# 2012-2013 Chesapeake Bay Trust Annual Report



Working to Improve our Communities and Restore our Waters through Hands-on Projects and Programs



### In 2013, Chesapeake Bay Trust grantees:





## STORMWATER:

Created more than 8 acres of rain gardens and distributed 429 rain barrels.



### **TEACHERS:**

4,643 teachers taught students about their environment and the Chesapeake Bay.



## HABITAT:

Restored 87 acres of streamside buffers and precious wetlands.

## **SHORELINE:**

Created 4,595 linear feet of living shoreline.



Planted 89,517 native trees, plants and marsh grasses.



#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Engaged 24,575 individuals who volunteered 26,303 hours to clean up local neighborhoods, the Bay and its rivers.

TRASH: Removed 25 tons of trash and **3 acres** of invasive species from area streams and rivers.





#### **WHO WE ARE** | About the Chesapeake Bay Trust

### \$55 million in Grants



The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries through environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration. Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than

\$55 million in grants and projects and engaged hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in projects and programs that are making a difference for the streams, rivers, and other natural resources of Maryland and the Chesapeake watershed.

#### Year in Review Message



Dear Friends of the Chesapeake Bay Trust,

Once again we end the year with tremendous respect for how hard our grantees work to accomplish their goals to preserve and

protect the natural resources of our watersheds. In 2013, the Trust and our grantee partners distributed \$5.3 million to our communities through 322 on-theground projects and programs that help restore our waterways and educate local citizens. This year alone Trust grantees educated almost 60,000 students and engaged tens of thousands of volunteers. They installed hundreds of rain gardens, rain barrels, stormwater projects, green streets, living shorelines, and other water quality and habitat-improving projects in the ground. Our job at the Chesapeake Bay Trust is to supply the tools and resources our grantees need to be successful, and we applaud their work.

Each of our supporters has helped us to responsibly, efficiently, and carefully manage the resources needed to make these projects possible. You have supported us through the Maryland General Assembly's Treasure the Chesapeake license plate program and the Bay Fund income tax check-off program. You have donated other funds and resources. You have helped us leverage these dollars, through the power of the sheer number of participants. For example, today more than 400,000 Marylanders proudly display Bay plates on their cars. These funds are leveraged with contributions from government, corporations, and other private partners, who have increasingly supported programs at the Trust that accomplish common goals. The Trust has long been a well-respected fiscal partner, turning these funding sources into measurable

accomplishments on the ground. We help applicants navigate the grant process and send all requests through a rigorous review process to maximize project success.

These projects are making a difference. New milestones are within reach, it seems to many in our community, to make significant progress toward rivers, streams, and bays that are swimmable and fishable, usable by this generation and generations to come. Progress is demonstrated by the number of our neighbors who care about natural resources: Five times as many citizens, for example, say they care about the bay and our state's natural resources than those who do not.

Progress is demonstrated by the availability of resources, knowledge, and information needed to make visible improvements: Many feel we are turning a corner. Progress is demonstrated by the number of young people who are engaged in the effort, and are aware of how their actions connect to their natural resources. As a result, Maryland has

passed, and other states are considering, high school environmental literacy graduation requirements to better educate young people about their natural world.

The Trust is proud to play a role in the effort to restore and protect the local streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other resources of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland's Atlantic Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny watersheds. And we are proud to present this year's Annual Report that will serve as an overview of our grant programs and special initiatives. We thank our grantees, our project partners, our funding partners, and everyone who continues to support the Trust in many ways.

Sincerely,

Jana Davis, Ph.D. **Executive Director** Chesapeake Bay Trust

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thankful for their assistance.

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Throughout the year many talented and knowledgeable

also volunteered for many events. For this we are truly

individuals have lent their expertise to the Trust and

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Allegany: \$39,163 Anne Arundel: \$482,950 Baltimore City: \$523,941 **Baltimore: \$131,144** 

Calvert: \$22,580 Caroline: \$53,634 Carroll: \$53,985 Cecil: \$262,344 Charles: \$24,278 **Dorchester: \$146,523** Frederick: \$42,145

Garrett: \$64,473

Harford: \$1,389 Howard: \$72,791 Kent: \$101,875

Montgomery: \$201,554 Prince George's: \$245,900

Queen Anne's: \$83,018

St. Mary's: \$50,000 Talbot: \$152,296 Washington: \$95,806 Wicomico: \$66,857

**Worcester: \$62,700** 





#### WHAT WE DO



#### **Grant Programs**



Mini Grant Program: 159 projects awarded for \$505,693 in grants



**EDUCATION:** 

Advancing environmental education through classroom learning, outdoor experiences, and green school development.

#### **RESTORATION:**

Implementing restoration projects that reduce pollution, restore habitat, and improve water quality.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Engaging individuals in grassroots efforts that improve the health of waterways and local communities. The Trust's Mini Grant
Program awards grants up
to \$5,000 to schools and nonprofit
organizations to advance environmental
education, outreach and restoration
projects that benefit local communities
and the Chesapeake Bay. This grant
program is an excellent program for
first-time applicants. In FY13, the
Trust was also proud to provide
resources for applicants participating
in the Governor's Day to Serve program
promoting volunteerism and healthy
waters.

# Outreach and Community Engagement Grant Program:

17 projects awarded for \$342,316 in grants

Through its Outreach and Community Engagement Grant Program, the Trust seeks to engage individuals in practices and projects that benefit the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers, and local communities. In addition to raising awareness and increasing citizen participation, this grant program also funds efforts that seek to modify individual and community behaviors.





## Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program:

## 7 projects awarded for \$400,000 in grants

The Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program is made possible through a partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, Maryland Department of the Environment, and Maryland Department of Natural Resources. This collaborative effort seeks to reduce stormwater runoff by using green infrastructure practices that increase tree canopy, capture and filter rainwater, and improve watershed protection, community livability, and economic vitality.











## **Environmental Education Grant Program:**

# 15 projects awarded for \$425,000 in grants

The Trust's Environmental Education Grant Program is designed to engage students in classroom and field-based activities that increase stewardship of local rivers, streams and the Chesapeake Bay. The program awards funding to expand K-12 environmental education programs and increase student access to outdoor learning

experiences in an effort to increase environmental literacy throughout the Chesapeake Bay region.



#### **Grant Programs**

# Restoration Grant Program: 20 projects awarded for \$458,604 in grants

The Trust's Restoration Grant
Program provides funds to
organizations and agencies for
demonstration-scale, communitybased, on-the-ground restoration
projects. Through this program,
the Trust seeks to fund projects
that result in improved watershed
health that also engages the
public in restoration activities.

#### Living Shorelines Grant Program: 14 projects awarded for \$726,001 in grants

The Trust's Living Shorelines
Grant Program, in partnership with
the Maryland Department of the
Environment, the National Oceanic
and Atmospheric Administration,
and the Maryland Department of
Natural Resources, seeks to create
and promote living shorelines in
Maryland. This grant initiative is
designed to encourage the creation
of living shoreline restoration
projects and enhancing public
awareness about the benefits of
living shorelines.











# Watershed Assistance Grant Program: 15 projects awarded for \$415,986 in grants

The Watershed Assistance Grant
Program supports watershed planning
and the design of watershed
restoration and protection projects.
In partnership with the Maryland
Department of Natural Resources,
this program provides funding for
planning and design assistance for
projects that lead to improved water
quality in the Maryland portion of
the Chesapeake Bay watershed and
the Maryland Coastal Bays.





#### **Grant Programs**

Community Greening Grant Program:

7 projects awarded for \$179,221 in grants

The Community Greening **Grant Program awards** funds to help communities implement greening plans that increase forest canopy, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, and enhance the quality of life in urban areas. The program awards grants to local governments, non-profit organizations, and neighborhood associations for on-theground restoration and other activities that "green" local communities in Maryland.



Anne Arundel
County Community
Tree Planting Mini
Grant:

7 grants awarded for \$6,181 in funding

The Chesapeake Bay Trust partnered with the Anne Arundel County Forest Conservancy District Board to provide small grants to help communities and organizations increase the number of trees and tree canopy in neighborhoods, parks, and communities throughout Anne Arundel County.







# Capacity Building Initiative: 22 grants awarded for \$671,000 in funding

The Capacity Building Initiative is a three year program that provides assistance to organizations in the form of grants, technical assistance, and training to enhance the effectiveness of targeted watershed organizations by increasing their power to advance local watershed protection priorities through collaborative strategies.

#### **Trust in the News**

he Chesapeake Bay Trust is covered frequently by the news media for its grantmaking efforts, technical expertise and special initiatives.

In 2013, the Chesapeake Bay
Trust was mentioned more than
400 times by print and online
media which resulted in over
66 million media impressions.
In addition, the Chesapeake Bay
Trust was covered more than
100 times on radio and by
television news outlets for
its many partnerships and
restoration efforts.

Every year the Trust also attends approximately 50 grantee and partner events at which we are recognized for our valued contributions to community outreach and local watershed restoration.



#### **Living Shorelines Grant Program**

On August 30, 2012, the Chesapeake Bay Trust held a press conference to announce the latest developments of its Living Shorelines Grant Program. Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Robert Summers, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary John Griffin, and Acting Assistant Secretary for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Eric Schwaab all attended the event.



#### **Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Initiative**

The Trust and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced funding to seven municipalities and nonprofit organizations for projects that reduce stormwater runoff through the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns partnership. The announcement, made at Dunbar High School, was attended by Washington, D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray and EPA Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin, among other project partners.



#### **Chesapeake Conservation Corps**

In August 2012, the Trust announced the third class of its Chesapeake Conservation Corps job training program. This event provided an opportunity for all new Corps participants to get energized about their upcoming year of service. Congressman John Sarbanes, Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr., and Senator John Astle, among many others, were on hand to meet with the Corps and provide additional information on the program's creation and recent successes.

#### **HOW WE ARE FUNDED**



The Chesapeake Bay Trust is funded through many different sources including purchases of the Maryland Treasure the Chesapeake license plate, donations to the Bay Fund on the Maryland state income tax form, donations from individuals and corporations, and partnerships with private foundations and federal and state agencies. Ninety cents of every dollar the **Chesapeake Bay Trust** receives is dedicated to its educational programs, outreach efforts and restoration projects.



#### **Show Us Your Plate**

During the summer of 2013, the Trust hosted a contest to encourage Marylanders to send in photos of their Bay plate taken at fun and interesting locations. Almost 200 photos and votes were submitted with the photo recreating the iconic characters of the Andy Griffith Show as the favorite!

#### 11th Straight Year!

For the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Chesapeake Bay Trust has received a 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest evaluator

of charities in the U.S. This ranking places the organization in the top 1 percent of charities nationwide, for its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.



Help the Chesapeake Bay at Tax Time

Last year almost \$1 million was contributed through the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund, a voluntary program that allows Marylanders to make donations to help the Chesapeake Bay when they file their state income taxes. In 2013, almost 34,000 tax returns had donations allocated for the Bay Fund, averaging \$30 per donation. This fund, which is split evenly between the

Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, allows Marylanders to help restore the Bay and conserve Maryland's native wildlife and endangered species easily at tax time. Donations of any amount can be made, and all are tax deductible the following year.

In an effort to educate more Marylanders about the Bay Fund, more than 40 tax professionals have joined the Trust's CPAs for a Healthy Bay program. Special thanks to all who participated in 2013, and the Trust hopes to expand this program to reach more Marylanders next year.



#### **HOW WE ARE FUNDED**

# Maryland's Bay Plate: Making Our Communities Better

At the very heart of the Chesapeake Bay Trust is the Maryland Bay plate. This iconic Chesapeake Bay symbol was purchased by more than 45,000 Marylanders this past year who wanted to showcase their support of our most treasured natural resource. The plate only costs \$20, with proceeds going to fund a variety of projects, such as local stream clean-ups, tree plantings, stormwater restoration projects, and field trips for Maryland students. The Bay plate is the primary source of revenue for the Chesapeake Bay Trust and allows the organization to engage more than 100,000 Marylanders each year who are making a difference for local communities and the Chesapeake Bay. Every year the Trust seeks to reach more and more Marylanders to let them know that purchasing a Bay plate is one of the easiest ways they can help the Chesapeake Bay.



The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has been a terrific partner of the Chesapeake Bay Trust, educating potential Bay plate purchasers about the fact that plate

dollars go back to a local nonprofit to fund projects in their own communities. The next time you are in a MVA branch or a local car dealership, please remember to ask your salesperson for your new Bay plates. For more information or to order a Bay plate online anytime, visit bayplate.org.



#### **A Bird Named Wade**

In May 2013, the Trust hosted a "Name that Bird" contest to name the blue heron on the Treasure the Chesapeake license plate. More than 1,500 individuals submitted votes for their favorite name for this Maryland icon. The winner

was "Wade," with "Hattie the Heron" and "Seemore D. Bay" as serious contenders!



Megan Flickinger of Frederick, Md. submitted the winning name "Wade."

#### **Individual Donations**

The Trust's individual donor program continues to grow, totaling more than \$162,000 for FY13. Each of the more than 1,600 donors and their contributions has greatly enhanced the Trust's grantmaking capabilities

and efforts to improve the local creeks, streams, and rivers of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Special thanks to the Trust's monthly donors whose sustained support helps the organization further stretch its grant dollars. For a full list of this year's donors, visit page 18.



#### **Events & Awards**



On May 10, 2013, the Chesapeake Bay Trust hosted its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration at the Marriott Waterfront hotel in Annapolis. For the first time in the event's history, it SOLD OUT with more than 500 attendees who raised \$95,000 to help restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. Attendees enjoyed fantastic food and drink, a deejay and dancing, a wonderful silent auction

and live casino games all overlooking the beautiful

Chesapeake Bay. During the event, the Trust also honored its Trustees Council, a committee composed of former Trust board chairs and trustees, for their outstanding work and commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.



The 2013 Trustee Council includes the Honorable Harry Hughes, Honorable Dr. Torrey Brown, Honorable Virginia Clagett, Paul Allen, Peter Byrnes, Fran Flanigan, Midgett Parker, Martin Poretsky, and Melanie Teems.



The Trustee's Council is recognized during the Trust's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration.

The Trust would like to extend its sincerest gratitude to its premier sponsors Constellation Energy, M&T Bank, the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim, Venable, and Wheelabrator Baltimore.







#### **Legislative Reception & Awards Program**

In January 2013, the Trust held its Annual Legislative Reception and Awards program in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. In total, more than 150 legislators, grantees and Bay supporters attended to honor six exceptional individuals and their contributions to environmental education, community outreach and Bay restoration.

#### 2013 Educator of the Year Award: Emily Meny ESPERANZA MIDDLE SCHOOL, ST. MARY'S COUNTY



This honor is awarded each year to an educator who has shown an outstanding

commitment to environmental education.

#### 2013 Student of the Year Scholarship: Danielle Fallon RIVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL, HOWARD COUNTY



This honor is awarded to an outstanding high school or college student who shows an

exceptional commitment to environmental leadership and community involvement.

## 2013 Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship: Olumayokun Odukale MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BALTIMORE



This award was named for the late Senator Arthur Dorman.

former chairman of the Trust's board of trustees who was committed to diversity and inclusion in the environment. Each year this honor is awarded to an outstanding high school or college student who demonstrates a commitment to the environment and who, as a student of color, exhibits exemplary leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion.

#### 2013 Ellen Fraites Wagner Award: Ron Bowen ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Named for the late Ellen Fraites Wagner, who served on the staff of Governor Harry Hughes and played an instrumental



role in the formation of the Trust in the

1980s, this honor is awarded to an outstanding individual who has shown exceptional commitment to the Chesapeake Bay and leadership in the community.

#### 2013 Melanie Teems Award: The Rosedale Center BALTIMORE, MD



Named for Melanie Teems, the longestserving Trust staff member at 17 years of service before her retirement in 2009, this award is given to an exemplary project that engages individuals, students and/or the community in Bay education, outreach or restoration work.

#### 2013 Dr. Torrey Brown Award: Secretary John R. Griffin MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Named for the Honorable Dr. Torrey Brown, a former legislator, Department of Natural Resources secretary, and key founding member

of the Trust, this award recognizes an exceptional individual who has shown extraordinary dedication to preserving and protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.



#### 2nd Annual 5K for the Bay





On Saturday, June 22, the **Chesapeake Bay Trust hosted its** second Annual 5K for the Bay at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. Almost 500 runners and walkers joined the Trust for this 3.1 mile run/walk which raised more than \$12,000 for Chesapeake Bay restoration and education. Special thanks to all runners who came out to join the Trust, as well as the organizations that supported this year's race, including the Chesapeake Bay Roasting Company, Annapolis Irish Festival, eCruisers llc, Keller

eCruisers Ilc, Keller Williams, Fleet Feet Annapolis, Panera, Wegmans, Bowie Baysox, Greenlayer, and JEB Design.



#### **Special Initiatives**

More than Grant
Making: Trust
Provides Leadership
and Technical
Assistance in the
Bay Community

In recent years, the Chesapeake
Bay Trust has been called
upon to serve more than just
a grant-making role in the
natural resource community of
Maryland and other Chesapeake
watershed states. The Trust
identifies community needs
related to our mission, matches
them with the strong technical
skills of our staff, and
participates in strategic
areas of expertise that help
meet organizational goals.





#### Best Available Science to Advance K-12 Environmental Education and Stewardship

The Trust has long been a leader in K-12 environmental education and, more recently, of citizen engagement and behavior change. In recent years, many advances in the social science of student and adult engagement have occurred. For example, we know that outdoor experiences for students increase their capacity to learn key principles, and we know that certain methods of adult engagement result in sustained behavior change. The Trust continues to work with our NOAA, EPA, and other partners

to expand our expertise and transfer that knowledge back to our grantees.

#### Stormwater, Green Infrastructure, and Green Jobs

Opportunities for non-profit organizations, engineering firms, construction firms, and others abound as resources available for green stormwater practices expand. The Trust has been working to connect these resources to our grantees and to organizations in the watershed. Our partnership with EPA to support stormwater green infrastructure projects through our Green Streets, Green Jobs,



Green Towns Grant Program has expanded ten-fold with the addition of a new partner for fiscal year 2014, the State of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. In addition, the Trust has been working with several counties to help them engage their residents and accomplish their restoration goals, work that promises to expand next year. These new and expanded programs provide opportunities for local green job employment, local green business development, and growth of the non-profit sector as we work together to improve water quality.

#### **Inclusion of Diverse Audiences**

The Trust places a strong emphasis on reaching new and diverse audiences that have not been fully engaged in issues related to our watershed and its streams, rivers, urban tree canopy, forests, parks and other public spaces, and other natural resources. Every resident of Maryland, no matter how far from the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay itself, lives within a few miles of a stream. Research has shown that engaging with natural resources is correlated with human health benefits, reduction in crime, economic benefits, education benefits, and more. For these reasons, the Trust has been working tirelessly on its Diversity Initiative, the goals of which are to increase our reach to a broad range of communities, including people and communities of color, those in underrepresented geographic areas of Maryland, and community groups traditionally unengaged with environmental topics.

#### **Special Initiatives**



The Chesapeake Conservation Corps was established by the Maryland Legislature in 2010 to provide service-

learning opportunities and green job training for young people interested in environmental and energy conservation careers. This innovative program matches young people, ages 18-25, with nonprofit and governmental organizations throughout the state for stipend-supported, oneyear terms of service. Corps Volunteers work on a variety of environmental initiatives including restoration activities and clean-ups, water quality monitoring programs, energy conservation projects, environmental education, and job training programs for youth. They also develop independent capstone projects, participate in training events, present their work at conferences, and

develop grant-writing and budget management skills.

Due to the success of the program, the Corps has expanded from 16 members in its first year to 21 participants in its second year, and in its third year, which began in August 2012, to a class of 26 exceptional young people. These volunteers bring diverse experience and backgrounds to their host organizations, ranging from habitat assessment and fisheries management to environmental justice efforts and rainforest ecology.

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps program is funded by the State of Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay Trust, with a generous contribution provided by Constellation Energy.

## 2013 Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program Expands

#### **Providing Jobs in Maryland**

Since the program's inception, 40 percent of Corps participants have been hired by their host organizations, thus providing sustained employment opportunities for young people in Maryland. Of the class of 2013, almost 50 PERCENT of Corps participants were hired by their hosts, which is the largest percentage in the program's history. These newly employed individuals bring exceptional expertise and energy to their permanent positions and are helping to build the capacity of their host organizations.

#### "All Hands on Deck" Projects and Grant Writing

To provide additional training skills, each Corps participant has the opportunity to apply for a Trust grant to conduct an "All Hands on Deck" project. These grant applications, up to \$1,500, are designed to engage the full participation of the Corps, and in 2013, three projects were chosen. Emily Thorpe with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve created a nature play space at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary; Latisha Bordley with Environmental Concern constructed a rain garden on their campus; and Tyler Walston with the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance organized an outreach day to beautify the Tom Tyler Nature Trail located on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

#### Thank you Class of 2013

Alexis Bryant, *Clozynergy* Amanda Pinzon, *CASA de Maryland* 

Ann Desanctis, Anacostia Watershed Society

Christine Carpenter, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Ellen O'Brien, Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy

Emily Stransky, Eden Mill Nature Center

Emily Thorpe, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Heather Jentilet, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

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Stephanie Pully, National Aquarium in Baltimore

Tim Rosen, Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy

Tyler Walston, Nanticoke Watershed Alliance

William Saffell, West/Rhode Riverkeeper

Zuzuna Culakova, Echo Hill Outdoor School

Special thanks to Maryland's Department of Natural Resources and Constellation Energy for contributing to the funding of this program.





#### **Partnerships**

#### **Business Partners**

Each year the Chesapeake Bay Trust partners with numerous businesses to raise funds and awareness to help restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.





- Annapolis Irish Festival
- Annapolis Towne Centre
- Avon Dixon Insurance Agency
- Barrett and Company LLC
- BayDeejays
- Biohabitats
- BriteStar Business
- Bowie Baysox
- By the Bay Botanicals
- BV Wine
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- EcoGardens, LLC
- Eddie Bauer
- Ecological Restoration and Management, Inc.
- Friendship Creative Printers
- GreenVest
- Groupon Grassroots
- · Harvest Beer Festival
- Herrington on the Bay
- HeimLantz
- Homestead Gardens
- IEB Design
- · Linowes and Blocher LLP
- M&T Bank
- Maryland Seafood Festival
- McHale Landscaping Design
- North Sails America

- OpinionWorks
- Pave Drain
- Rams Head Promotions
- Reliable Churchill
- Shoreline Design
- Straughan Environmental Services, Inc.
- Stormwater Maintenance LLC
- STSG
- Sustainable Science
- T. Rowe Price
- The Hatcher Group
- URS Corporation
- Venable
- Verizon
- VMP Construction
- Vulcan Materials Company
- Weitzman Agency
- Wheelabrator Baltimore
- Whole Foods

#### Federal, State and Local Agency **Partners**

The Trust collaborates with a host of federal, state and local agencies on its grant programs and specific initiatives to support restoration and outreach programs.









- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chesapeake Bay Office
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Chesapeake Bay Program
- U.S. Department of Labor

- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
- Comptroller Office of Maryland
- Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Department of the Environment
- Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
- Maryland State Department of Education
- Anne Arundel County Forestry Board
- · Charles County Government

#### **Foundation and Nonprofit Partners**

Numerous foundation and nonprofit partners offer their funding and expertise to raise awareness and further our shared mission of enhancing Bay stewardship.





- Agua Fund, Inc.
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
- American Sportfishing Association
- · Association of Maryland Pilots
- · blue moon fund
- Bunting Family Foundation
- Center for Watershed Protection
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Chesapeake Bay Funders Network
- Chester River Association
- Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation
- Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds
- Gunpowder Valley Conservancy
- Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake
- Irvine Nature Center
- Maryland Association of CPAs
- Maryland Environmental Service
- MARPAT Foundation
- Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy
- Nabit Foundation/Great Chesapeake Bay Swim
- National Wildlife Federation
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

- Oyster Recovery Partnership
- Parks and People Foundation
- Port Tobacco River Conservancy
- Prince Charitable Trusts
- Rauch Foundation
- Sassafras River Association
- The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- The Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation
- The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment
- The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
- The Peterson Family Foundation
- Town Creek Foundation
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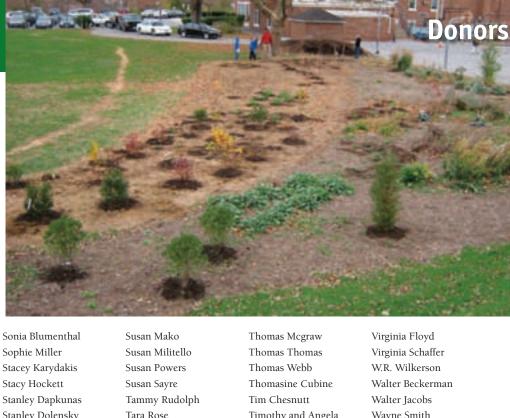
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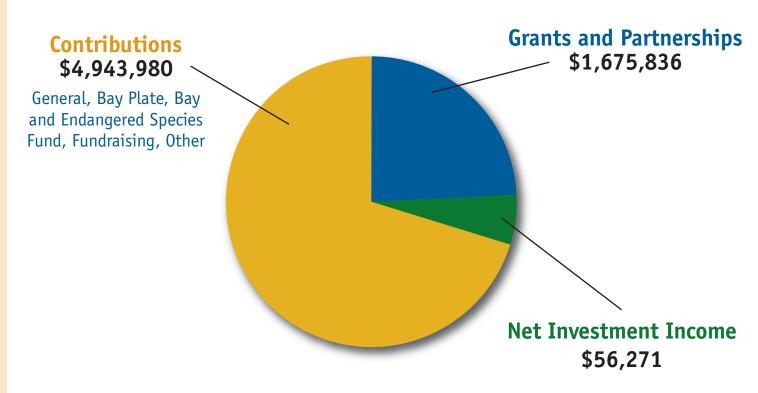
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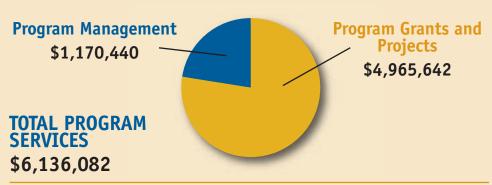
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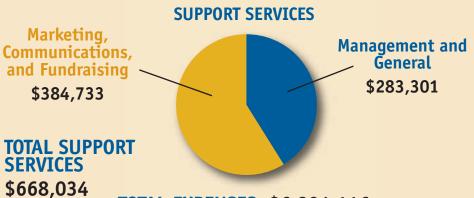


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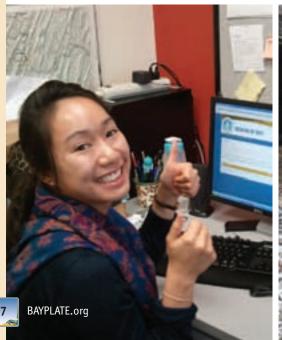
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