



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

**City of Greenbelt Redesigns Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot to Manage Stormwater Runoff and Enhance Green Space**



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the City of Greenbelt redesigned the Buddy Attick Park parking lot to incorporate stormwater management practices such as bioretention swales, permeable pavement retrofits, and landscaped filtration. The Buddy Attick Park parking lot serves one of the City's most visited parks, thus drawing public visibility and educational opportunities. Throughout the redesign and implementation process, the City of Greenbelt engaged volunteers in native species plantings. The City of Greenbelt also provided volunteers with education and training in watershed stewardship and practical solutions for private implementation of native species plantings. In addition to activity-based education, the City also installed signage made from 100% recycled material, with graphics and descriptions of stormwater management practices implemented into the parking lot's redesign. Visitors can find these signs at the gateway when entering the park to learn more about the installed practices.

Along with the City's prior water quality treatment projects, the redesign of the Buddy Attick Park parking lot reduces pollution within the Indian Creek Watershed. Congratulations on a great project!

#### **University Christian Church Installs Two Rain Gardens and Plants Trees**



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), University Christian Church (UCC) installed stormwater management practices on their property, including the installation of rain gardens, and the planting of native trees, shrubs, and pollinator plants. These practices help reduce nuisance flooding that UCC experienced during storm events and increases UCC's resilience to these occurrences. To address frequently flooded areas on the property's 5-acres, UCC relocated downspouts to feed into the two newly installed rain gardens in the front and behind the Church building. Redirecting the downspouts not only solved the property's flooding issues, but also solved interior building flooding issues. In addition to beautifying the area, these stormwater management practices reduce stormwater discharge entering the Wells Run stream, located at the base of the property's hill. The two rain gardens treat a total area of 2,748 square feet. UCC is located in a central area of Hyattsville and offers a number of services to their community, including child care. As a result of this project, common play areas were transformed into a safe, greener space. UCC received a second award that will remove pavement and replace it with permeable pavement.

Congratulations on an amazing project!

[Learn More about this Grant Program](#)

## Berwyn Heights Resident Receives \$1,141.44 Rebate for Installing a Rain Garden and Planting Trees



Planting native trees and native plants in rain gardens help reduce stormwater runoff and beautify our communities. Rain gardens are shallow, planted depressions that contain 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 left picture above shows a 192 square foot rain garden planted at a residential property in Berwyn Heights, through the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#). The rain garden includes native plants like creeping phlox, laced elderberry, and dixie wood fern! This resident also planted two pawpaw trees, a native understory tree that produces fruit in the summer, seen in the right picture above. The resident received a rebate of \$1,141.44 (\$10 per square foot for rain gardens and \$150 per native tree). Congratulations to this resident on a great project!

[Learn More About Rain Gardens](#)

## 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](#)

### Free Training for Landscape Professionals



# RAIN CHECK REBATE

## Contractor Training

October 4, 2023

### DAY 1

Course topics include:

- ▶ Urban Tree Canopy
- ▶ Rain Barrels
- ▶ Cisterns
- ▶ Rain Gardens
- ▶ Permeable Pavement
- ▶ Pavement Removal
- ▶ Green Roofs

### DETAILS

#### DATE / TIME

October 4, 2023

8:15AM - 4:30PM

(RAIN DATE: October 5, 2023)

#### LOCATION

1801 McCormick Drive  
Largo, MD 20774  
1st Floor Conference Room

#### COST

Free of Charge for  
Landscape Professionals!  
\*\*\*BYO Lunch!\*\*\*

Did you know that Prince George's County's Rain Check Program offers rebates to homeowners, businesses and others to install best management practices (BMPs) intended to capture stormwater runoff? This training is designed to provide landscape professionals with practical hands on information on the seven Rain Check Rebate practices and processes. Special emphasis is placed on rain gardens, pavement removal and permeable pavement.

This all-day training teaches landscape professionals how to plan, design, construct and maintain Rain Check Rebate practices. Classroom exercises provide guidance on practice selection, site assessment and site selection. After completion of the classroom training, participants are eligible to sign up for Day 2, which will be a field day to further hone their skills and help install or assess stormwater BMPs. Participants who successfully complete both sessions (classroom training + field day) will be added to the [County's public list](#) of landscape professionals who have completed the Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training.

#### HOW TO REGISTER

Go to: [https://raincheck\\_october2023.eventbrite.com](https://raincheck_october2023.eventbrite.com).

Click "Reserve a spot" and RSVP for FREE!

Questions? Contact [kmattson@lidcenter.org](mailto:kmattson@lidcenter.org)



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This free, all-day training will provide landscape professionals with practical hands-on information on Rain Check Rebate practices and processes, with special emphasis on rain gardens, pavement removal, and permeable pavement.

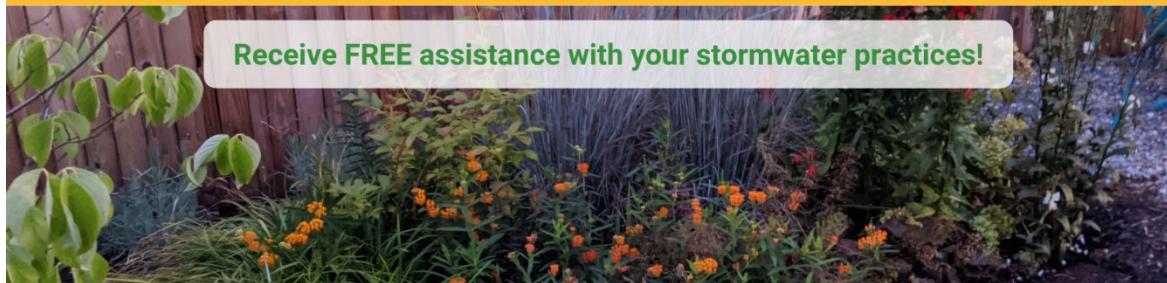
Landscape professionals will learn how to plan, design, construct and maintain Rain Check Rebate practices. After completion of the Day 1 classroom training, participants are eligible to sign up for Day 2, in the field. Professionals who successfully complete both sessions will be added to the County's public list of contractors, which is a great resource for Rain Check Rebate applicants!

[\*\*Register for the Contractor Training\*\*](#)

## **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:

**Kristen Parsons**  
202-599-8164  
[kparsons@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:kparsons@allianceforthebay.org)

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

In partnership,



## Opportunity for Increased Urban Tree 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@cbctrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbctrust.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

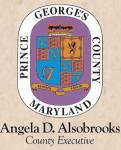
Maryland Trees for Climate Progress initiative. If your property is located within a designated underserved area, you may be eligible for an increased rebate.

\*Native trees should be planted between the months of October and May to optimize survival and success of the tree. Start planning your fall planting now!

This is a pilot program contingent on funding. Contact [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) for more information.

[\*\*Learn More about this Program\*\*](#)

## **Save the Date- Prince George's County Green Summit**



Angela D. Alsobrooks  
County Executive

Saturday  
**October 21, 2023**

**David C. Driskell  
Community Park**  
3911 Hamilton Street  
Hyattsville, MD 20781

**10AM - 3PM**

# SAVE THE DATE

Prince George's County

## GREEN SUMMIT

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

**2023**



### FREE AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**SUSTAINABILITY TIPS**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

**GREEN VENDORS**



For more information, including vendor opportunities  
and registration, visit [mypgc.us/greensummit](http://mypgc.us/greensummit)



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Prince George's County Department of the Environment is holding its 9th annual Green Summit on Saturday October 21, 2023 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the David C. Driskell Community Park in Hyattsville.

Don't miss out on food trucks, green vendors, and much more!

[Learn More about the Green Summit](#)

## Report Illegal Dumping with PGC311 to Help Keep Your Community Clean and Healthy



**TUESDAY  
TiP**

# Report Illegal Dumping with PGC311

The Office of Community Relations (OCR) officially launched its PGC311 mobile app to provide residents with an additional way to submit County service requests.

- Download the PGC311 app from your app store.
- Select "Litter and Illegal Dumping" service request.
- Submit requested information such as location.
- "Litter and Illegal Dumping" requests will be forwarded to the Department of Public Works & Transportation to resolve.
- View the app tutorial and more information at [bit.ly/PGC311](http://bit.ly/PGC311).

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Registration Open for the Watershed Stewards Academy



The Watershed Stewards Academy is recruiting for their Fall 2023 cohort. The Watershed Stewards Academy teaches individuals how to become stormwater leaders in their communities. Classes start September 26 and are a combination of virtual and in-person field experiences at sites throughout the Anacostia Watershed. Applications are open now!

[Learn More about the Watershed Stewards Academy](#)

#### 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 \$146 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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