



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## Grant Funding Available – Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program – Applications Due 1/3/2023



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!

## 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.

Attend an information session on Tuesday 11/1, from 5pm to 6:30pm to learn more. Register at <https://bit.ly/3TEQNKJ>

[Learn More and Apply](#)

## Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

### Green Innovation and Climate Resiliency in the Town of Edmonston



Did you know the Town of Edmonston is home to one of the “Greenest Streets in America?” The Town has installed several “green streets” in their communities and industrial district. Overall, the green streets include over 30 green infrastructure practices such as rain gardens, pervious pavement, street trees, and bioretention cells. The Town received several grants through the [Prince George’s Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) to install many of these practices. Two innovative techniques in particular include pervious curb and gutter systems (the first in Maryland!) and “in-situ” bioretention design and construction which is cost-effective and produces similar outcomes to traditional methods. All of these green infrastructure practices reduce flooding, improve water quality, improve air quality, reduce urban heat effects, and support climate resiliency goals for the Town, County, State, and beyond.

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## **Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Rain Garden Reduces Runoff, Erosion, and Flooding & Adds Beautiful Community Green Space**



Several years ago, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) received a grant to install a stormwater management system in the community. This system includes a stone diaphragm, stone swale, and rain garden that work together to intercept and capture runoff from the parking lot, sidewalk, and roofs of nearby homes. Since the installation, GHI has noticed significant improvements. The rain garden also offers a beautiful community space.

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## **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 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!

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## Windsor Green Homeowner's Association Receives \$20,000 Rebate for Removing 12,812 Square Feet of Pavement



This past summer, the Windsor Green Homeowner's Association (HOA) removed two of their old, unused tennis courts totaling 12,812 square feet of pavement. The area was regraded and converted to lawn and Windsor Green HOA plans to transform the site into a community green space with trees and native plantings. This project is part of a larger effort by the Windsor Green

HOA to improve the shared community spaces to better meet the needs of residents and help support a healthy environment. Windsor Green HOA received a rebate of \$20,000 for this project. Congratulations to the Windsor Green HOA for the successful completion of their project!

## Tips to Prepare Your Rain Check Yard for Winter



As winter approaches, it is important to maintain and prepare your rain barrels, rain gardens, and other practices for the cold temperatures to ensure that they continue to function properly. A Rain Check Yard is a property that has installed one or more of the seven eligible practices from the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate program](#).

Here are five tips to help you prepare your Rain Check Yard:

- Drain and disconnect rain barrels.
- Remove leaves and other debris from rain gardens and permeable pavement.
- Apply a new layer of mulch in rain gardens and around trees.
- Use salt not sand, which can cause clogging, in moderation to melt ice on permeable pavement.
- Continue to water young trees this fall if they do not receive 1.5 inches of rain per week.

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### 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.



**Tiaa Rutherford, County's Litter Reduction Manager, on WUSA9 to Speak about Litter Reducation Efforts**



Watch the County's own Tia Rutherford on WUSA9 speak about the efforts the County is making to tackle litter in our communities. We can all help reduce litter and keep our communities clean and healthy. Click the image above to watch the video or [click here](#).

[Learn More about the County's Litter Reduction Program](#)

## Events and Opportunities

### **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.

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### **Prince George's County Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Event**

County residents looking for a way to dispose of both household hazardous waste and old electronics safely can drop off their items on Saturday, October 29, at Friendly Senior High School, 10000 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, from 8am to 1pm. Some accepted items include oil-based paints, pesticides, herbicides, propane tanks, household batteries, cell phones, and computer monitors. To see a list of other accepted items, visit [bit.ly/pgcwastefacilities](http://bit.ly/pgcwastefacilities).

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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