



# Prince George's County Newsletter

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## News & Updates

### Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate: A Year in Review



The [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is proud to partner with the [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) and their [Rain Check Rebate Program](#). Through this program, eligible applicants can receive a rebate or reimbursement for installing approved practices that improve neighborhoods and local waterways.

We are proud to announce that Fiscal Year 2019 was another successful year with 91 approved applications, representing 180 projects, totaling \$79,035 in rebates. The projects included rain barrels, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, and permeable pavement. These projects help reduce stormwater runoff and pollution to nearby rivers. Participants take pride in helping to improve the environment and their neighborhoods, while also beautifying their property.

Thank you to all of the residents of Prince George's County for their participation and support! We could not have done this without you!

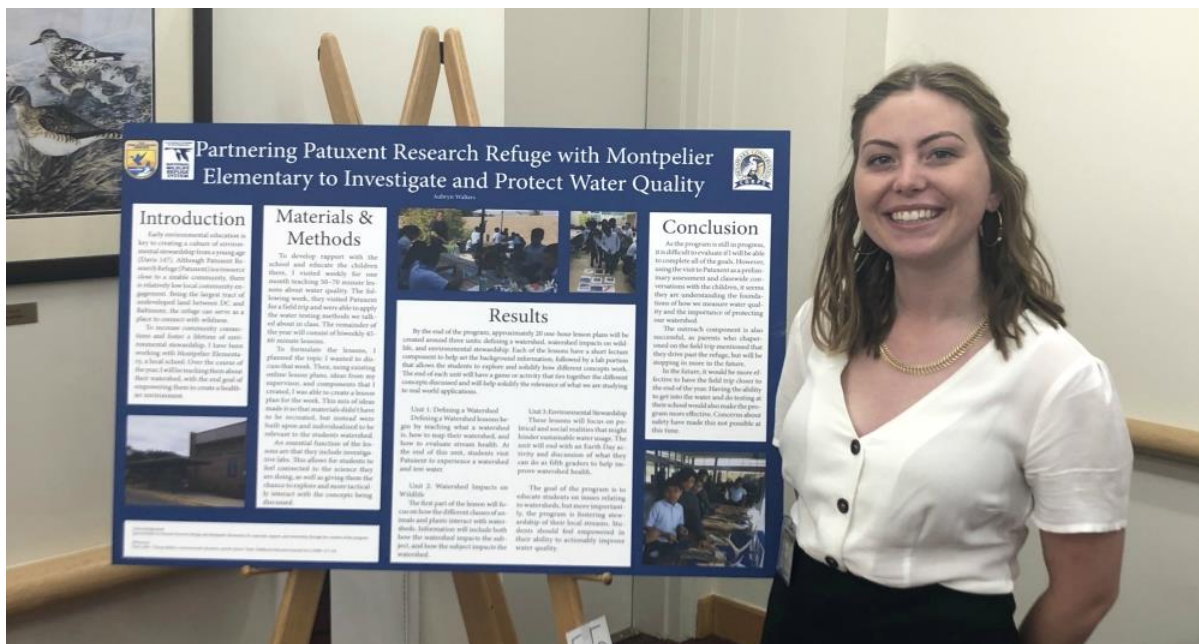
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This program is a no-brainer if you are considering any of the green initiatives they cover, which run the gamut. The process of applying for a rebate was so much easier and more straightforward than we expected. Good stuff by Prince George's County and the Chesapeake Bay Trust!

**Val and Daniel**  
Prince George's County Property Owners

## A Glance into the Life of Patuxent Research Refuge's Conservation Corps Member



Aubryn Walters, a member of this year's [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) (CCC), is placed with the [Patuxent Research Refuge](#) (Refuge) in Laurel, where she engages the public and students about the environment and wildlife. During her time at the Refuge, she has worked with Montpelier Elementary School educating fifth graders about watersheds and how land use affects water quality. The Refuge is the nation's only national wildlife refuge established to support wildlife research.

Aubryn is one of 35 participants in the 2019-2020 cohort of the CCC. Of these 35, she is one of four placed with organizations in Prince George's County. The other three participants in the County are placed with [Accokeek Foundation](#), [ECO City Farms](#), and [Patuxent River Park](#).

The Corps program increases access and opportunities to green careers through education and training on how best to manage and protect and restore our region's natural resources. Young adults are connected with non-profits and government agencies for a one-year term of service with hands-on environmental and leadership experience.

[Applications](#) to become a part of the 11<sup>th</sup> cohort of CCC members are open until March 12, 2020.

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## 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.



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

### New Hope Academy and Students Manage Stormwater Beautifully on Their Property



*Prince George's County Department of the Environment representative Sudhanshu Mishra (left), and principal of New Hope Academy Joy Morrow (right of sign), pose with students in front of one of their rain gardens.*

[New Hope Academy](#) is a K-12 school located in Landover Hills. In 2015, New Hope Academy was approved for a grant to construct two rain gardens on their school parking lot helping to combat the large amounts of stormwater runoff that the school was experiencing on its parking lot.

The construction of the two rain gardens engaged New Hope Academy students, as well as students from one of their project partners, the University of Maryland. The rain gardens totaled 250 square feet and included native trees and plants. The students enjoyed the opportunity to be outdoors, learn about reducing pollution impacts, and help green their environment.

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.

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## Events and Opportunities

### Bird Walk at Hard Bargain Farm

Saturday, February 1st - 9am to 5pm  
Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek

*Explore the Alice Ferguson Foundation's diverse ecosystems and the birds that inhabit the site on a guided trail walk! [Learn more](#)*

### Native Landscapes Meeting

Saturday, February 8th - 10:30am to 12pm  
Wild Ones, Kensington

*Join the Chesapeake Chapter of the Wild Ones to learn more about creating and sustaining wildlife-friendly backyards with author Nancy Lawson! [Learn more](#)*

### Permaculture Design Course

March 20 to 22, 9am to 5pm  
Forested Creative Ecology, Bowie

*Enhance your knowledge of forest gardening with this design course, which explores the natural processes of our forests and the design of edible ecosystems! [Learn more](#)*

### Job Opportunity at Chesapeake Bay Trust

Chesapeake Bay Trust, Annapolis

*The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks a Development Associate, a role that will be instrumental in helping to accomplish the Trust's evolving development and fundraising goals. [Learn more](#)*

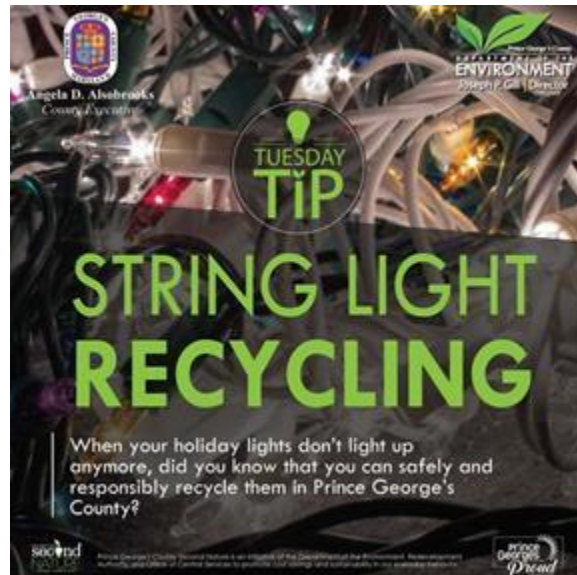
### Job Opportunities at Anacostia Watershed Society

Anacostia Watershed Society, Bladensburg

*The Anacostia Watershed Society seeks a full-time office assistant and environmental educator to support their organization's work to improve the Anacostia River! [Learn more](#)*

### Tuesday Tip from the Department of the Environment

*Come drop your holiday string lights at the Household Hazardous Waste site at Brown Station Road Landfill to recycle your lights for free! [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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