



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates



Photo Credit: Anacostia Watershed Society

Anacostia Watershed Society's Director of River Restoration, Ariel Trahan, Receives Award from Prince George's County Public Schools

Earlier this month, Ariel Trahan, Director of River Restoration for the [Anacostia Watershed Society](#), received the "Unsung Hero" award from the Prince George's County Public Schools Environmental Literacy Steering Committee.

Ariel was awarded for her efforts in helping implement the [Environmental Literacy Framework](#) in Prince George's County public schools. This framework aims to promote greater student achievement through meaningful outdoor education experiences.

Congratulations Ariel and thank you for all you've done to help promote environmental learning in all classrooms!

Read more about Ariel and the Anacostia Watershed Society on their website, [here](#).



Thank You and Farewell to Behnke Nurseries

After 89 years, [Behnke Nurseries](#) announced that this spring season would be their last and will close their nursery on the evening of Saturday, June 15th. Behnke Nurseries grew to be more than just a garden center. It became a beloved destination with kind and knowledgeable staff who created a sense of community.

Over the years, Behnke Nurseries has been a wonderful community partner in Prince George's County. Their site was used to showcase the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate](#) program and has also hosted several outreach and educational events. Behnke Nurseries was also awarded the Chesapeake Bay Trust Commercial Stewards Award in 2017.

Read more about Behnke Nurseries, the positive impact they have made on the environment and the community, and our farewell to Behnke's 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



Stormwater Savvy Program Combines Clean Water Goals with Community Vision

Polluted stormwater runoff negatively impacts our environment and can have harmful effects on human health. [The Neighborhood Design Center's](#) Stormwater Savvy program creates master plans and designs that help communities reduce runoff and improve water quality, while also improving a community's understanding of their landscape.

Click on the image above to [view a video](#) about the Neighborhood Design Center and hear Program Manager, Rachel McNamara, talk about Stormwater Savvy's impact on the community.

This project was funded by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#).

[Read more about this project](#) on the Chesapeake Bay Trust blog and [view this project fact sheet](#) to learn more.

Events and Opportunities

Nesting Ospreys and Blooming Mountain Laurel Nature Walk

Sunday, June 2nd - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Jug Bay Natural Area Patuxent River Park,
Upper Marlboro

Come see the nesting ospreys and the blooming mountain laurel during this nature walk along the shore of the Patuxent River! [Learn more](#)

Emerson Food Forest Tour

Monday, June 3rd - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Emerson Food Forest, Hyattsville

Food Forest Feast

Sunday, June 9th - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Forested Food Forest, Bowie

Come enjoy this unique forest-to-table event that features taste inspirations from our local ecosystem, served outdoors in the forest garden. Try acorn breads, fruits, vegetables, and more prepared by Michael Costa, head chef at Zaytinya! [Learn more](#)

Pollinator Fest

Saturday, June 15th - 10am to 1pm
Brentwood Town Hall

Come learn about food forests and discover delicious native fruits and nuts you can plant in your yard or community! [Learn more](#)

The Woods in Your Backyard Workshop

Wednesday, June 5th - 6pm to 8pm
Bowie City Hall

Learn how to plan and implement practices on your lot to make a positive difference on the environment for clean water, recreation, birdwatching, and aesthetics! [Learn more](#)

Come celebrate National Pollinator Week and enjoy fun activities for the whole family! [Learn more](#)

Anacostia River Paddle Night

Thursday, June 27th - 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Bladensburg Waterfront Park

Come discover your Anacostia River by joining the Anacostia Watershed Society for a paddle night! [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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