



Chesapeake Bay Trust's Grantee Newsletter

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GRANTS: UPCOMING DEADLINES & 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.

- [**Consultant Services - Technical Assistance to Support Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan Financing Strategy**](#): September 18, 2019, 4pm
- [**Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach**](#): November 14, 2019, 4pm
[**INFORMATION WORKSHOP**](#): **Sept. 25th**, 6p-7:30p - Montgomery County Government Bldg. 255 Rockville Pike, Ste. 120, Rockville, MD.
- [**Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship**](#): December 5, 2019, 4pm
- [**Prince George's Rain Check Rebate Program**](#): Rolling deadline
- [**Anne Arundel Mini Community Planting**](#): Rolling deadline; **September 30th** for October Forest Conservancy Board review.
- [**Charles County Forestry**](#): Rolling deadline
- [**Community Engagement Mini Grant**](#): Rolling deadline
- [**Sponsorship**](#): Rolling deadline

NEWS FROM THE TRUST

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Inducts 10th Anniversary Class



Pictured: The graduating **Class of 2019** joins the incoming **Class of 2020**; **Senator Mary Washington**, District 43; **Delegate Anne Healey**, District 22 and Corps Advisory Trustee; **Wendy O'Sullivan**, Superintendent of the Chesapeake Bay Office, National Park Service; **Secretary Ben Grumbles**, Maryland Department of the Environment; **John Quinn**, BGE.

Not pictured: **U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen**; **Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.**

The Chesapeake Bay Trust introduced the newest class of its [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#), a program created by Maryland Legislature to invest in the state's young people, provide valuable job skills training, and promote the green economy in Maryland. Event speakers included U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, who stated that "without a healthy Bay, you do not have a healthy economy," and newly appointed Superintendent for the Chesapeake Bay office of the National Park Service, Wendy O'Sullivan who reminded attendees "the impact of the Trust's Chesapeake Conservation Corps work extends beyond linear feet of shoreline restored, easements assessed, and the number of trees planted. It is also measured by the lives touched. We all win when people gain a new appreciation for the Bay, its heritage, and the land and waters within the watershed."

Master of Ceremonies for the event, Maryland Senate President, Thomas V. Mike Miller, stressed the importance of bringing industry together with environment for successful solutions.

Watch the ceremony (35 minutes) [here](#).

Read the press release [here](#).

Read the bios and placements from the Class of 2019 [here](#).

Read the bios and placements for the Class of 2020 [here](#). Applications for the next [Chesapeake Conservation Corps](#) **host sites** will open in December, and for the **cohort** in January 2020.

GRANTEE PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES



Alice Ferguson Foundation Implements Practices to Improve Water Quality and Engage Visitors

Environmental nonprofit organizations play a vital role in connecting people to the natural world. Located in Accokeek, Maryland, the [Alice Ferguson Foundation](#) (AFF) engages thousands of teachers,

students, and visitors in environmental education and action each year.

In 2014, AFF received a grant award from the [Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program](#), managed by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, to implement a variety of [stormwater](#) management practices on their property and to provide stormwater education to teachers, students, and visitors. Stormwater management practices improve water quality by reducing the amount of pollutants that enter local waterways. Read the full project blog [here](#).

Turnbull Estates Living Shoreline

In 2014, the Turnbull community in Edgewater contacted the [Arundel Rivers Federation](#) (ARF -formerly known as the South River Federation) for recommendations on stabilizing the shoreline that had been eroding for three decades. From 2014 to 2016, ARF attended meetings and site visits with the residents and community leaders, in addition to discussing the project's habitat with partners from the [Coastal Conservation Association](#), [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#), [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#), and many others. The partners agree that a unique opportunity exists to support the existing oyster sanctuary with dual-duty oyster habitat – an approach that has been successfully used in Virginia, South Carolina, and Florida.



Instead of proposing a conventional living shoreline, ARF is working with the above partners and the [Oyster Recovery Partnership](#) on an innovative approach to stabilize

this shoreline. This approach utilizes existing sediment supply and will also add hard structure (likely 3' oyster reef balls) that is more likely to become shellfish habitat than the types of rip rap used in conventional living shorelines due to its larger surface area to volume ratio to promote the growth of oysters and other bivalves. However, some amount of rip rap will still be used to ensure a stable living shoreline. Read more about the project plan [here](#). Read coverage from the Capital Gazette [here](#). Watch WJZ Channel 13 CBS Baltimore's video on the installation of reef balls [here](#). This project was partially funded by the [Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection and Restoration Grant Program](#) managed by the Trust.

GRANTEE RESOURCES



Introducing A New Resource in Your Grant Application Process!

The new "How to Apply" webinar is a tool to guide applicants through the grant application process from start to finish; with tips, resources, and contact information aimed to streamline your application time and eliminate the distractions that can sideline your efforts. Check out the informative video [here](#) or [learn more about our programs and opportunities](#).

HELP THE TRUST TELL YOUR STORY!

The Trust invites awardees to include us in your social media promotions! Send us your event flyers, tell us about your upcoming events, tag us in your posts on Twitter [@baytrust](#), Facebook [@chesapeakebaytrust](#), and Instagram [@chesapeakebaytrust](#). You might just be featured in our next newsletter reaching thousands of readers each month!

We are beginning work on the Trust Annual Report! **We encourage you to email photos taken during any grant event, and especially before and after photos of hands-on restoration projects.** Send them to cedson@cbtrust.org and let the Trust help you tell your story!



Chesapeake Bay Trust Logo. Download image files of the Trust logo for your signage and project needs [here](#).

AROUND THE BAY

VA. Offers Farmers Record \$73 Million to Go Bay-Friendly. "According to the DCR, there are more than 70 practices, including erosion control, managing nutrients, and planting cover crops, offered under the program that boost farm productivity and help to protect water quality. The goal is a cleaner Chesapeake Bay watershed." Read the [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) article [here](#).

"Green Muslims" Group Puts Faith in Bay Restoration. "What does religion have to do with environmental stewardship? A volunteer group based in Washington, D.C. called Green Muslims is working to weave the two together through hikes, service days, interfaith climate meetings, and summer camp." Read the full [Chesapeake Bay Magazine's](#) article about a Trust grantee [here](#).

[Borrow a BioBlitz Kit.](#) [The National Aquarium](#) offers a "Borrow A BioBlitz" kit available for loan to support science efforts of local Maryland organizations. There are six different species bins to choose from: amphibians & reptiles, aquatics, birds, insects, mammals, and plants.

Protecting the Bay, one conservation corps cohort at a time. "I spent my time in the corps as a naturalist at Meadowside Nature Center in Rockville. It's true, the suburbs of Maryland just north of D.C. aren't what one usually thinks of when they consider the Bay, but there are ways of working for the water that don't involve getting your feet wet." Read Corps alum, Dionna Bucci's full story from [Chesapeake Bay Magazine](#) [here](#).

From kale-loving teen to Chesapeake Bay advocate. As a city-dweller, this D.C. woman did not grow up with a deep connection to the Chesapeake Bay, until a community garden program changed her mind. Read the [WTOP](#) article [here](#).

Frederick Food Security Network Keeps on Growing. Chesapeake Bay Trust awardee and Melanie Teems Award for Environmental Engagement winner, the [Frederick Food Security Network](#) provides healthy produce to those who cannot afford it and who live in food deserts. Read their profile in the recent [Hood College](#) magazine [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[National Drive Electric Week - Annapolis Showcase](#). Saturday, September 14th, 11a-5p. Annapolis City Dock. Talk to enthusiastic owners of all types of [electric vehicles](#), learn about the fun and environmental benefits, and go for a ride!

[Virginia Climate Crisis Forum](#). Tuesday, September 17th. 7p. First Baptist Church of Vienna, Vienna, VA. Work together to repair our damaged climate making sure that everyone most impacted, including low income people, people of color, the vulnerable, and those on the frontlines are a part of the solution. Join with people of faith and community members across Virginia to engage in a deep conversation about environmental justice.

[Breakfast Briefing for Tax, Legal and Real Estate Professionals](#). Tuesday, September 17th. 8:30a-10:30a. Federal House Bar & Grille, Annapolis. Over the last few years, [Scenic Rivers Land Trust](#) secured \$2.3 million in grants for landowners who want to permanently protect their land. Learn about significant income, property and estate tax benefits that might be available to your clients.

[Bay, Harbor and Home: Exploring and Restoring Special Places in the Chesapeake](#). Tuesday, September 17th. 6:30p-9p. The National Aquarium, Baltimore. More than 18 million people live in the watershed today. Join us as we highlight a few of the Chesapeake's special places as examples of how community-based efforts can help restore and protect this watershed for future generations.

[Urbanna Creek Oyster Restoration Tour](#). Wednesday, September 18th. Urbanna Seafood Restaurant, Urbanna VA. Join Friends of the Rappahannock River Steward, Captain Richard Moncure, and make your world a Rappahannock River Oyster! The tour begins in Robinson Creek and then out to the Rappahannock River where bald eagles, osprey, and dolphins often circle the boat to say hello.

[Native ONLY Plant Exchange](#). Saturday, September 21st. 10a-11a. Wilde Lake Village, Columbia. Trade your extra or unwanted seedlings, seeds and plants for those donated by other gardeners. Open to everyone and a great way to add variety to your gardens!

[Explore and Restore Maryland Streams](#). Thursday, September 26th and Thursday, October 3rd, 8a-3:30p. Rocky Gap State Park, Flintstone. Maryland Department of Natural Resources educators and scientists offer free one-day professional development workshops that emphasize outdoor learning to help meet a variety of education standards and current practices.

[Nature Connections: Life of the Forest Floor](#). Sunday, September 29th. 1p-3p. Natural History Society of Maryland, Baltimore. During a woodland stroll, we seldom stop to study the world beneath our feet. Come discover this specialized habitat of the forest

floor with the whole family through activities and crafts.

[Living Architecture: Green Walls for Residential and Community Scales](#). Thursday, October 24th. 6p-7:30p. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland. Learn from experts on how you can utilize green walls, green roofs, and vertical gardens in your community.

[Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference](#). Thursday, November 14th. 8a-3p. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Annapolis. Maryland's premier conference on agricultural and environmental law.

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[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 our local systems--Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.



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