

Chesapeake Bay Trust Grantee Newsletter

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Grants: Upcoming Deadlines and Open Programs

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's grant-making strategies are shaped by three core objectives: environmental education, demonstration-based restoration, and community engagement. We look to these objectives as basic touchstones for developing our programs, engaging new partners, and communicating about our work.

Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program: September 16, 2021 at 4PM EDT

The Chesapeake Oyster Innovation Award Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Oyster Alliance and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The award program seeks to increase knowledge about oyster fisheries or oyster aquaculture, advance small-scale technologies for either increasing oyster populations or oyster aquaculture, and increase oyster fishery or aquaculture measurement/ monitoring techniques or activities.

<u>Contractual Services- Prince George's County Department of Environment</u> Illegal Dumping Pilot Program: September 22, 2021 at 4PM EDT

The Trust seeks qualified a contractor to conduct research and various activities to help deeper understanding of illegal dumping activities and solutions to combat illegal dumping in Prince George's County to support the "Growing Green with Pride" program. The Trust encourages proposals from contractors within Prince George's County; however, proposals from contractors outside of Prince George's County are eligible.

Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Program: November 11, 2021 at 4PM EDT

The Anne Arundel County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust are partnering to provide funds for forestry projects and land protection in Anne Arundel County. The goal of the program is to implement cost- effective reforestation and greening projects and increase the number of acres of protected forested land in the County.

Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program: December 2, 2021 at 4PM EDT

The Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach Grant Program is a partnership between the Montgomery County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that funds public outreach and stewardship projects, community-based restoration water quality implementation projects, and litter reduction projects in the Anacostia River Watershed through trash trap maintenance and monitoring.

<u>Charles County Forestry</u>: Rolling deadline

The Charles County Forestry Grant Program is a partnership between the Charles County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust that aims to fund cost-effective reforestation projects in the County to increase tree canopy and as a result create forest habitat and improve water quality in the county's local watersheds and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

<u>Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program</u>: Rolling deadline

The Community Engagement and Restoration Mini Grant Program is designed to engage Maryland residents in activities that enhance communities, engage residents, and improve natural resources. This program funds small-scale activities such as tree plantings, rain gardens, stream cleanups, and storm drain stenciling, among others.

Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate: Rolling deadline

The Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate Program offers rebate incentives to homeowners, businesses, and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce pollution, and improve local stream and river health. Seven types of stormwater practices are eligible for rebates: rain barrels, cisterns, rain gardens, urban tree canopy, pavement removal, permeable pavement, and green roofs.

Sponsorship Program: Rolling deadline

The Sponsorship Program is designed to support events that will increase awareness and knowledge among event participants about issues pertaining to restoration and protection of the natural resources of the Chesapeake and/or Maryland's other watersheds. The Trust will also entertain requests that promote the following major sources of revenue for the Trust: 1) the "Treasure the Chesapeake" license plate program; 2) the Chesapeake and Endangered Species Tax Check-off on the Maryland State income tax form; and 3) the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund.

For questions concerning any of the above open opportunities, please refer to the specific webpage for the Program Officer assigned to the Award Program.



Learn about projects supported by the Trust and get inspired using our NEW interactive map!

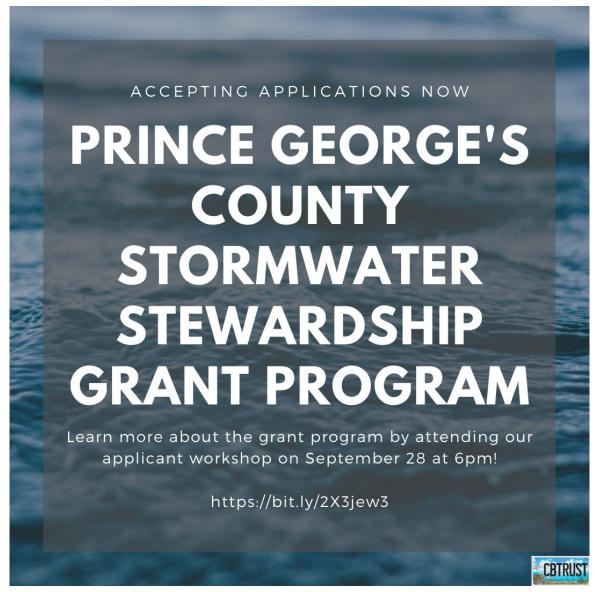
The map currently displays over 2,000 awarded projects throughout the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River.

Thank **YOU**, our grantees, for the fantastic work you are doing. We also extend our thanks to our many federal, state, local, corporate, and foundation partners, and donors, who enable us to expand our reach and make these projects possible. This map is a reflection of our collaboration, and we are proud of the work we've accomplished thus far and will accomplish together in the future!

Please note that the map <u>is not</u> comprehensive of all awards made since the Trust's inception, which means that some projects are not displayed.

The Trust updates and adds new projects to the map yearly, so stay tuned for more!

View Map



The Prince George's County Government and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce the eighth year of our partnership to support projects throughout Prince George's County that aid neighborhoods while treating and controlling stormwater. The goal of this program is to improve neighborhoods, improve water quality in the County's waterways, and engage County residents in stormwater issues.

To learn more about the Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship grant program, please join us for the applicant workshop via Zoom on September 28th at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Sadie Drescher, Director of Restoration Programs, 410-974-2941 x105 or sdrescher@cbtrust.org

Register Here



Help provide input as a \$10-million Urban Tree funding opportunity is shaped!

URBAN TREE LISTENING SESSIONS

Choose the date that works best for you: September 23 (2-3:30 pm), October 4 (8-9:30 am), or November 1 (6-7:30 pm) via Zoom.



As the result of work by many key legislators, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and many other environment and climate partners, The Maryland General Assembly established a target of planting 5 million trees in Maryland by 2031, with at least 500,000 of those trees to be planted in underserved urban neighborhoods and communities across the State.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust was tapped to administer a grant program to support the Urban Tree

portion of the effort. The Trust is asking individuals and groups interested in urban greening, urban forestry, tree planting, community engagement, neighborhood beautification, heat island effect, and other related topics to participate in listening sessions this fall as Trust staff shape the Request for Proposals that will be used to solicit grant proposals. Individuals should register for only one of the three offered listening sessions, as the material covered will be the same.

Please join the Trust for one of three virtual listening sessions, for which registration links are below.

- Listening session #1: September 23 2-3:30 pm (https://bit.ly/3mROCs4)
- Listening session #2: October 4 8-9:30am (https://bit.ly/3kIbibI)
- Listening session #3: Nov 1 6-7:30pm (https://bit.ly/2WI9tTW)

Individuals with difficulty participating via zoom for any reason can contact the Trust for alternative arrangements to providing input. We anticipate also holding formal grant workshops once the Request for Proposals for the Urban Tree Program is released.

Grantee Resources



Grantee Resources for Applying and Managing Awards

"How to Apply for a Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant" video

"How to Manage a Chesapeake Bay Trust Award" video

"How to Manage Your Chesapeake Bay Trust Award During COVID-19" video



The "Native Plant Species Selection Guide" is a <u>downloadable PDF</u> guide that walks through the importance of using native plants, when and how to use them in projects, and other resources available to find and purchase native plants in the Chesapeake Bay region.

Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs here. Available in .jpg or .png file, the Trust logo can accompany all promotional materials related to your awarded project.

Feel free to use the Trust's logo on social media, tagging us in your posts on Twitter @baytrust, Facebook @chesapeakebaytrust, and Instagram @chesapeakebaytrust.

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About The Trust

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the watersheds of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny River through grant programs, special initiatives, and partnerships that support K-12 environmental education, on-the ground watershed restoration, community engagement, and the underlying science of these three realms.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$130 million in grants to local municipalities, nonprofit organizations, schools and public agencies throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. For nearly two decades, the Trust has received a "4-star rating" from Charity Navigator, the nation's leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organizations. About 90% of the Trust's expenditures are directed to restoration and education programs.







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