provided at this family friendly event. [Learn more](#)

Cumbre de lideres latin@s - Latin@ Leaders Summit

Thursday, September 16 - 10am to 6:30pm
Defensores de la Cuenca, Thurmont

La primera cumbre de líderes está abierta a todos los latin@s y hispanohablantes u otros que sirven o quieren servir a la comunidad latina en el medio ambiente.] The first leaders summit is open to all Latin@s and Spanish-speakers or other who serve or want to serve the Latino community. [Learn more](#)

National Public Lands Day Cleanup at Piscataway Park

Freshwater Mussel Survey at Nash Run
Wednesday, September 15 - 10am to 12pm
Anacostia Watershed Society, Nash Run

Volunteers will help AWS with a wild freshwater mussel survey at Nash Run, upstream from the Nash Run Trash Trap!
[Learn More](#)

Anacostia River Boat Tour
Thursday, September 16 - 6pm to 7pm
Anacostia Watershed Society, Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Enjoy a free, motorized boat tour as part of the Anacostia River Explorers program. Anacostia Watershed Society staff will take participants on a one or two hour tour of the river while discussing natural and cultural history along with restoration efforts. [Learn more](#)

Saturday, September 25 - 9am to 11am
Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek

Join the Alice Ferguson Foundation for a shoreline cleanup in recognition of National Public Lands Day. [Learn more](#)

Faithful Green Leaders Training
Thursday, October 14 - 7pm to 8:30pm
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Virtual

RSVP for the Online Faithful Green Leaders Training where you will learn how to establish and grow a green team at your congregation, exciting environmental education programs, how to develop a Green Team action plan, and ways to enhance your communication skills. [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 \$130 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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