



Prince George's County Newsletter

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Help Keep Prince George's County Beautiful and Make #EveryDayEarthDay

The sun is shining, flowers are blooming, and birds are chirping. That means it's time to get outside! This Earth Day, we encourage you to go green and show your appreciation for our environment. Plant a tree, take a pledge to reduce your use of plastic, participate in Earth Day events and activities, and more!

The [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) also provides resources and programs that can help you get started. The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#), for example, provides reimbursement for the installation of stormwater practices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and tree plantings. Communities may also apply to receive funding through the [Prince George's Litter Reduction Mini Grant Program](#) to reduce litter and keep their community clean and beautiful. The possibilities are endless!

Learn more about how you can get involved this Earth Day on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog, [here](#).



Beautify Your Home and Community through the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program

The [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) is a wonderful opportunity for homeowners and business owners to beautify your property, address stormwater issues in your yard or parking lot such as pooling or standing water, and help keep the County clean and healthy.

Rain gardens, for example, are one of the seven eligible practices that Prince George's County citizens may receive reimbursement for installing on their property through the Rain Check Rebate program. A rain garden is a planted shallow depression that contains water-tolerant native shrubs, perennials, and flowers. Rain gardens are designed to soak up stormwater that flows from downspouts or impervious surfaces, such as rooftops and parking lots. They reduce the amount of water that flows into the nearest storm drain, stream, or river, which helps reduce pollution of local streams and rivers.

Learn more about rain gardens and the Rain Check Rebate Program 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.

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



Centro de Apoyo Familiar Connects Latino and Immigrant Communities with County Resources and Programs

[Centro de Apoyo Familiar](#), or Center for Assistance to Families (CAF), received a grant award in 2018 to conduct their Aguas Sanas Familias Sanas, Healthy Waters Healthy Families program in Prince George's County. This program trains Latino church promotoras (community health promoters) to be stormwater educators and leaders in their neighborhoods. CAF developed presentations and educational materials in Spanish about stormwater runoff and how the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) can beautify properties and treat stormwater runoff. Through this program, residents can receive a reimbursement for the installation of small stormwater practices on their property. The promotoras, with the support of CAF, held community workshops to engage Spanish-speaking residents and assist them with the application process for the Rain Check Rebate program.

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

Events and Opportunities

The Beauty & Benefits of Using Native Plants

Sunday, March 31st - 1pm
Behnke Nurseries, Beltsville

Discover native plants that add beauty to your garden and help support birds and butterflies! [Learn more.](#)

Anacostia Watershed Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 13th - 9am to noon
Various locations

Join the Anacostia Watershed Society for their Annual Earth Day Cleanup! Join volunteers at different sites around the

Bowie Green Expo

Saturday, April 13th - noon to 4pm
Kenhill Center, Bowie

Come for a day of discovery and learn how easy and fun it is to go green and make a difference in your community and the environment! [Learn more.](#)

3rd Prince George's County Pet Waste Management Summit

Thursday, April 18th - 6pm to 9pm
Prince George's County Department of the Environment, Largo

Hear about the County's current pet waste

Anacostia watershed to keep our communities clean and enjoy the Anacostia River! [Learn more.](#)

31st Annual Potomac River Cleanup

Saturday, April 13th - 9am to noon
Various locations

Join the Alice Ferguson Foundation for the 31st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup! Join your neighbors and help keep our communities and waterways clean!
[Learn more.](#)

management campaign, share best practices, and access resources to start your own local pet waste management program! [Learn more.](#)

Explore Prince George's: The Forest Floor in April

Saturday, April 20th - 9:30am to noon
Watkins Park, Upper Marlboro

Celebrate Earth Day with a walk in the woods and learn about the plant species found on the forest floor! [Learn more.](#)

ABOUT THE 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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