



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates

As we face the uncertainty of this health crisis together, please know that your well-being is of the utmost importance to all of us at the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Department of the Environment. We understand how tough the situation is that you and your loved ones may be facing. We understand that individuals, businesses, governments, and nonprofits are all hurting right now. We understand that many of us have friends and family that may be suffering because of direct or indirect effect of COVID-19. We understand how difficult it has been for everyone who must attempt as much normalcy as possible while restricted to home. We also realize there are many entities right now on the front line of COVID-19, and we respect the needs of those entities and are very grateful for their work to keep our population safe and healthy.

We are spending this time working hard to keep the Prince George's County grant supported projects and the Rain Check Rebate programs going and to make sure that the Chesapeake and other natural resources keep improving so that when we can use them again, they will be there for us. In the meantime, we would like to offer you a little glimmer of normalcy through our monthly newsletter. There is much to appreciate in the beauty of natural resources and those working hard to protect them.

A Brighter Future for the Anacostia River



The [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) recently released the [2020 State of the Anacostia River Report](#), which tells the story of the health of the Anacostia River from previously collected 2019 data. This report measures the overall health of the Anacostia River by assigning a score and letter grade that considers several different water quality and remediation indicators. This year the Anacostia

River earned a score of 63 (D), which is the highest passing grade it has ever achieved! This achievement was largely made possible by the resurgence of [underwater grasses](#) known as Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), that provide essential habitat for a host of aquatic life. Here is to a brighter and healthier future for the Anacostia River and its surrounding neighborhoods!

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Spotlight on an Inspiring Environmental Leader



Walkiria Pool, President of [Centro de Apoyo Familiar](#) (CAF) located in Riverdale, was named one of [Maryland's Top 100 Women](#) by [The Daily Record](#)! The Maryland's Top 100 Women award recognizes high-achieving women who live or work in Maryland and are actively making a difference in their surrounding neighborhoods and networks. The winners are chosen by a panel of past Top 100 Women business leaders. Walkiria's dedication to community service and her demonstration of strong leadership skills were no doubt a determining factor in her earning this high recognition.

As President of CAF, Walkiria has been involved in supervising and helping to carry out two stormwater outreach projects awarded through the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). Through the program, CAF was awarded projects in 2016 and 2017 to support and implement their [Aguas Sana-Familias Sanas/Healthy Waters: Healthy Families](#) program. This program trained and equipped Latina promotoras (community health educators) as stormwater educators using a "train-the-trainer" model, who then held educational workshops at local faith-based organizations. Over 300 Prince George's County families were collectively reached through both awards to CAF.

Congratulations on this recognition, Walkiria! We appreciate all you do and look forward to continuing to work with you!

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The Chesapeake Bay Trust is Here to Help

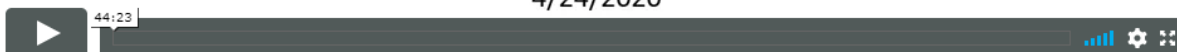
Managing Your Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19



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The Chesapeake Bay Trust (the Trust) recognizes that there have been and will continue to be significant impacts on the people and nonprofits of Prince George's County that we work with as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we know that the full impacts of the virus are still uncertain, we want you to know that the Trust is here to help as much as we are able and we will continue our efforts to ensure that our regions natural resources are restored.

We have received a number of questions from awardees and recently held two webinars to address the most common questions and hear directly from the awardees to address questions and comments in real time.

You may watch the webinar by clicking on the image above or find the webinar and additional resources by clicking "Learn More" below.

[Learn More](#)

Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Kathy Somoza at ksomoza@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



Events and Opportunities

Job Opportunity:
Environmental Educator

Due to COVID-19's impact on our region, many in-person events have moved to remote meetings, were postponed, or were

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cancelled. As information becomes available, the County's updates and resources are [here](#).

The Alice Ferguson Foundation seeks an Environmental Educator to facilitate educational field studies and represent the Foundation at events. [Learn more](#)

**Job Opportunity:
Accountant**
Chesapeake Bay Trust,
Annapolis

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks a qualified candidate to provide accounting services on a part time basis. [Learn more](#)

Grab and Go Play
Every Friday, 12 pm to 2
pm
M-NCPCC, see link
for locations

Starting May 8th, free recreation and play kits will be available every Friday at three sites in Prince George's County! [Learn more](#)

TUESDAY TIP

DIY FACE COVERINGS

It is now a requirement to wear a mask or face covering on all public transportation and in all stores. Purchasing these can be difficult so consider making one yourself.

- The simplest mask can be made from a bandana.
- Check out two different ways to wear them with our guide at bit.ly/PGCbandanafacecovering.
- Check out other tutorials online for no-sew masks or using items you already have at home.

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Stay safe and healthy, Prince George's County!

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 \$120 million in grants and projects that have engaged over 2 million dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.

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