



Prince George's County Newsletter

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News & Updates

Chesapeake Bay Trust Presents at the Prince George's County Green Summit



Earlier this month, the Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust), along with other community organizations, vendors, and residents, attended this year's Prince George's County Green Summit, hosted by the Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE).

The Trust was honored to attend and be a presenter for one of the workshops at the event. The Trust's Sadie Drescher and Bre'Anna Brooks, joined by Ken Krantz from the Prince George's DoE, presented at the workshop.

Bre'Anna shared the financial and technical resources available for beautifying properties and treating stormwater runoff using the [Rain Check Rebate](#) program. Bre'Anna and Ken also provided a demonstration of a rain barrel installation.

Sadie led a [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#) BINGO game where the audience conceptualized potential grant project ideas. The audience then learned how to apply to the grant program which is available now for neighborhoods, towns, and other nonprofit organizations interested in greening efforts.

Thank you, Prince George's DoE, for putting on a wonderful event!

Apply Now! Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program



The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are excited to announce the sixth year of our partnership for the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program.

What this funds: This program funds on-the-ground restoration activities that improve neighborhoods, improve water quality, and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of local rivers and streams.

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

Project types requested:

- Water quality projects (track 1) for \$50,000 to \$200,000
- Tree planting projects (track 2) for \$50,000 to \$150,000
- Citizen awareness and engagement projects (track 3) for \$5,000 to \$50,000

Learn about previously funded projects through this program [here](#).

Total available funding: \$750,000 for tracks 1 and 3 and \$250,000 for track 2.

Project location: Prince George's County, Maryland, excluding the City of Bowie. All projects are done in and support citizens of Prince George's County.

Review process: All applications go through a Technical Review Committee. The technical team reviews the proposals based on cost benefit, experience, suitability for implementation, consistency with the Request for Proposals (RFP), sustainability, and other selection criteria that are relevant to the proposal and identified in the RFP.

Applications are due Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 4pm EST.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Free Workshop to Learn about Green Infrastructure Funding Resources and Tips



The Town of Edmonston's green street rendering for Decatur Street. [Learn more.](#)

Join us on Wednesday, November 6th from 8:30am to 4:30pm for the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Program workshop in Fairfax, VA. Local governments and nonprofits are highly encouraged to attend.

Over the past eight years, the G3 program has awarded over \$10 million to communities across the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This program assists neighborhoods to reduce stormwater runoff, increase the number and amount of green spaces, improve the health of local waterways, and enhance quality of life.

Meet and mingle with awardees and applicants interested in implementing green infrastructure in their neighborhoods and towns. Share your experiences with green infrastructure projects and learn about funding resources for doing these projects in your neighborhood and/or town.

While this forum focuses on the G3 program which has made several awards in Prince George's County (e.g. City of College Park, City of Greenbelt, City of Hyattsville, City of Mount Rainier, Town of Capitol Heights, Town of Colmar Manor, Town of Edmonston, and Town of University Park), we will also discuss additional funding partnerships throughout the Chesapeake Bay, such as the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program.

Chesapeake Bay Trust Program Officer, Sadie Drescher, will attend this workshop and is available to discuss your Prince George's County grant ideas. She is also available by phone at (410) 974-2941 x105 and by email at sdrescher@cbtrust.org.

We hope to see you there!

[Learn More & Reserve Your Seat](#)

Winter is Coming! Here are 5 Tips to Prepare Your Rain Check Yard



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.

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.

What is a Rain Check Yard?

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. The seven eligible practices include rain barrels, cisterns, tree plantings, rain gardens, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs. This program provides reimbursements to property owners for installing these approved practices.

Rain Check Rebate participants can receive a yard sign to proudly display their commitment to keeping our waterways healthy and clean!

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Send us any news, photos, project success stories, and upcoming events to Nguyen Le at nle@cbtrust.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



Events and Opportunities

Living Architecture: Green Walls for Residential and Community Scales

Thursday, October 24th - 6pm to 8pm
University of Maryland, College Park

Learn from experts on how you can use green walls, green roofs, and vertical gardens in your community! [Learn more](#)

Fall Stormwater Festival

Saturday, October 26th - 10am to 1pm
The Clean Water Partnership, Upper Marlboro

Join this family friendly event for stormwater exhibits, interactive games and activities, rain barrel giveaways, and more! [Learn more](#)

Jug Bay Run/Walk for Wildlife

Saturday, November 2nd - 9am
Patuxent River Park, Upper Marlboro

Join this run and walk to support wildlife in the Patuxent River watershed! Proceeds directly support projects, research, and education. [Learn more](#)

Bird Walk: Luther Goldman Birding Trail

Thursday, November 7th - 3pm to 6:30pm
Lake Artemesia, Berwyn Heights

Join the Prince George's Audubon Society for a fun walk to learn about and see birds! [Learn more](#)

Nonprofit Empowerment Symposium

Thursday, November 14th - 8am to 5pm
Bowie State University, Bowie

An opportunity for nonprofits to engage in panel discussions, which will educate and empower your board members, leadership, staff, and volunteers in sound financial, administrative, and organizational stewardship. [Learn more](#)

Invasive Plant Removal

Saturday, November 16th - 10am to 2pm
Magruder Woods, Hyattsville

Help keep Magruder Woods healthy by learning how to identify and remove non-native, invasive plants! [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.

For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations.

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