



Prince George's County Newsletter

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Stormwater Best Management Practices *Improving Prince George's County Waterways Through Stormwater Implementation Projects*



Greenbelt Homes, Inc.'s Rain Garden at 20 Court Ridge *Reducing Stormwater Runoff, Erosion, and Flooding in the Community*

[Greenbelt Homes, Inc.](#) (GHI) installed a stormwater best management practice comprising of a stone diaphragm, stone swale, and rain garden at 20 Court Ridge in the City of Greenbelt to reduce stormwater runoff, erosion, and flooding in the community. After the installation of the new system, the GHI community has noticed significant improvements including decreased flooding of homes' crawlspaces, walkways, and common areas. The system intercepts, captures, and carries stormwater runoff to a rain garden that slows, captures, and filters the runoff. This project was funded through the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), a partnership between the County and the Trust.

Read more about this project on the Trust's blog, [here](#).



City of College Park

Treating Stormwater Runoff Along Narragansett Parkway

The City of College Park installed two micro-bioretention areas located near the intersection of Narragansett Parkway and Muskogee Street to help treat stormwater runoff along Narragansett Parkway. Stormwater runoff that previously flowed directly into Indian Creek is now treated by these bioretention areas. In addition, the City installed educational signage at the site to inform the community about the purpose and stormwater benefits of the bioretention area. This project was funded in part by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), a partnership between the County and the Trust.

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Maintenance of Stormwater Best Management Practices

Ensuring the Practices Function Properly

A key component to stormwater management is ensuring that the practices installed work as intended and are maintained properly after installation. The [Chesapeake Stormwater Network](#) provides a variety of resources on the inspection and maintenance of stormwater best management practices (BMPs). A few of these resources are listed below.

- This [video](#) provides information on stormwater BMP maintenance. The Town of Forest Heights is highlighted in the video and features the Town's green roof.
- This [technical bulletin](#) outlines a visual indicators approach for constructing, inspecting, maintaining, and verifying the practice.
- This [Homeowner BMP guide](#) was created for homeowners and presents a step by step approach for analyzing your property to determine the appropriate practices to install and designing and installing your practice.

We Want to Hear from You!

Send us your photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to be featured in a future newsletter.

Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Program

Improving Our Waters and Building Community

The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce the fifth year of our partnership for the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#). This grant program supports projects that provide community engagement while treating and controlling stormwater. The goal of this program is to improve communities, improve water quality in the County's waterways, and engage County residents in stormwater solutions.

This year's program focuses on water quality implementation projects (requests for \$50,000 up to \$200,000) and tree planting projects (requests for \$50,000 up to \$150,000). The total anticipated available funding for all tracks is \$550,000 to \$650,000. Please refer to the application package found on the [grant program page](#) for additional details, application instructions, and requirements. **The deadline to apply is September 27, 2018, at 4pm.**



Several recent grantees sat down with us to share how the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship grant program helped fulfill their organizations' mission while making a positive impact in their communities and for the environment. View the video, [here](#).

Visit the [grant projects page](#) to learn more about past projects.

Get Involved

Upcoming Events and Opportunities



DoE Green Summit

Friday, October 5th - 9am to 1:30pm
Kentland Community Center

Join the Prince George's County Department of the Environment for environmental presentations and workshops! [Learn more...](#)

Festival del Río Anacostia (Anacostia River Festival)

Saturday, October 13 - 11am to 4pm
Bladensburg Waterfront Park

The Festival del Rio is a family-oriented event committed to connecting Latino residents with the Anacostia River and the many organizations that promote environmental education and outreach in the watershed and beyond! [Learn more...](#)

Tree Summit 2018

Wednesday, October 17th - 10am to 1pm
Westphalia Community Center

Meadow Restoration Workday

Saturday, October 20th - 2:30pm to 4:30pm
Old Port of Bladensburg

Join the Anacostia Watershed Society to help maintain meadow grassland habitat for pollinators! [Learn more...](#)

Trash to Treasure Green Craft Fair

Saturday, November 10th - 10am to 4pm
Watkins Nature Center

Join the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation for the 10th annual Green Craft Fair! [Learn more...](#)

Leadership Training: Growing the Community Forest

Thursday, November 8th - 9am to 4pm
Hyattsville City Hall

Join Sustainable Maryland for a workshop to learn about the benefits of a healthy community forest, funding sources and

Join the Forestville Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative area and Prince George's County Department of the Environment to learn about the value of trees, how to make "green" cleaning supplies, and view demonstrations by Master Gardeners! [Learn more...](#)

technical assistance available for maintaining and growing your town's tree canopy, and more! [Learn more...](#)

View more events and volunteer opportunities on the Chesapeake Bay Trust's [event calendar](#).

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 \$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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