



# Prince George's County Newsletter

February 2021

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## News and Projects

*As we continue to face the uncertainty of this health crisis together, please know that your well-being is of the utmost importance to all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Department of the Environment. We continue to spend this time working hard to keep the Prince George's County grant-supported projects and the Rain Check Rebate programs going and to make sure that the Chesapeake and other natural resources keep improving. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of natural resources and those working hard to protect them.*

## Climate Action Plan: Virtual Community Meeting on March 4th

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT



# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY  
**MARCH 4**  
2021  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

**REGISTER HERE:**  
[Community Meeting #1 CAC Registration](#)

For more information, contact Mary Abe at  
[mabe@co.pg.md.us](mailto:mabe@co.pg.md.us) or call (240) 539-0511

**PRESENTATION  
TOPICS:**

- Climate Action Planning Process
- Climate Change
- Public Comment

**FOR MORE WAYS  
TO STAY ENGAGED:**

Visit our virtual open house where you can learn about the project! (LINK FORTHCOMING)

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
CLIMATE CHANGE,  
PLEASE VISIT:**

CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
CLIMATE CHANGE INFORMATION



Angela D. Alabreola  
County Executive



CONDADO DE PRINCE GEORGE  
DEPARTAMENTO DE MEDIO AMBIENTE



# PLAN DE ACCIÓN CLIMÁTICA

ENCUENTRO VIRTUAL COMUNITARIO

JUEVES 4 DE MARZO DE 2021  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

**REGÍSTRASE AQUÍ:**  
[Inscripción CAC Reunión Comunitaria # 1](#)

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Mary Abe, [mabe@co.pg.md.us](mailto:mabe@co.pg.md.us) o llame al (240) 539-0511

**TEMAS  
DE PRESENTACIÓN:**

- Proceso de Planificación para la Acción Climática
- Cambio climático
- Comentarios del público


**PARA INVOLUCRARSE  
DE OTRAS MANERAS:**

¡Visite nuestra jornada virtual a puertas abiertas donde podrá conocer el proyecto!

**PARA OBTENER MÁS  
INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL  
CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO, VISITE:**

LA COMISIÓN DE ACCIÓN CLIMÁTICA

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO DEL CONDADO DE PRINCE GEORGE



Angela D. Alabreola  
County Executive



Join the conversation at the Prince George's County Virtual Community Meeting for the County's Climate Action Plan on **Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. Register [here](#) or through the button.

For more information, contact Mary Abe of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment at [mabe@co.pg.md.us](mailto:mabe@co.pg.md.us) or call 240-539-0511.

**Register Here for Climate Action Plan Virtual Meeting**

## Community Projects Increase our Resilience to Climate Change

The [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) supports municipalities and community member efforts to plan for climate change impacts. Slowing down stormwater runoff using green infrastructure practices such as rain gardens, bioretentions, removing impervious surface and installing pervious materials, and planting trees can beautify our yards and help us reduce climate change impacts. In addition, using native plants in our stormwater practices and on our property attract pollinators such as birds and butterflies. Native plants require less watering and have deeper root systems that support infiltration which both help us be more resilient. All these small changes we make on the landscape that green our community, control stormwater runoff, increase native plants, and create habitat are helping us be more resilient to climate change.



**Above:** Before photo of the lawn area, requiring regular maintenance and only providing minimal runoff control.

This project was awarded to the Greenbelt Homes Initiative through the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. The Greenbelt Homes Initiative is thrilled with the final product for its function and beauty in the neighborhood, reporting "We are very pleased with the final product, and feel it fits very well aesthetically in the common space."

**Below:** After photo of the installed, thriving rain garden, which is helping to reduce and treat stormwater runoff in the community, and provide habitat to local wildlife.





The Chesapeake Bay Trust is committed to making sustainable awards through our grant-making and other activities. We strive to invest in projects and programs that will most effectively "move the needle" toward the restoration and protection of the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay region and have enduring positive impacts. Learn more [here](#).

**Spring is Coming, Apply to the Rain Check Rebate Program!**

## 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!*



**LEARN MORE & APPLY:**

[CBTRUST.ORG/PRINCE-GEORGES-COUNTY-RAIN-CHECK-REBATE](http://CBTRUST.ORG/PRINCE-GEORGES-COUNTY-RAIN-CHECK-REBATE)

With warmer weather right around the corner, now is the perfect time to start thinking about which stormwater management practices you'd like to install on your property! The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) provides eligible applicants the opportunity to receive a rebate, or reimbursement, for installing stormwater management practices. Each of

the seven eligible practices help reduce stormwater runoff and improve the quality of rivers and streams in the County. These practices also have the added benefit of beautifying the property!

The program offers up to \$4,000 in rebates for residential properties and up to \$20,000 in rebates for commercial properties. For more information on the rebate allowances for each type of practice and how to apply, click "Learn More."

[Learn More about the Rain Check Rebate Program](#)

## Department of the Environment Spotlights Local Environmental Heroes



In honor of Black History Month, the Prince George's County Department of the Environment has recognized Antoine Lanier, Kamita Gray, Mayor James Crudup, Sr., Margaret White, and Frederick Tutman as hometown environmental heroes! These local heroes have devoted their time to advocate for and work towards an improved quality of life for all County residents, through the improvement of the local natural environment.

Click "Read more" below to learn how these hometown environmental heroes have worked towards a common goal at all levels, from helping fellow neighbors to volunteering in cleanups to forming organizations or taking the fight to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

[Read More about the Environmental Heroes](#)

### Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

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



## Events and Opportunities

**Grow Green with Trees Information Event**  
Saturday, February 27 - 10am  
Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization CDC,  
Starbucks at Annapolis Road, Landover Hills

**Monarch Butterfly Sampler**  
Saturday, March 6 - 10:30am to 12pm  
Natural History Society of Maryland, Online

*Join this in-person event at the local Landover Hills Starbucks to learn how to get free trees through the Grow Green with Trees Program! [Learn more](#)*

### **Spring Caterpillars and Their Survival in the Face of Climate Change**

Tuesday, March 2 - 7pm to 8pm  
Audubon Naturalist Society, Virtual

*Listen to Biology Professor Mariana Abarca talk about the natural history and seasonality of one of your backyard friends: Eastern tent caterpillars (*Malacosoma americanum*). Learn about their food sources, their predators, and the threats to their survival in the face of climate change. [Learn more](#)*

### **Telling an Inspiring Story**

Thursday, March 4 - 7pm to 8pm  
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Virtual

*We know that stories have the power to motivate action! Join this webinar to learn how to tell your story effectively to inspire and engage others to take action for the environment. [Learn more](#)*

### **Statewide Hiring Event - Warehouse and Logistics**

Saturday, March 11 - 10am to 11:30am  
Maryland Department of Labor, Virtual

*Join this virtual recruitment event to meet with recruiters/managers from a multitude of participating companies, from the comfort of your home at a convenient time. No cost to participate! [Learn more](#)*

*In this session, the Natural History Society of Maryland will talk about at least five different Monarch butterfly community science projects, what each requires, and how you can be involved with one or all of them! [Learn more](#)*

### **Statewide Hiring Event - Administrative Assistant**

Tuesday, March 23 - 10am to 11:30am  
Maryland Department of Labor, Virtual

*Join this virtual recruitment event to meet with recruiters/managers, from the comfort of your home at a convenient time. No cost to participate! [Learn more](#)*

### **Clean Waterways Cleanup - Kenilworth Park**

Saturday, March 27 - 9am to 12pm  
Anacostia Riverkeeper, Online

*Join Anacostia Riverkeeper for a socially distanced trash cleanup at Kenilworth Park! Materials will be provided to all volunteers. [Learn More](#)*

### **Free K-12 Virtual Tutoring Available**

Ongoing  
University of Maryland, Virtual

*Is your child in need of academic support? Sign up for free, one-on-one K-12 virtual tutoring with The Every Child Project! [Learn more](#)*

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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 \$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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