



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program Is Now Open!



The Prince George's County Department of the Environment and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are proud to announce the tenth 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, 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: Tree Canopy: Outreach, Education, Maintenance, and Preservation (\$50,000 to \$300,000)
- Track 3: Community Awareness and Engagement (\$10,000 to \$60,000)
- Track 4: Illegal Dumping Data Analysis and Forensics (\$10,000 to \$50,000)
- Track 5: Piloting a Co-Payment System for Stormwater Management and Residential Resilience Retrofit Program Projects in the Henson Creek Watershed (up to \$1 million)

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

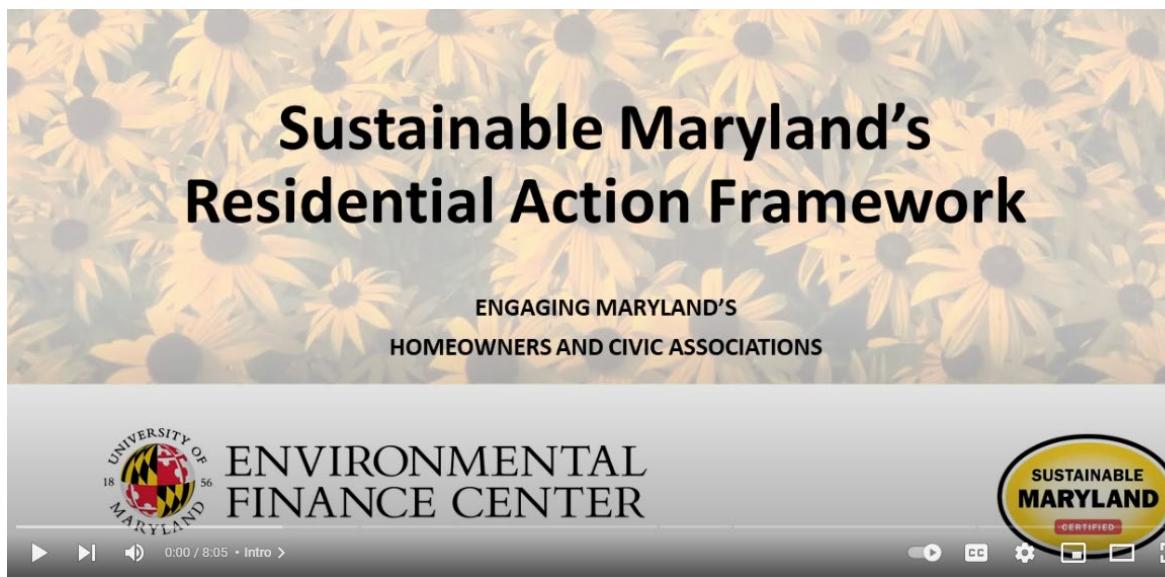
Application deadline: November 30, 2023

Attend an information session on Tuesday 9/26, from 5pm to 6:30pm to learn more. Register at <https://bit.ly/princegeorges1>.

[**Learn More and Apply**](#)

Success Stories from the Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program

UMD EFC Supports Community and Homeowner Associations Prioritizing Sustainability



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), the University of Maryland (UMD) Environmental Finance Center (EFC) worked with four homeowner associations (Brinkley Station HOA, Vista Estates West HOA, Wyndham Woods HOA, & Residences at Victory Promenade HOA) and two civic associations (Oxon Hill CA and University Hills CA) to develop personalized Sustainability Action Plans. Sustainability action plans detail how organizations can achieve sustainability goals over time. The UMD EFC also hosted a County-wide Sustainability Summit that brought more than 65 Prince George's County residents together to share ideas and discuss stormwater management practices that can be implemented in their community. Six Green Teams, comprised of 34 individuals, were formed to help the communities be more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable.

This award builds upon the Sustainable Maryland Residential Action Framework that was piloted in a previous Stormwater Stewardship grant award; both awards successfully engaged homeowner associations, civic associations, and residents while providing opportunities for collaboration. Congratulations on a great project!

[**Learn More About the Sustainable Maryland Residential Action Framework in this Video!**](#)

Pescando Conocimiento, Fishing for Knowledge: Sharing the Connection of Stormwater Runoff and Fishing



With a grant from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), Defensores de la Cuenca partnered with Amigos Vicentinos en la Periferia (AVP) and Anacostia Riverkeeper to provide engagement opportunities for the Latino community to learn about the impact of stormwater runoff on fishing. Engagement focused on relating the communities' passion for fishing and environmental impacts like water quality and stormwater runoff, with the goals of developing behavior change and promoting stewardship. A total of 569 individuals participated in eight events ranging from workshops to tree plantings to an earth day clean up. 100 trees were planted in the Town of Edmonston, and over 400 pounds of trash were picked up. This project also supported the expansion of AVP's organizational capacity with the launch of a new engagement program.

Congratulations on an amazing project!

Beltsville Resident Receives \$2,440 Rebate for Installing Four Cisterns



Cisterns collect rainwater that flows from rooftops and store it for other uses like watering plants. They provide a supplemental water source and reduce the transport of pollutants from impervious surfaces, surfaces that prevent stormwater infiltration, to waterways. In the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program, cisterns must be larger than 250 gallons for all property types. If a resident does not need a larger cistern, smaller rain barrels are also an eligible practice. Cisterns and rain barrels capture and treat stormwater runoff, reduce pollution, and can lower water costs!

The picture above shows four 305 gallon cisterns installed at a residential property in Beltsville, through the [Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program](#). The resident received a rebate of \$2,440 (\$2 per gallon size of the cistern)!

[Learn More About Cisterns](#)

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](#)

Free Training for Landscape Professionals



RAIN CHECK REBATE

Contractor Training

October 4, 2023

DAY 1

Course topics include:

- ▶ Urban Tree Canopy
- ▶ Rain Barrels
- ▶ Cisterns
- ▶ Rain Gardens
- ▶ Permeable Pavement
- ▶ Pavement Removal
- ▶ Green Roofs

DETAILS

DATE / TIME

October 4, 2023

8:15AM - 4:30PM

(RAIN DATE: October 5, 2023)

LOCATION

1801 McCormick Drive
Largo, MD 20774
1st Floor Conference Room

COST

Free of Charge for
Landscape Professionals!
BYO Lunch!

Did you know that Prince George's County's Rain Check Program offers rebates to homeowners, businesses and others to install best management practices (BMPs) intended to capture stormwater runoff? This training is designed to provide landscape professionals with practical hands on information on the seven Rain Check Rebate practices and processes. Special emphasis is placed on rain gardens, pavement removal and permeable pavement.

This all-day training teaches landscape professionals how to plan, design, construct and maintain Rain Check Rebate practices. Classroom exercises provide guidance on practice selection, site assessment and site selection. After completion of the classroom training, participants are eligible to sign up for Day 2, which will be a field day to further hone their skills and help install or assess stormwater BMPs. Participants who successfully complete both sessions (classroom training + field day) will be added to the [County's public list](#) of landscape professionals who have completed the Rain Check Rebate Contractor Training.

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to: https://raincheck_october2023.eventbrite.com.

Click "Reserve a spot" and RSVP for FREE!

Questions? Contact kmattern@lidcenter.org



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This free, all-day training will provide landscape professionals with practical hands-on information on Rain Check Rebate practices and processes, with special emphasis on rain gardens, pavement removal, and permeable pavement.

Landscape professionals will learn how to plan, design, construct and maintain Rain Check Rebate practices. After completion of the Day 1 classroom training, participants are eligible to sign up for Day 2, in the field. Professionals who successfully complete both sessions will be added to the County's public list of contractors, which is a great resource for Rain Check Rebate applicants!

[**Register for the Contractor Training**](#)

Maintenance Support Available for Rain Check Rebate Participants

MAINTAINING STORMWATER PRACTICES IN THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED

Receive FREE assistance with your stormwater practices!



Have you had a stormwater practice installed through the Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program? Introducing the Maintaining Stormwater Practices in the Anacostia Watershed program! This program is funded by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation to help support residential property owners with maintenance of their Rain Check Rebate projects. This program offers support for Anacostia watershed residents through:

- [**Free Inspections**](#): A landscape professional will evaluate your stormwater practice and provide a written report of maintenance recommendations
- [**Discounted Maintenance**](#): 50% of the cost, up to \$750, could be covered for the maintenance of your green feature while you learn proper maintenance techniques through hands-on preparation
- [**Stormwater Maintenance Resource Center**](#): Check out the online maintenance resources for more information about caring for your stormwater practices
- [**Green Ambassadors Program \(GAP\)**](#): Are you interested in joining a community volunteer maintenance team to maintain neighborhood stormwater practices, including yours?

If you are interested in participating, please review the [Property Owner Guide](#) or visit the [Stormwater Maintenance Resources website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kristen Parsons
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Thank you for doing your part to improve water quality and promoting a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake Bay!

In partnership,



Opportunity for Increased Urban Tree Canopy Rebates in Underserved Communities

Additional Resources for Urban Tree Canopy Projects

New! Increased rebates for tree planting projects in eligible underserved communities

Additional rebate funding will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

See the Rain Check Rebate program website or contact program staff at rebate@cbctrust.org for more details.



You may be eligible for a \$300 rebate for every 2 to 2 ½ inch caliper or larger native tree installed on your property! The Prince George's County Department of the Environment was awarded funds to supplement existing tree planting programs as part of the Five Million

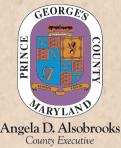
Maryland Trees for Climate Progress initiative. If your property is located within a designated underserved area, you may be eligible for an increased rebate.

*Native trees should be planted between the months of October and May to optimize survival and success of the tree. Start planning your fall planting now!

This is a pilot program contingent on funding. Contact rebate@cbtrust.org for more information.

[**Learn More about this Program**](#)

Save the Date- Prince George's County Green Summit



Saturday
October 21, 2023

**David C. Driskell
Community Park**
3911 Hamilton Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781

10AM - 3PM



For more information, including vendor opportunities
and registration, visit mypgc.us/greensummit



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HYATTSVILLE



Prince George's County Department of the Environment is holding its 9th annual Green Summit on Saturday October 21, 2023 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the David C. Driskell Community Park in Hyattsville.

Don't miss out on food trucks, green vendors, and much more!

[Learn More about the Green Summit](#)

Bag it Right in Prince George's County

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in Prince George's County



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



Effective January 1, 2024, Prince George's County prohibits a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and, with certain exceptions*, must charge and retain at least 10 cents for each paper carryout or reusable bag provided to a customer.

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Join the Bladensburg Green Team!



The graphic features a circular overlay on a background photograph of two people carrying green bags. The overlay contains the text "JOIN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG GREEN TEAM" in large green letters, with "APPLY TODAY!" in a yellow box at the bottom. A small lightbulb icon with a plant inside is positioned next to the word "GREEN". The Town of Bladensburg seal is located in the top left corner of the main image.

Volunteer Application On
www.BladensburgMD.gov

The Town of Bladensburg is recruiting new members for its Green Team. This committee aims to bring together Town staff, volunteers, and community stakeholders to help educate, inspire, empower, and encourage residents and businesses to incorporate sustainable practices as part of their daily lives.

If you are a Bladensburg resident and are interested in applying, fill out the volunteer form linked below or contact Ray Jefferies at rjefferies@bladensburgmd.gov.

[Volunteer Form](#)

Be Featured in Our Newsletter!

Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Megan Andreasen at mandreasen@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



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 \$146 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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