



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Rain Check Rebate Program Incentives and Grant Opportunities Webinar

Prince George's County
Rain Check Rebate Program
and Grant Opportunities Webinar

JULY 15, 2021
7:30PM

Rain Check Rebate Program:
<https://cbtrust.org/prince-georges-county-rain-check-rebate/>

Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program:
<https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship-2/>

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Do you want to know how to get money back for a rain garden installation, or secure funding for larger environmental initiatives in your community? Prince George's County has programs that help to improve communities and keep waterways clean and healthy! On July 15, 2021, the Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust) held a webinar on the Rain Check Rebate Program incentives and grant opportunities available to Prince George's County residents. A recording of this webinar is now available for viewing at <https://vimeo.com/578501363>.

The Trust thanks all of the speakers, especially the previous Rain Check Rebate participants, Adam, Maile, Kate, and Laura, and Stormwater Stewardship awardee, Dawn, for sharing your project success stories with us! To learn more about the programs discussed during this webinar, visit our website at the links below.

- [Rain Check Rebate Program](#)

- [Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#)

The [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) is proud to partner with the [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) to administer these programs and support the County's clean water efforts.

[View Webinar](#)

Welcoming Andrea L. Crooms as Acting Director Department of the Environment



Acting Director Andrea L. Crooms is a life-long advocate for the environment, an attorney, economist, and climate scientist with 20 years of leadership experience in environmental regulation and climate change mitigation. Before joining the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, Acting Director Crooms worked at the U.S. Department of Energy for 11 years, serving in multiple leadership roles at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), where they planned, developed and implemented programs in renewable power, water and wastewater, procurement, sustainable transportation, weatherization, waste and recycling, landfill waste-to-energy, and building energy efficiency.

In addition, they have served with several other federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, and the Environmental Protection Agency, and in local government as a public defender. Acting Director Crooms has a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky, Master of Science in Energy Management and Engineering from the New York Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in Natural Resources Management from the University of Delaware.



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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NAMED TREE CITY USA

For the 37th year in a row, the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, named Prince George's County a Tree City USA.

- If you're interested in planting trees in your yard, school, or community, including grant and rebate opportunities, visit bit.ly/plantingtreesinpgc.
- Learn more about the Tree City USA program at www.arborday.org.
- For more information on upcoming County Arbor Day celebrations, visit www.pgcbeautification.com.





EL CONDADO DE PRINCE GEORGE ES NOMBRADO CIUDAD ÁRBOL USA

Por 37 años consecutivos, la Fundación del Día del Árbol en colaboración con el Servicio de Bosques de los Estados Unidos y la Asociación Nacional de Bosques de Estados, han nombrado al Condado de Prince George como Ciudad Arbol de los Estados Unidos.

- Si está interesado en plantar árboles en su jardín, escuela o comunidad, incluyendo subsidios y oportunidades de reembolso, visite bit.ly/plantingtreesinpgc.
- Conozca mas acerca de los programas de Ciudad Árbol de los Estados Unidos en www.arborday.org.
- Para más información sobre las próximas celebraciones del Día de Árbol del condado, visite www.pgcb beautification.com.



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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.



Events and Opportunities

Baños de Bosque en parque Driskell
Saturday, July 31 - 10am to 2pm
Defensores de la Cuenca, Hyattsville

Únase a nosotros para pasar un rato relajante disfrutando de un baño en el bosque y luego divirtiéndose en el parque

Dust in the Wind: Tiny Particles, Big Impacts

Tuesday, August 17 - 7pm to 8pm
Audubon Naturalist Society, Virtual

Did you know that Saharan dust storms have a big impact on soil, water, and human health

acuático. | Join us to have a relaxing time enjoying forest bathing and then fun at the water park. [Learn More](#)

Scales and Tales

Wednesday, August 4 - 1pm to 2pm
Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Brandywine

Come and meet some live animals and learn about Maryland's wildlife from the experts! Maryland Park Service will teach you about our environment and how to be a good steward to Maryland's natural resources.

[Learn more](#)

CSI: Critter Scene Investigation

Friday, August 6 - 1pm to 2pm
Watkins Nature Center, Upper Marlboro

Become a Critter Scene Investigator! Explore nature scenes using a variety of investigative techniques, such as water testing, track analysis, scat examination, dissections and more! [Learn more](#)

Fun on the Farm: Unfor-goat-able Adventures

Saturday, August 14 - 10am to 12pm
Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek

Interact with barnyard animals close up – goats, cows and sheep, oh my! Also, meet the farmers and educators of the Farm and even lend a hand with farm chores around the barnyard. [Learn more](#)

in the Americas? Experience this enormous transcontinental transport of tiny particles with ANS Adult Programs Director Serenella Linares! [Learn more](#)

Prince George's County Climate Action Plan 3rd Community Meeting

Thursday, August 19 - 6:30pm
Prince George's County Department of the Environment, Virtual

Prince George's County invites you to participate in the 3rd Climate Action Community Meeting. Attendees will learn about the expected greenhouse gas reductions of climate action recommendations introduced at the last meeting and will have the opportunity to review and discuss the detailed blueprint recommendations being developed by the County. [Learn more](#)

Anacostia River Boat Tour

Thursday, September 16 - 6pm to 7pm
Anacostia Watershed Society, Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Enjoy a free, motorized boat tour as part of the Anacostia River Explorers program. Anacostia Watershed Society staff will take participants on a one or two hour tour of the river while discussing natural and cultural history along with restoration efforts. [Learn more](#)

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 \$130 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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