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## Rain Check Rebate 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 excited to announce that Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021 to June 2022) for the Rain Check Rebate Program was another successful year with 133 approved applications, representing 299 projects, for a total rebate amount of \$158,912. The projects included rain barrels, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, and permeable pavement, and helped treat 69,519 square feet of impervious surface, a little over the size of one football field! 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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**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](#)

## Brentwood Resident Receives \$5,675 for Permeable Pavement Installation



Unlike conventional asphalt or concrete, permeable pavement allows water to infiltrate and soak into the ground. A variety of permeable pavement materials are available, such as interlocking pavers, porous asphalt, pervious concrete, and manufactured grass pavers that include a storage system beneath the surface to capture stormwater runoff and allow it to soak into the ground beneath. Benefits to permeable pavement include:

- Reduces stormwater runoff, localized flooding, and erosion
- Replenishes groundwater and improves water quality through natural filtration processes
- Grass pavers can improve site appearance by providing vegetation instead of pavement
- Permeable pavement reduces the amount of land needed for stormwater management
- May satisfy requirements for green space, allowing more development on a site

The picture above shows the completed permeable pavement installation at a residential property in Brentwood. The resident received a \$5,675 rebate for installing 502 sq. ft. of permeable pavement.

Kudos to this resident for choosing permeable pavement to help reduce stormwater runoff in their community!

[Learn More About Permeable Pavement](#)

## Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

### Teaching the Next Generation of Environmental Stewards



One of the most effective things one can do to be a steward of the environment is to provide the tools for others to do the same, and that is exactly what the Neighborhood Design Center, along with partners Design Green LLC and Joe's Movement Emporium succeeded in doing with their grant awarded through the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). Design Green, LLC, Neighborhood Design Center, and Joe's Movement Emporium partnered to create a two-part project in the fall of 2021 focused on environmental and stormwater stewardship. They curated curriculums for both young adults (ages 17-25) and local municipal workers and managers to learn more about the environment (watershed science, stormwater, and green infrastructure), creative and environmental focused career paths, and digital programs used in those fields, and rain garden maintenance respectively. Thanks to the Neighborhood Design Center for their efforts and congratulations on a successful project!

[Learn More About the Grant Program](#)

## Thank you for Applying to the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

Thank you to this year's applicants for applying to the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. All applications are reviewed and evaluated by an external Technical Review Committee (TRC) composed of individuals who are experts in the fields supported by the Request for Proposals (RFP) and individuals who represent communities served by projects funded by the RFP. The TRC ranks and scores all applications based on the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP including consistency with the RFP, likelihood of project success, sustainability, cost-effectiveness, justification, partnerships, and demonstration value and transferability. Decisions will be announced in late February/early March 2023.

### Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Shannon Taylor at [staylor@cbtrust.org](mailto:staylor@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 \$140 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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