

**Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Information Session Questions and Answers**  
**9/26/2023**

This document provides a list of questions and answers discussed during the information session held on 9/26/2023. Learn more about the grant program at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship/>. Contact Nguyen Le at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org) or 410-974-2941 x 110. If a meeting is needed, schedule one with Nguyen at [https://calendly.com/nle\\_cbtrust](https://calendly.com/nle_cbtrust).

- 1. On Track 1 Water Quality Implementation, when considering taking an existing project that has a current design grant through the Chesapeake Bay Trust, what are the requirements related to open bid? For instance, our team has a stormwater engineer, and we would consider moving forward with the same team. Is competitive bid required?**

Competitive bid is not required but recommended in this program. Generally, if hiring a contractor, applicants are encouraged to have either already obtained cost estimates or quotes from at least three service providers prior to completing the application or indicate in the proposal that at least three estimates or quotes were or will be obtained.

- 2. I love the map that you provided on your website - is there a way to get in touch with some of the organizations who have been awarded previously? We'd like to learn more from folks who have connected with Latino/x populations and BIPOC populations.**

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's Awarded Projects Map (<https://cbtrust.org/impact-of-our-work/>) allows users to filter the map by various criteria such as program, project type, description keyword, and more. Clicking on a data point will open a pop-up box that provides additional information about the awarded project such as the organization. You can filter the map to see previously awarded projects through the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. We have additional information on previously awarded projects on the grant program website at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship/>. If you'd like help in making connections with organizations, you can reach out to Nguyen Le at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org).

- 3. Can funds be used to hire a professional to ID specimen trees, assess their health, and give advice on their care?**

Yes, for the maintenance and preservation components of Track 2 Tree Canopy, applicants may request funds to hire a contractor to support this work.

- 4. Can you speak more on potential project that might fall under the invasive species education?**

Invasive species education can include holding workshops or educational events to educate community members about invasive species, why they are a problem, and how to address the issue. These events can be paired with invasive species removal at a site in the community.

- 5. Can the Chesapeake Bay Trust send someone out to qualify specimen trees?**

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is unable to do this and unfortunately the County Department of Environment does not have the bandwidth to do this currently. We encourage you to reach out to an

arborist or other individual/organization with expertise to assist with this.

6. **Our HOA needs help assessing what we need before getting contractor bids. We know we want to preserve our trees (most are large, 20+ years old) on nearly 20 acres. We also have a large retaining wall that needs improvement. How should we get started?**

The first step would be to reach out to Nguyen Le directly (NLe@cbtrust.org) to talk about potential project ideas and how your ideas fit into the project tracks. We also do site visits and can provide input and ideas. We are here to support any questions and we can/will invite the County staff to join us on the site as needed/available.

7. **Would you have someone available to do a brief presentation on the Rain Check Rebate program at one of our Zoom HOA meetings?**

Yes, the Rain Check Rebate staff are available to present on the program. Please reach out to [rebate@cbtrust.org](mailto:rebate@cbtrust.org).

8. **I have an edible landscaping company called Dandelion Foodscapes and I have performed storm water management practices on my property and client's. Can I apply these programs to my client's work and possibly combine it with community outreach? I would love to talk more about getting more involved. Or are these programs only for nonprofit entities?**

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply to the Prince George's Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program. However, a for-profit entity may serve as a project partner with a nonprofit, homeowners association, or other eligible applicant. Please reach out to Nguyen Le at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org) to discuss further.

9. **Would it be allowable for a community-based organization to partner with a municipality in a proposal? I'm wondering if this has ever happened.**

Yes! This has happened and the program welcomes applications from municipalities or nonprofits as the main applicant AND partnering together is ideal (nonprofit and municipality). Our website (<https://cbtrust.org/grants/prince-georges-stormwater-stewardship/>) has the list of past projects which includes many led by municipalities and many led by community organizations done in partnership with municipalities.

10. **Should we contact specific people based on the Track that we are applying for?**

Nguyen Le is the main point of contact for this grant program. She can be reached at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org).

11. **Can we combine tracks?**

It depends on which tracks you are considering. Some tracks are best suited as standalone, and some tracks may be able to be combined into one application. Please reach out to Nguyen Le at [nle@cbtrust.org](mailto:nle@cbtrust.org) to discuss further.