



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates

Calling All Contractors for the Rain Check Rebate Program Contractor Training



March 12, 2020

RAIN DATE
March 19, 2020

RAIN CHECK REBATE Contractor Training



Low Impact
Development
Center

The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) allows homeowners to receive rebates for installing one or more of the seven approved practices. The approved practices include rain barrels, cisterns, tree plantings, rain gardens, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs. Property owners may implement some of these practices on their own or seek out a professional contractor. Some of the approved practices, such as installation of permeable pavement, require a professional contractor.

Rain Check Rebate Contractor Trainings, conducted in partnership with the [Low Impact Development Center](#) (LID), span over two non-consecutive days and cover both classroom and hands-on field exercises. Participants who complete both days of training will be added to the County's public list of contractors who have completed the Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training. This list is provided as a resource for property owners looking for contractors to install the Rain Check Rebate practices on their property. Get your name on the list and register for the training today!

[Learn More & Register](#)

Become a Watershed Steward and Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood



[Anacostia Watershed Society](#) is now accepting applications for Spring 2020 Watershed Stewards Academy classes, which begin March 31st! The Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) empowers and equips residents to recognize and address pollution problems in their local streams and rivers.

WSA's hands-on certification program exposes participants to a wide range of local environmental issues and engages them in diverse service experiences to address these issues. Participants also have the opportunity to design and execute a capstone project, where they will identify a stormwater runoff issue in their neighborhood and implement a solution.

Upon successful completion of the program, participants become certified Master Watershed Stewards. Master Watershed Stewards are leaders who go on to engage their neighborhoods in the implementation of environmental solutions.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

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.



Project Highlights from Awardees of the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

Wellness Ambassadors of End Time Harvest Ministries Take Action



[End Time Harvest Ministries](#) (ETHM), located in Bladensburg, is a faith-based organization that has made it part of its mission to empower youth to become leaders in their neighborhoods. One way that ETHM fulfills its goal is through the Wellness Ambassadors Program, which allows youth to participate in a variety of activities that ultimately promote health and wellness.

ETHM carried out a Wellness Ambassadors Environmental Health Summer Employment Program, aimed at connecting stormwater management to health. This program allowed students and families from Port Towns, Kenilworth, and Riverdale neighborhoods to participate in tree planting activities and workshops on the importance and benefits of trees. A total of 15 native trees were planted, and the environmental literacy of the participants was boosted as they took part in this hands-on project.

This project was funded through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). This program supports applicants seeking to carry out environmentally conscious projects focused on stormwater management and citizen engagement efforts.

[Learn More](#)

Events and Opportunities

Signs of Spring at Cedarville State Forest
Sunday, March 15th - 1pm to 4pm
Sierra Club, Brandywine

Anacostia Park Cleanup
Saturday, March 21st - 2:30pm to 4:30pm
Anacostia Watershed Society, Washington, D.C.

Look out for the first signs of Spring on this guided 4-mile hike through Cedarville State Forest. This hike is perfect for beginners and children 8 years and older. [Learn more](#)

Invasive Plant Removals

Saturday, March 21st - 10am to 2pm
City of Hyattsville, Hyattsville

Be a part of the City of Hyattsville's ongoing invasive plant removal project! Join them every third Saturday of the month to learn how to identify and effectively remove invasive plants. [Learn more](#)

Farm Chores and S'mores

Saturday, March 21st - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek

Join the Alice Ferguson Foundation at their Hard Bargain Farm to experience a night of farm chores such as milking cows and collecting eggs. After the chores, relax with s'mores! [Learn more](#)

Support the beautification and protection of the Anacostia Park community by cleaning up trash around the Park. [Learn more](#)

Open House Native Plant Sales

Sunday, March 29th - 10am to 2pm
Chesapeake Natives, Upper Marlboro

Join Chesapeake Natives for their first Open House Native Plant sale of the year! High quality native plants grown from locally gathered native seeds will be available. [Learn more](#)

EcoCareers Conference 2020

April 1st - April 2nd - 11am to 5pm
The National Wildlife Federation, Online

Get ready for a career that will promote a sustainable future by joining the 2020 EcoCareers conference, hosted by the National Wildlife Federation! [Learn More](#)

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 \$120 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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