



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates

Meet Your Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program Staff



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The Rain Check Rebate Program is such a delight to coordinate because of the community interaction. I am fortunate to work with local residents, business owners, and nonprofits to help advance the goals of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment.

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Bre'Anna Brooks
Rain Check Rebate Coordinator

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is proud to partner with [Prince George's County](#) on their [Rain Check Rebate program](#). This program offers reimbursements to homeowners, businesses, and others for installing approved practices that help keep our neighborhoods beautiful and reduce pollution from entering our rivers.

Bre'Anna Brooks, Program Coordinator with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and Janina Jones, Trust summer intern, recently shared their backgrounds and involvement in the Rain Check Rebate program. Read about that conversation and learn more about the program on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog, [here](#).

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



Greener Communities Start with Green Workforce Development

Communities all across the County are facing the impacts of stormwater runoff: flooding, erosion, and polluted rivers. There are many programs that aim to reduce stormwater runoff and its impacts on our environment. It is important to raise awareness about the issues, offer solutions to address the problems, and provide workforce development and training to implement the solutions.

This is where [Prince George's Green's](#) Clean Water Curriculum comes in. In 2015, Prince George's Green received a grant award to develop a Clean Water Curriculum and conduct the course at the Prince George's Community College [Team Builders Academy](#). This 10-week course taught students about stormwater issues, stormwater management, and career opportunities in the field. After completing the course, students were equipped with the tools and knowledge to help address stormwater runoff in our communities. This project was funded by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#).

View this [project fact sheet](#) to learn more.



Students Perform Investigations and Implement Projects on Campus to Keep Our Rivers Clean

Freshwater streams and rivers are a valuable resource to us all. They provide us with drinking water and places to swim, fish, and canoe. Unfortunately, only about 10% of Maryland's waterways are in good condition. The rest are in fair or poor condition due to polluted runoff entering our waterways.

The [Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin's](#) (ICPRB) *Score Four: Students, Schools, Streams, and the Bay* stormwater education program engages students in investigations and projects right on their school grounds to reduce runoff and water pollution.

In 2015 and 2016, ICPRB received two grant awards to conduct their Score Four program in Prince George's County public high schools. This project was funded by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#).

Read more about this project on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog, [here](#).

We Want to Hear from You!

Keep us updated! Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Events and Opportunities

Plant Nursery Workday with Anacostia Watershed Society
Saturday, July 13th - 10am to 1pm

Health, Environmental Education & Awareness Day
Saturday, July 27th - noon to 5pm

Historic Bostwick House, Bladensburg

Learn about the historic Bostwick house and help with nursery maintenance and plant propagation! [Learn more](#)

Urban Farming with ECO City Farms

Saturday, July 20th - 9am to noon
ECO City Farms, Edmonston

Volunteer with ECO City Farms and learn about urban farming in Prince George's County! [Learn more](#)

Fletcher's Field, Riverdale, MD

Learn about how your health is affected by your environment and enjoy activities for the entire family! [Learn more](#)

Canoe Cleanup with Anacostia Watershed Society

Monday, July 29th - 6pm to 8pm
Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Anacostia River while helping to improve its health! [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 \$100 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.



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