



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

**Prince George's County Residents Learn Skills to be Environmental Leaders in their Communities**



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) engaged 66 residents during environmental stewardship training programs. These programs included the Watershed Stewards Academy and the Maryland Master Naturalist Program. These courses included classroom and field-based work as well as service-learning opportunities where participants engaged in restoration projects that benefit the Anacostia River. After completing the coursework, participants provided community service and implemented hands-on restoration projects to fulfill their certification requirements. The goals of the courses were to develop a network of trained volunteers that could serve as stewards for environmental conservation as well as provide a structured program to educate and engage community members in environmentally focused service in their communities. AWS shared their project results with other Maryland jurisdictions who host similar events to show the success and in hopes to encourage others to host stewardship workshops as well. Congratulations on a successful stewardship program!

[Learn More About the Watershed Stewards Academy](#)

[Learn more about the Maryland Master Naturalist Program](#)

### **Rain Gardens Effectively Capture and Treat Runoff from UMD Golf Course**



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) in 2015, the University of Maryland College Park Foundation installed three rain gardens on the border of the 1.8-acre University of Maryland Golf Course parking lot. The rain gardens collectively treat stormwater runoff from approximately 72,000 square feet of impervious area. In partnership with the Anacostia Watershed Society, the Foundation was able to organize four volunteer planting events. Over 150 volunteers comprised of University of Maryland students, staff, and others contributed in the planting of the rain gardens. Educational signage

was also installed at each site, which will educate the hundreds of thousands of visitors to the University of Maryland Golf Course each year.

Given its location in a critical area of the Anacostia Watershed, the golf course presented a unique opportunity to protect and enhance the natural environment through innovative stormwater management treatment practices.

[Learn More about this Grant Program](#)

## Rebates Available for Homeowners, Businesses, and Other Property Owners



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](#)

## Curious about Rain Gardens? Ask the Alliance at a Virtual Workshop



Rain gardens are gardens landscaped with native plants that are indigenous to the Chesapeake Bay region to collect, store and infiltrate stormwater runoff in its loose amended soil. They are strategically placed to intercept stormwater runoff until it can be fully absorbed into the ground.

Rain gardens are a great way to infiltrate stormwater on your property to help keep your local streams clean! Join the Alliance's Green Infrastructure Program Director, Jamie Alberti, to learn more about how to install a rain garden on your property during this virtual workshop.

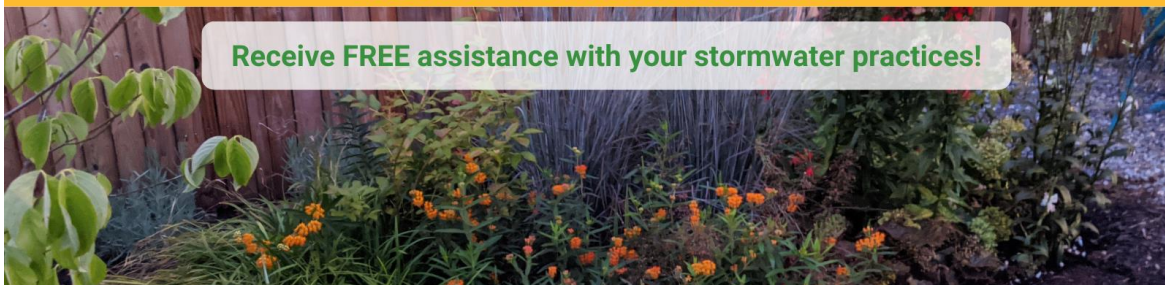
Date & Time: August 17, 2023 at 12PM

[Register Now](#)

## Maintenance Support Available for Rain Check Rebate Participants

**MAINTAINING STORMWATER PRACTICES IN  
THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED**

**Receive FREE assistance with your stormwater practices!**



Have you had a stormwater practice installed through the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program? Introducing the Maintaining Stormwater Practices in the Anacostia Watershed program! This program is funded by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to help support residential property owners with maintenance of their Rain Check Rebate projects. This program offers support for Anacostia watershed residents through:

- [Free Inspections](#): A landscape professional will evaluate your stormwater practice and provide a written report of maintenance recommendations
- [Discounted Maintenance](#): 50% of the cost, up to \$750, could be covered for the maintenance of your green feature while you learn proper maintenance techniques through hands-on preparation
- [Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center](#): Check out the online maintenance resources for more information about caring for your stormwater practices
- [Green Ambassadors Program \(GAP\)](#): Are you interested in joining a community volunteer maintenance team to maintain neighborhood stormwater practices, including yours?

If you are interested in participating, please review the [Property Owner Guide](#) or visit the [Stormwater Maintenance Resources website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Thank you for doing your part to improve water quality and promoting a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake Bay!

In partnership,



## Hyattsville Resident Receives \$5,452 Rebate for Installing a Rain Garden, Planting Trees, and Removing Impervious Pavement



Rain gardens support water-tolerant native plants that soak up stormwater flowing from impervious surfaces. Stormwater management practices like rain gardens, trees, and removal of impervious pavement are successful in reducing stormwater runoff, and are even more successful when utilized together!

The picture above shows the progression of installing a rain garden through the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#). The photos show (from left to right) before the rain garden was installed, directly after it was installed, and two months after installation. This resident also removed 292 square feet of impervious pavement and planted seven native trees, including green hawthorn, eastern redbud, serviceberry, and arborvitae. The resident received a rebate of \$5,452 (\$10/ square foot of rain garden, \$6/ square foot of impervious pavement removed, and \$150/ tree). Congratulations on these very successful projects!

[Learn More About Rain Gardens](#)

## **Opportunity for Increased Urban Tree Canopy Rebates in Underserved Communities**

## Additional Resources for Urban Tree Canopy Projects

# New! Increased rebates for tree planting projects in eligible underserved communities

Additional rebate funding will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

See the Rain Check Rebate program website or contact program staff at [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) for more details.



You may be eligible for a \$300 rebate for every 2 to 2 ½ inch caliper or larger native tree installed on your property! The Prince George's County Department of the Environment was awarded funds to supplement existing tree planting programs as part of the Five Million Maryland Trees for Climate Progress initiative. If your property is located within a designated underserved area, you may be eligible for an increased rebate.

\*Native trees should be planted between the months of October and May to optimize survival and success of the tree. Start planning your fall planting now!

Contact [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org) for more information.

[Learn More about this Program](#)

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### 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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