



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Managing Stormwater and Water Quality at Buddy Attick Park in the City of Greenbelt



Through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the City of Greenbelt redesigned, retrofitted, and treated impervious cover in Buddy Attick Park. This park is one of the most highly used parks in the City of Greenbelt serving 21,000 residents with an existing annual attendance of 110,000 local and regional visitors a year. Prior to this project, untreated stormwater from the site flowed to the Greenbelt Lake outfall stream and the Indian Creek Stream Valley, a sub-watershed of the Anacostia watershed.

The design team introduced several stormwater treatment elements and educated the public on stormwater issues throughout the construction phase. Upon completion, 27,000 square feet of impervious surface was treated, 6,250 square feet of impervious surface was removed, 1,200 native plants were installed, 41 trees were planted, and a 4,200 square foot rain garden was installed. Congratulations on the completion of a wonderful project!

[Learn More About the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#)

## Questions about the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program? Attend Office Hours!

### If you have questions about...

Rain Gardens



Cisterns



Urban Tree Canopy



Rain Barrels



Permeable Pavement



Pavement Removal



 **We have answers!  
Join us during office hours.**



A property owner proudly displays a Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate yard sign to showcase their new permeable pavement driveway and participation in the program.

 **Prince George's County  
Rain Check Rebate Program**

The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) offers rebate incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health.

Potential applicants can join office hours to ask questions, discuss potential projects, and learn how to apply to the program. Office hours will be held twice a month: one Wednesday every month during the day and one Tuesday every month in the evening. Specific dates for office hours will be updated on our website monthly.

[Register for the Wednesday 7/3 at 1pm  
Office Hour](#)

[Register for the Tuesday 7/16 at 7pm  
Office Hour](#)

## Mount Rainier Resident Receives \$1,600 Rebate for Installing Rain Garden



Planting native plants in rain gardens help reduce stormwater runoff and beautify our communities. Rain gardens are shallow, planted depressions that contain water-tolerant native plants that soak up stormwater. Rain gardens allow water to slowly seep into the ground, or infiltrate, which reduces the amount of water flowing across impervious surfaces.

The picture above shows a 160 square foot rain garden planted at a residential property in Mount Rainier, through the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program. The rain garden includes native plants like joe pye weed, virginiana sweetspire, blue flag iris, and northern sea oats! The resident received a rebate of \$1,600 (\$10 per square foot of rain garden). Congratulations to this resident on a great project!

[Learn More About Rain Gardens](#)

**Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant Program is Open!**



The Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are excited to announce a new mini grant program: [The Prince George's County Community Gardens Mini Grant Program!](#)

This mini grant program supports the creation and need for community gardens that provide resources to the Prince George's County community while supporting the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. The primary goal of this mini grant is to fund community garden projects that help address food security and support neighborhood scale implementation of regenerative agriculture and other sustainable gardening practices.

This program supports both the development of new community gardens as well as the growth of existing community gardens that plan to expand regenerative practices. New community gardens can request up to \$9,500. Existing community gardens can request up to \$3,000 OR \$9,500 with the addition of mentorship. Mentorship can include, but is not limited to, mentoring applicants applying for community gardens, holding classes and information sessions, and conducting tours.

Requests are accepted on an on-going basis until funds for this fiscal year (FY24) are exhausted.

*Photo: Laurel City Community Garden: Courtesy of City of Laurel*

[Learn More About this Mini Grant Program](#)

**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,



## 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 1½ inch caliper or larger understory tree or 2 to 2 ½ inch caliper or larger native canopy 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 spring planting now!

This is a pilot program contingent on funding. For more information, view the Urban Tree Program Fact Sheet linked below.

[Learn More about this Program](#)

**Save the Date: 2024 Prince George's County Green Summit**


 Celebrating  
**10 YEARS GREEN SUMMIT**  
 Prince George's County DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

**Save the Date**  
 SATURDAY  
**October 19** 2024  
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**David C. Driskell Community Park**  
 3911 Hamilton Street  
 Hyattsville, MD 20781

Scan here for exhibitor and vendor opportunities and more information, or visit [mypgc.us/greensummit](http://mypgc.us/greensummit)

**Free and fun for the whole family!**




### Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Megan Andreasen at [mandreasen@cbtrust.org](mailto:mandreasen@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 \$146 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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