



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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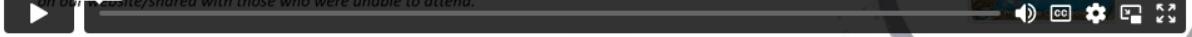
**Watch a Recording of Our Information Session for the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program-Applications Due 1/3/2023**

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM INFO SESSION WEBINAR

November 1, 2022

Learn more at:  
<https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship/>

We will be live momentarily. Please note this webinar will be recorded and posted on our website/shared with those who were unable to attend.



The Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are

proud to announce the ninth year of partnership for the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) – with many exciting and new additions this year! Click the image above to watch a recording of the information session or go to <https://vimeo.com/768599564>.

#### What this funds:

On-the-ground restoration activities that improve communities, improve water quality, support the County's Climate Action Plan, and engage County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams. Example projects include rain gardens, stormwater management practices, butterfly gardens, tree canopy education, specimen tree preservation, tree plantings, environmental workshops/events, and more!

Applicants can request funds from the following project tracks.

- Track 1: Water Quality Implementation (\$50,000 to \$150,000)
- Track 2: Building Community Resilience: Installation of Small to Medium Scale Climate Resilient Practices (\$150,000 to \$550,000)
- Track 3: Tree Planting (\$50,000 to \$150,000)

3a: Urban Tree Canopy: Outreach, Maintenance, and Education

3b: Increasing Tree Canopy by Subwatershed

3c: Preserving Tree Canopy Pilot Program

- Track 4: Community Awareness and Engagement (\$10,000 to \$60,000)

#### Who can apply:

Non-profit organizations, municipalities, watershed organizations, education institutions, community associations, faith-based organizations, civic groups, and more.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

## Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

### Bilingual Ecologically Themed Bike Rides Connect Residents to the Outdoors



Spending time outdoors in nature has positive impacts on our health and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) is working to engage Prince George's County residents in

experiencing the outdoors through bicycling. With a grant awarded through the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), WABA, and in partnership with Defensores de la Cuenca and Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, led several bike rides in English and Spanish on trails along the Anacostia River. Geared towards beginner and family riders, the guided tours helped participants build a connection to the outdoors and learn about the interconnectedness of roads, human behavior, urban waterflow, pollutants, and more. In addition, participants learned about County's efforts to reduce stormwater runoff impacts and actions they as individuals can take in their own communities. Thanks to WABA for their efforts and congratulations on a successful project!

### **City of Hyattsville Increases Tree Canopy and Engages Residents in Tree Plantings and Workshops**



Trees have a multitude of benefits – they intercept and absorb runoff, filter out pollutants, clean polluted air, provide shade and cooling, and provide habitat and food to birds and other beneficial species. The City of Hyattsville planted 177 trees on residential property and along the City right-of-way and conducted six workshops and a walking tour with a grant through the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). In partnership with the County's Department of the Environment, Anacostia Watershed Society, and Defensores de la Cuenca, the workshops and walking tour engaged residents in learning about the benefits of trees, stormwater runoff issues and connection to human health, and other environmental topics. These events encouraged residents to plant trees on their own property and shared information on County resources for tree plantings. Congratulations to the City of Hyattsville on this impactful project!

### **Rebates Available for Homeowners, Businesses and Other Property Owners**

# RAIN CHECK REBATE

GET REBATES FOR...



Rain  
Barrels



Cisterns



Urban Tree  
Canopy



Rain  
Gardens



Pavement  
Removal



Permeable  
Pavement



Green  
Roofs

*...and help keep Prince George's County beautiful and healthy!*

The Prince George's County [Rain Check Rebate Program](#) offers incentives to homeowners, businesses, and other property owners to install practices that will reduce stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and improve the health of our local rivers.

The seven stormwater practices eligible for rebates include rain barrels, cisterns, urban tree canopy plantings, rain gardens, pavement removal, permeable pavement installation, and green roofs.

The total maximum rebate amount for the lifetime of a property is \$6,000 for residential properties and \$20,000 for commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. **Please note that the total maximum rebate amount for residential properties has increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000 as of March 2022.** So, if you previously had reached the cap, you may be able to apply for more projects now!

[Learn More & Apply](#)

**Accokeek Resident Receives \$2,850 Rebate for Tree Plantings**



Earlier this year, a resident from Accokeek participated in the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#) to plant 19 native trees on their property. The resident received a \$2,850 (\$150 x 19 trees) rebate which covered over 95% of the total costs spent on the project. In total, the resident planted six sugar maple trees, nine persimmon trees, and four paw-paw trees. These new trees help absorb more runoff compared to turf grass and provide additional shade around the home. In addition, persimmon and paw-paw trees produce edible fruits! Congratulations to this resident on a successful project and thanks for their efforts to improve our environment!



## Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Shannon Taylor at [staylor@cbtrust.org](mailto:staylor@cbtrust.org) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



## Events and Opportunities

### Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month. Every year during the month of November, the nation joins together to honor and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Native Americans and Indigenous peoples, as well as to acknowledge their significant contributions and achievements to our history, society, and culture. This year, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks officially declared November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month in Prince George's County. While this month is coming to a close, continue to educate yourself and others and celebrate the cultures of the indigenous groups whose land Prince George's County sits on. You can use this map to identify what indigenous land you live on <https://native-land.ca/>.

### We're Hiring a Program Coordinator to Help Support Prince George's Programs at the Chesapeake Bay Trust

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks a qualified candidate to serve as Program Coordinator to support the work in the Restoration Department. The Program Coordinator is responsible for supporting the Prince George's Rain Check Rebate program and the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. These programs represent work under our partnership with Prince George's County Department of the Environment. This person will be a key member of a twenty-four person staff.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

### Prince George's County Expanded Composting Service

Starting the week of November 7, eligible residents in north, central, and south County will receive a wheeled green cart and kitchen pail to collect their food scraps and yard trim for Monday composting pickup. Residents will also receive educational materials to support the successful preparation of materials, which will include a How-To Guide, a refrigerator magnet listing acceptable food and paper items, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and a list of acceptable compostable bags/liners if you choose to line your wheeled cart. Residents can find the English and Spanish language versions of these documents online at [mypgc.us/compost](http://mypgc.us/compost). PGC Composts accepts your everyday food scraps, including fruits and vegetables, dairy products, bread and pasta, meat and bones, pizza boxes, seafood, shellfish like Maryland crabs, and pumpkins, in addition to yard trim. Items that are not accepted and can contaminate your compost include leftover grease or any liquids, plastic, Styrofoam™, diapers, pet waste, and household trash or litter. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items can be found at [mypgc.us/compost](http://mypgc.us/compost).

# WHAT CAN I COMPOST?

¿Qué se Puede Compostar?



## Yard Trim

Recortes de Jardín

## Bread, Pasta and Grains

Pan, Pasta y Granos

## Dairy Products

Productos Lácteos



## Fruits and Vegetables

Frutas y Vegetales

## Meat and Bones

Carne y Huesos

## Seafood and Shellfish

Pescados y Mariscos

## Uncoated Paper Plates and Bags

Bolsas y Platos de Papel Sin Recubrimiento

## Eggs and Egg Shells

Huevos y Cáscaras de Huevo

## Tea Bags and Loose Tea

Bolsas de Té y Té a Granel

## Paper Towels and Napkins

Toallitas de Papel y Servilletas

## Paper Ice Cream Containers

Contenedor de Helado de Papel

## Pizza Boxes

Cajas de Pizza

## Coffee Grounds and Filters

Granos de Café y Filtros

## Leftovers

Restos de Comida

## Food-soiled Paper

Papel Sucio con Restos de Comida

## COMPOSTING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3:

- ① Put your kitchen pail in a convenient location
- ② Empty contents of pail into green cart
- ③ Put green cart curbside by 6 a.m. Monday

[mypgc.us/compost](http://mypgc.us/compost)



## 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 \$140 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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