



# Prince George's County Newsletter

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## News & Updates

### Chesapeake Conservation Corps Celebrates Graduates and Welcomes Incoming Class



"Without a healthy Bay, you do not have a healthy economy," said Senator Van Hollen at the Chesapeake Bay Trust's Chesapeake Conservation Corps graduation of the class of 2019 and induction of the class of 2020.

The [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) program invests in the state's young people, providing valuable job skills training and promoting the green economy in Maryland. The program matches young people ages 18-25 with nonprofit and government organizations for one-year terms of service, focused on improving local communities and protecting natural resources.

The incoming class of 2020 includes 37 Corps members, with four members working with organizations in Prince George's County. Learn more about the program, the graduating class, and the incoming class, [here](#).

Watch the [Prince George's Community Television](#) coverage of the event [here](#) and see the entire live streamed video of the event [here](#).

## #MusselPower for a Clean and Healthy Anacostia River



*Photo credit: Anacostia Watershed Society*

Mussels are beneficial animals. As filter feeders, they help clean the water by eating algae, plankton, and bacteria. The Anacostia River used to be a hotspot for mussels in the region; however, deforestation, land use changes, urbanization, and pollution have taken a toll.

The [Anacostia Watershed Society](#) (AWS) is working to restore [eight species](#) of freshwater mussel populations in the Anacostia River. AWS is currently propagating mussels at eight sites along the river and one site at [Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens](#). In addition, AWS has brought their mussel restoration work into classrooms through their [Mussel Power program](#).

AWS is deploying over 9,000 mussels into the Anacostia River. If each one of those mussels is filtering at least 10 gallons of water a day, they will be filtering about 50 Olympic-sized swimming pools in a year!

[View this story map](#) and visit the [Anacostia Watershed Society's blog](#) to learn more about [#MusselPower](#) in the Anacostia River.

## Watershed Stewards Academy Now Open for Applications



Are you motivated to tackle pollution problems in your neighborhood parks and streams? Do you want to learn more about what you can do to make our waterways healthier?

If so, apply to the National Capital Region [Watershed Stewards Academy](#) (WSA) today!

The WSA equips and supports residents in recognizing and addressing water pollution issues in their community. At the completion of the program, participants will become certified Master Watershed Stewards who engage their community in reducing polluted runoff and to keeping their neighborhoods clean and beautiful.

## Project Highlights from Awardees of the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program



### Alice Ferguson Foundation Implements Practices to Improve Water Quality and Educate Visitors

The [Alice Ferguson Foundation](#) is a nonprofit organization in Accokeek, Maryland. In 2014, they received a grant award to implement a variety of stormwater management practices on their property and provide stormwater education to teachers, students, and visitors. One of the practices they installed were two 1,500 gallon cisterns. These cisterns, which collect rainwater that would otherwise flow off of building roofs, prevents polluted runoff from entering nearby waterways. These cisterns divert rainwater from the site, serve as a demonstration of stormwater management, and the collected rainwater is used for irrigation of gardens on the property. This project was funded by the [Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#).

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

#### We Want to Hear from You!

Keep us updated! Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Nguyen Le at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

## Events and Opportunities

### **Bird Walk**

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:30am to 12:30pm  
Fran Uhler Natural Area, Bowie

*Explore the mature woodlands and open water wetland that features migrant warblers, barred owls, and more! [Learn more](#)*

### **Anacostia River Paddle Night**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
Bladensburg Waterfront Park, Bladensburg

*Join the Anacostia Watershed Society for a paddle night and discover your Anacostia River! [Learn more](#)*

### **Electric Vehicle Car Show**

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 11am to 4pm  
The City Building Parking Lot, Hyattsville

*Kick off National Drive Electric Week and see electric vehicles from all around the Washington, D.C. area, including Hyattsville's own fully marked Chevrolet Bolt Police Cruiser! [Learn more](#)*

### **Migration Celebration: Birding Festival**

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - 9am to noon  
Lake Artemesia Park, Berwyn Heights

*Celebrate birds at this family friendly event and enjoy bird and nature walks, live owls, a raptor talk, and more! [Learn more](#)*

### **Migration Celebration: Flight Festival**

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - 1pm to 4pm  
College Park Aviation Museum, College Park

*Come for an afternoon of guest speakers, bird art exhibits, film fest, meet a glider pilot and the Oriole Bird, and more! [Learn more](#)*

### **Hyattsville Community Cleanup**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am to noon  
West Hyattsville Metro Station, Hyattsville

*Help keep the community clean and prevent litter from polluting the Anacostia River with the Anacostia Watershed Society! [Learn more](#)*

## 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 \$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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