



Prince George's County Newsletter

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Spring Tree Plantings

Increasing Tree Canopy in Prince George's County



Tree canopy provides many benefits to communities. Tree canopy is the layer of leaves, branches, and stems of trees that cover the ground when viewed from above. The benefits are endless – improving water quality, saving energy, lowering city temperatures, reducing air pollution, enhancing property values, providing wildlife habitat, facilitating social and educational opportunities, and beautifying lawns and other open spaces. Tree roots, specifically, help rain soak into the soil and increase the total amount of rain that the soil can absorb.

Through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Program](#), several nonprofit organizations are working to increase the area of tree canopy in Prince George's County through community engagement and tree planting programs. The organizations highlighted in this newsletter are looking for more homeowners to participate in their programs. These organizations are working in collaboration with each other and with the [Prince George's County Department of the Environment](#) (DoE) in an effort to make the greatest impact and reach as many communities as possible in Prince George's County.

Would you like native trees for your property?

If you would like to receive trees for your property, please contact an organization listed below as soon as possible. Trees cannot be planted during the summer due to high temperatures.

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation *Go Green! Plant Trees!*



The [Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation](#) (CKAR CDC) developed the [Go Green! Plant Trees!](#) program focused on increasing the tree canopy in residential neighborhoods including [Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative](#) (TNI) communities. This program provides trees to homeowners and educates communities on learning more about the importance and value of trees in improving air and water quality.

This year, CKAR CDC will be planting in [specific communities](#) in Prince George's County. Eligible homeowners can sign up to receive a shade tree (or two, or three!) by filling out an [online application](#).

Contact Dan Smith at GoGreenPlantTrees@gmail.com or (202) 607-6224 for more information.

Global Health and Education Projects *Family Tree Adoption Program*



The [Family Tree Adoption Program](#), managed by [Global Health and Education Projects](#) (GHEP), provides native trees or shrubs to private homeowners in Prince George's County. Homeowners can receive up to **three trees and tree materials worth over \$400** to plant on their property.

Reserve trees today! It only takes 5 minutes to sign up by completing the [online reservation form](#). After submitting the form, GHEP will follow up to review the selections and discuss the availability of remaining trees in their grant project. There is currently a wait list for available trees.

View this [video](#) to learn more about the program.

Contact Romuladus Azuine at info@globalhealthprojects.org or (240) 495-4944 for more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
Trees for Sacred Places



The [Trees for Sacred Places](#) program is a partnership between the [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#) (Alliance) and [Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake](#) (IPC). Launched in 2013, the program engages people of faith and houses of worship in contributing to watershed restoration, environmental stewardship, and community building.

The Alliance and IPC are looking for additional congregations in Prince George's County to participate in the program. View this [video](#) about the program and see how spiritual leaders in Prince George's County are teaching their congregants the value of leaving a legacy of love and restoration by planting native trees.

In addition, the Alliance will plant trees on residential property this spring and is looking for interested homeowners to participate.

Contact Ted Wolfe at twolfe@allianceofthebay.org or (443) 949-0575 for more information.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Restoring our Community Parks and Centers



The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC's) [Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation](#) has taken several steps to address stormwater runoff issues at its facilities and to educate and engage the community on these issues. In recent years, M-NCPPC has identified several sites that would benefit from the installation of stormwater management practices. These sites are characterized by frequent standing water, flooding stormwater runoff during heavy rains, and significant soil or streambank erosion.

M-NCPPC is looking for volunteers to help install several types of water quality projects, such as bioswales, rain gardens, and forest buffers, at community parks and centers. Service learning opportunities for youth and adults interested in public outreach and education, and volunteer projects for schools and community groups concerned with stormwater runoff, litter reduction, exotic invasive plants, and forest restoration are available.

Contact Antonia Bookbinder at antonia.bookbinder@pgparks.com or (301) 446-3464 for more information.

We want to hear from you!

Please send your photos and project success stories to Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to be featured in a future newsletter.

Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Program

Tree Planting Focused Grants Awarded

In 2014, the Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust established a partnership to offer the [Stormwater Stewardship Program](#). The program supports stormwater restoration and retrofit projects that engage residents of Prince George's County in clean water efforts.

The program currently supports the following tree planting projects highlighted in this newsletter

through the following awards:

- **Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation**
CKAR CDC developed the [Go Green! Plant Trees!](#) program to plant trees on residential property primarily in TNI communities. This program resulted in 123 trees planted on residential property with an additional 300 trees scheduled to be planted this year.
- **Global Health and Education Projects**
The [Family Tree Adoption Program](#) helps residents select and plant trees on their property and provides tree maintenance education. This program resulted in over 100 trees planted on residential property with an additional 100 trees scheduled to be planted this spring.
- **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay**
In partnership with Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, the [Trees for Sacred Places](#) program plants trees on faith-based property and provides watershed education. This program resulted in 450 trees planted on faith-based property throughout Prince George's County. In addition, this project will plant another 287 trees on faith-based property and 100 trees on residential property this year.
- **Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**
The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation engages citizens in water quality projects in parks and community centers. Projects include planting trees, implementing stormwater management practices, installing pet waste stations, and removing invasive species.

In addition to the projects highlighted in this newsletter, the program also provided support to these past tree planting projects through the following awards:

- **End Time Harvest Ministries**
Through their Wellness Ambassadors Program, [End Time Harvest Ministries](#) provided citizen engagement using a tree planting project and workshop for students and citizens to learn about how local actions can improve community health and clean local streams.
- **Prince George's Green**
[Prince George's Green](#) developed and conducted a Clean Water course held at Prince George's Community College Team Builders Academy to teach students about stormwater issues and management, as well as career opportunities in the field. Students planted 100 trees on private individual residential properties in the County using partnerships with municipalities, citizens, and businesses to ensure success.
- **Town of Forest Heights**
The Town of Forest Heights implemented the Tree Keepers program to train a team of high school students, a college student, and a local elder in the community to water, weed, and mulch the town's street trees. This project was highlighted in the [November 2017 newsletter](#) and on the [Chesapeake Bay Trust blog](#).

Get Involved

Additional Tree Planting Opportunities



In addition to the tree planting opportunities highlighted in this newsletter, there are several other options for residents interested in planting trees.

- Trees are one of seven [Rain Check Rebate](#) practices. Property owners can receive a rebate for planting trees on their property. Contact the Rain Check Coordinator, Bre'Anna Brooks at rebate@cbtrust.org for more information.
- The Prince George's County DoE's [Community Outreach Promoting Empowerment](#) Section has several tree planting programs that focus on public spaces ([Tree ReLeaf](#)), schools ([Arbor Day Every Day](#)), and tree planting demonstrations to learn more about trees right in your neighborhood. Contact Deborah Weller at dmweller1@co.pg.md.us for more information.

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 \$90 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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