



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



THANK YOU

We at the Trust would like to thank all those who attended and participated in producing our 22nd Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration-we could not have it without you!

The Trust would like to thank all donors, sponsors, attendees and teams involved in making our virtual event such a success! Since 1985, the Chesapeake Bay Trust has awarded more than \$100 million in grants and projects for environmental education, community outreach, local watershed restoration, and science engaging hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in projects that have a measurable impact on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. These grants, both large and small, accomplish on-the-ground restoration work and community engagement that not only is improving water quality but is also making our communities greener. Together, with the support of committed businesses like yours, we are making real progress toward protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

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Bittersweet moments are being shared at the Trust as we say goodbye to our [Chesapeake Conservation Corps \(CCC\)](#) class of 2019-2020 graduates and welcome our new cohort! Created by the Maryland Legislature to invest in the state's young people, the CCC provides valuable job skills training and promotes the green economy in Maryland. Last month, 37 Corps members met virtually their 35 host organizations to learn more about their job responsibilities for the upcoming year, which will be shaped this year by COVID-19 as Corps members follow state and local guidance and their host site's policies on remote work and social distancing. "In these tough times, more and more of us are realizing the importance of our natural resources as use of parks and other outdoor resources increases," said Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio of [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#), one of the key partner funders of the program.

[Read the full press release here!](#)



"The future of environmentalism is intersectional and inclusive!" In 2015, the [Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund](#), working through [Chispa](#)--a Maryland program that seeks to empower the Latino community to take action to protect natural resources and build healthy neighborhoods, received an award through the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program to engage members of Prince George's County Latino community in educational experiences designed to improve local water quality and the health of the community! Read the full success story of Langley Park in our blog.

[Read the full article here](#)



Get to know our recent CCC alumni Sam Myers and her work with The Nature Conservancy. During her time at [The Nature Conservancy](#), Myers learned about restoration, land management, and conservation science. One of her favorite things to experience (before COVID-19 restrictions were put in place in Maryland) was exploring the Delmarva Bay wetlands on the Eastern Shore, Central Appalachian forests and montane bogs in western Maryland. Even though she grew up in Maryland, Sam admits, she had no idea of the vastly diverse ecological communities feeding into the treasured Chesapeake Bay. (Presented above, Myers assisting with a controlled burn at Plum Creek Cedar Swamp on the Eastern Shore in January 2020.)

[Read the full article here](#)

AROUND THE BAY

An indigenous tribe conserves its ancestral landscapes. The Piscataway Conoy Tribe collaborates with Potomac River Networks in efforts to promote environmental conservation and protection of the Patuxent River to the public. Read the [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) full article [here](#).

Four facts you "otter" know about Potomac River otters. Want to know more about the Potomac River's native animal? Learn some interesting facts about the aquatic critters in [The Potomac Conservancy's](#) full blogpost [here](#).

Will the rusty crawfish get its claws on more Chesapeake streams? Typically found in the Ohio River watershed, the rusty crayfish has made its way into the Bay destroying underwater vegetation. Read more about the invasive crustaceans in the full [Bay Journal](#) article [here](#).

Frederick County passes strongest tree measures in all of Maryland. The Potomac Conservancy in partnership with over 300 supporters urged the Frederick County Council to pass two critical forest protections. Read the [Potomac Conservancy's](#) full article [here](#).

Clues of a growing blue crab. Ever wondered how a blue crab sheds its shell? Learn some pointers from Chesapeake watermen in The [Chesapeake Bay Program's](#) article [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Because of the rapidly changing environment resulting from COVID-19, The Trust is suspending promotion of grantee and partner events to minimize misinformation.

Nature Nuts Outdoor Program

Session I: Wednesday, September 9 to Friday, October 16
Alice Ferguson Foundation, Accokeek

Nature Nuts is an outdoor enrichment program led by experienced educators for early childhood and elementary-age students. Safety note: COVID-19 CDC and Maryland State Guidelines will be followed. [Learn more](#)

The Language of Birds

Wednesday, September 9 - 7pm to 8:30pm
Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Webinar

All around us, birds are constantly telling us who they are and what they are doing. Nathan Pieplow, author of the Peterson Field Guide to Bird Sounds, will provide an accessible and entertaining introduction to "The Language of Birds." [Learn more](#)

Virtual Native Plant Week

Monday, September 14 to Friday, September 18
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Virtual

Celebrate native plants with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay! Throughout the week of September 14th - 18th, The Alliance will be sharing videos related to their love for native plants. [Learn more](#)



When you purchase your Maryland fishing license online, remember to make a contribution that supports cleaner water, fish and wildlife habitats!

Help us restore and protect the Chesapeake's rivers and streams.

Get your fishing license online and support the *MD Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund*

Visit <https://cbtrust.org/mdoutdoors/>



Many dealerships and tag & title agents are OPEN and working to process vehicle sales, deliveries, and registrations. Support area businesses who support the Chesapeake Bay!
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Find a Maryland tag & title agent here.



Healing, Hunting, and Fishing Fund



Hunters and anglers who obtain licenses online through the MD Dept. of Natural Resources' Compass registration system can make a contribution to support therapeutic and outdoor recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, or workforce development for green jobs.

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Created to engage those who want to make it possible for the Trust to meet the increasing demands of restoring and protecting our natural resources. Read more and join [here](#).

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benefits The Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Federal, State, and Local Campaigns:

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

Monthly Giving:

At any level, monthly giving is an easy and efficient way to invest in the Chesapeake Bay's recovery. Your monthly gift will ensure that the Trust can provide everyday citizens with the resources they need to accomplish projects that have a measurable, positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake and its rivers and streams. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).

The Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund

Fishers, boaters, and hunters who obtain registration or licenses through Maryland Department of Natural Resources [Compass online registration system](#) can make a contribution to support fish and wildlife habitat, clean water, wetlands, and k-12 student field trips.

Chesapeake Bay License Plates:

Did you know that sales of the Chesapeake Bay license plates support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at any time [online](#), through a [tag agent](#), or in person at the MVA. As a Chesapeake Bay plate owner, you are invited to join our Plate Perks program, giving you preferred parking or discounts at a growing number of businesses!

Shop the Chesapeake Bay Trust

The iconic images of the Bay Bridge, crabs, grasses and blue skies all resonate with Marylanders far and wide and are now available on selected items curated by Trust staff through our online [shop](#).

ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, 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 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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