



# Chesapeake Bay Trust



Empowering people. Restoring nature.



annual  
report  
2023-2024

# 2023-2024 Year in Review



## WILDLIFE & HABITAT

**223,230** native trees, pollinator plants, marsh grasses, and other native plants installed

**38** acres of forests, stream buffers, seagrass beds, and wetlands created or restored

**17** acres of invasive species removed

**1.9 million** of oysters raised and released

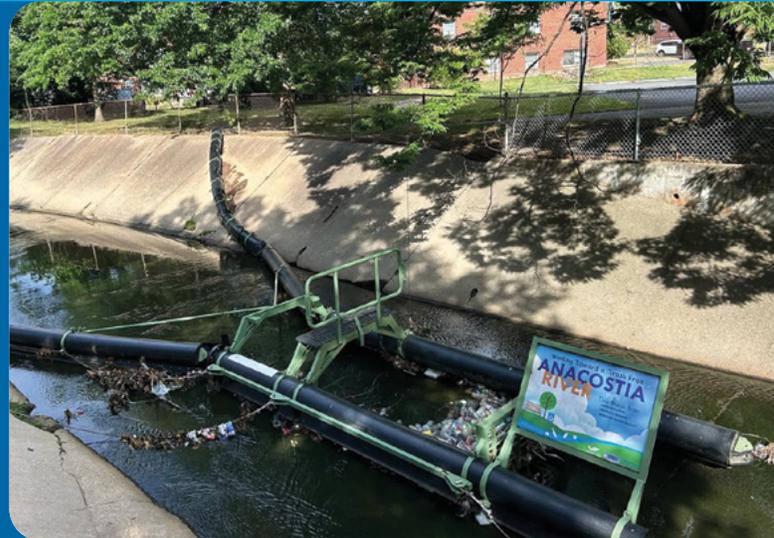
## STORMWATER

**30** acres of impervious surface treated or removed

**85,092** square feet of rain gardens created

**255** rain barrels installed

**131,885** pounds of trash removed, including single-use plastics that choke wildlife and harm our ecosystems' health



## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

**115,758** students engaged by **5,501** teachers

**35,992** people educated through **2,057** workshops

**28,201** volunteers engaged, donating **111,201** hours



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The Chesapeake Bay Trust envisions healthy and protected natural resources in our region, from the Coastal Bays to the Chesapeake to the Youghiogheny River. We believe that everyone, from individuals to large entities, can have a hand in realizing this vision. The Trust's job is to empower a role for local community-based groups: We provide the resources they need to take on meaningful and measurable projects to restore tree canopy, streams, rivers, bays, wildlife, and their own communities at the same time. Every year, the Trust empowers more than 400 groups by providing grants and technical assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects.

**The Chesapeake Bay Trust works with many funding partners to collaboratively support natural resources projects in several key topic areas:**

- EDUCATION:** We advance environmental education through student experiential learning, outdoor experiences, professional development for teachers, and curriculum development.
- RESTORATION:** We support the restoration of our bays, rivers, streams, forests, parks, and other natural systems in ways that engage communities and individuals.
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** We foster human connection to our natural resources using methods that promote ownership and long-lasting changes in attitudes and behaviors.
- SCIENCE AND INNOVATION:** We work to advance science in many arenas in which we fund, such as best practices in environmental education, social science to change behaviors, and efficacy of restoration practices.
- CAPACITY BUILDING:** We aim to increase the effectiveness of individual organizations and groups of organizations working to advance natural resource restoration and protection.



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# Letter from the President

The health of the Chesapeake Bay and other watersheds has been much discussed this year, driven by a 2025 deadline agreed to years ago by regional government partners. The Bay and other waters are beautiful and a source of joy and economic prosperity, but they face

pollution problems that deeply impact communities and wildlife. Should these waters be healthier by now, given the collective effort over the past several decades? Has this effort prevented further decline? How can a watershed both be home to 18 million people and be as healthy as we want and need it?

No easy answers exist, as is so often the case in nuanced policy topics with underlying science that is still evolving (as science always is). However, one set of truths is clear:

1. People are healthier when they have healthy outdoor spaces to use and enjoy.
2. Healthy natural resources offer an economic return.
3. Many ways exist to make natural resources healthier. One really good way is to empower everyday people to be part of the solution.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust focuses on this “everyday people” angle. We believe that projects at all scales can make a difference. Large government-led work is important. And smaller community-led projects that engage the “everyday person” are important. We empower people in communities who want to undertake projects both large and small, mainly by providing grants and other resources to allow their ideas to come to fruition.

We take this approach for several reasons: First, these community-based projects add up to meaningful, on-the-ground impact. Second, that they are community-driven means that hearts and minds are changed. A stewardship ethic is forged that can last a lifetime and ripple out across participants’ families, neighbors, and networks.

In the following pages, you’ll see hundreds of stories of projects proposed and led by everyday people in community associations, faith-based organizations, local towns, and more. Each individual story by itself is amazing. Together, they tell a larger story of just how many communities are working hard at the local level to affect change...tens of thousands of people working towards a common goal and creating an impact. At the Trust, we are grateful to each one of them and honored to be able to support them.

*Jana Davis*  
 Jana Davis, Ph.D.  
 President

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# 2023-2024 Grants and Projects

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

We collaborate with many federal, state, local, corporate, and foundation partners on jointly funded initiatives managed by the Trust to restore the watershed and enhance Bay stewardship:

### Federal, State, and Local Partners:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service – Urban and Community Forestry  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, Water Protection Division  
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Thank you to our External Technical Review Panelists, whose expertise and time empower the Trust to rigorously review thousands of proposals and award the diverse projects represented in this report.



The grants and projects below are funded through more than 40 sources. Funds generated by the Maryland Bay Plate and the donation line on the Maryland state tax form are only awarded to projects in Maryland.

### ANNE ARUNDEL

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$50,000** for a watershed assessment of Annapolis Overlook

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$50,000** for stormwater maintenance training

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$10,000** to engage three new middle schools in their year-long Oyster Education Program

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$9,980** to expand its Box of Rain mentoring program for underserved youth

**Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, \$500** for its annual conference

**Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, \$1,245** for a food forest at Brooklyn Park Elementary School

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$54,500** to transform an acre of impervious surface into forest near Heritage Harbor

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$56,005** to restore a 650-lf living shoreline in Hillsmere

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$63,676** to renovate rain gardens and remove impervious helipad surface at the Southern District Police Station

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$289,262** for two living shorelines and an oyster habitat at Quiet Waters Park

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$312,081** to install 530-lf of stream restoration in Southdown Shores

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$30,614** to remove 11,000 sf of impervious surface in the Village of Middle Cove

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$1,246** to develop a litter pick-up-by-paddle program

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$9,999** to empower South River High School students to monitor oysters with a submersible robot

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$52,115** to restore 20 acres of aquatic vegetation

Top: Students in the Annapolis Maritime Museum and Park's year-long mentorship program gain hands-on experience with native aquatic life. This program emphasizes the importance of environmental literacy and connects local youth with their natural resources.

Bottom: Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members help Arundel Rivers Federation with the innovative practice of live-staking stream restoration sites in the South, West, and Rhode Rivers' watersheds.

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**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$125,000** for stream restoration in Annapolis Waterworks Park

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$5,000** for hyper-local environmental education for 700 youth at YMCA Camp Letts

**Belvedere Community Association, \$4,994** for a rain barrel drive and shoreline clean-up

**Breaking Boundaries Environmental LLC, \$6,000** to connect under-represented youth with the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

**Cape Conservation Corps, \$3,116** for native plantings at Little Magothy Beach Trail and Teaching Library

**Captain Avery Museum, Inc., \$5,000** to expand their native garden

**Catapult Image, \$1,950** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps storytelling assets

**Charting Careers, Inc., \$2,500** for field trips for under-resourced youth

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., \$55,000** for outdoor learning leadership training

**Chesapeake Conservancy, \$1,250** for a conservation docuseries

**Chesapeake Language Project, \$2,925** to encourage litter clean-up through a multi-lingual video campaign

**Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB), \$500** for its annual CRAB Cup race

**Chesapeake Rivers Association, \$50,000** for expansion of a riparian forest buffer on Severn Run

**Chesapeake Rivers Association, \$50,000** to transform pastureland into forest on Severn Run

**Council of Unit Owners of the Villas at Rock Oak Condominium, Inc., \$5,000** to plant native trees

**Creekside at Osprey Landing HOA, Inc., \$50,650** to remove invasive vines

**East Pendennis Mount Community Association, Inc., \$5,000** for native tree plantings in a community park

**Eastport Yacht Club, \$4,000** to leverage underwater videography to teach junior sailors about oysters

**Epping Forest Inc, \$5,000** for native tree plantings

**Falcon Strategies, \$60,000** to establish a climate-leader program

**Farm Unity Limited, \$1,996** to expand its pollinator garden

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$125,238** for a 250-lf living shoreline in Elizabeth's Landing

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$500** for its Green Team Summit

**Langton Green Inc., \$1,250** to plant native trees to enhance its food forest

**Linstead Community Association, \$5,000** to remove invasive phragmites and bamboo

**Live Water Foundation, \$2,200** for an adaptive paddling program for 80 veterans and their families

**Magothy River Association, \$62,000** for a 129-lf living shoreline

**Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers, \$500** for its annual conference

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), \$1,122** to create image libraries of harmful algal blooms

**One Annapolis Inc, \$39,297** for expanding the Bywater Community Garden

**Amy Salinas, \$4,680** for consulting on Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps programs



Members of the Tanyard Cove North Homeowners Association Garden Club develop a new garden that will showcase a variety of native plants, enhancing biodiversity on the property for residents to enjoy.

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc., \$128,090** to protect 24 acres of forest

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc., \$9,249** for a strategic plan

**Severn River Association, Inc., \$245,961** for stormwater practices in Wardour

**Severn River Association, Inc., \$26,157** for microbioretention cells in Georgetown East

**Severn River Association, Inc., \$9,995** for oyster restoration

**Severn River Association, Inc., \$47,299** to design stormwater practices at Bay Forest Shopping Center

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, \$2,800** for a pollinator garden

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, \$4,970** to engage congregants and repurpose native plants used in liturgical services

**Summit School, Anne Arundel County, \$1,844** for a field trip on the Chester River for 27 middle schoolers

**Tanyard Cove North Homeowners Association, \$4,984** for rain gardens and community composting



More than 600 supporters of the Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating Cup came together to highlight vital therapeutic boating opportunities on the Chesapeake Bay for community members facing accessibility challenges.



More than 80 veterans and their families enjoy an accessible watersport experience on the Chesapeake Bay. Live Water Foundation connects environmental stewardship with equitable access to water activities.

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**Unity Gardens, Inc., \$500** for its annual lecture

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$49,435** for two climate assessments to develop a climate resiliency program

## BALTIMORE CITY

**3200 Carlisle Block Association, Inc., \$10,409** to plant 80 trees and remove invasive vines

**B&D Environmental Consulting LLC, \$14,400** to connect groups representing Latino/a/x communities to Bay Trust opportunities

**Baltimore City Department of Public Works, \$5,000** to provide free educational pop-up workshops

**Baltimore Green Space, \$124,986** for 100 volunteers to enrich an acre of forest patch in Springfield Woods

**Baltimore Lab School, \$5,000** to empower student-led watershed action projects

**Baltimore Municipal Golf Corporation, \$141,950** for stormwater practices at Forest Park Municipal Golf Course

**Baltimore Oliver Community Association, \$30,350** to support a greening plan

**Baltimore Star Project, \$4,951** for a community clean-up of Jones Falls Trail

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$1,250** to promote its urban forestry efforts

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$2,194,956** to expand its capacity and service area

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$243,336** to plant 3,000 community trees

**Baltimore Underground Science Space, \$36,800** to train young people on biodiversity data collection in the Inner Harbor

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$50,000** for hands-on learning opportunities for East Baltimore residents

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$694,918** to plant 1,100 trees in six communities

**Bnos Yisroel of Baltimore, \$5,000** to expand its outdoor classroom for elementary students

**Broadway East Community Development Corporation, \$70,400** for 320 tree plantings in six neighborhoods

**Charm City Land Trusts, \$1,250** to install raised garden beds at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

**Coastal Conservation Association Maryland, \$9,981** to create bilingual educational videos on artificial and oyster reefs

**Cylburn Arboretum Friends, \$1,249** for invasive species removal and native plantings

**Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, \$11,450** to plant 50 trees

**Family Survivor Network, \$2,300** to revitalize Bruce Street Park and stencil storm drains

**Filbert Street Garden, \$2,561** to plant 20 native trees and a pollinator garden

**Franklin Square Community Association, \$9,490** to plant 20 trees in its new tree lawn

**Frontline Gig, Inc, \$6,300** to connect constituents to Bay Trust opportunities

**Frontline Gig, Inc, \$6,000** to support young adults with the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps application

**Greater Baybrook Alliance, \$56,344** for a rain garden at Farring Baybrook Park

**Greater Grace World Outreach, Inc., \$100,000** to treat 2.3 acres of impervious surface and install three rain gardens

**Greater Mount Holly Community Development Corporation (GMHCDC), \$4,443** to transform vacant parcels into four pollinator gardens

**Greater Mount Holly Community Development Corporation (GMHCDC), \$4,996** to engage seniors and youth through a food garden

**Greater Mount Holly Community Development Corporation (GMHCDC), \$35,000** to transform two vacant lots into an environmental and community resilience hub

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$9,940** to strengthen board governance and organizational resilience

**Grow Home Inc, \$69,083** to expand its youth workforce program and remove 20,000 sf of invasive species

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$317,701** for 455 urban tree plantings at faith-based institutions

**Intersection Of Change, \$49,161** to treat stormwater at the Strength to Love II urban farm

**Let's Thrive Baltimore Inc., \$45,000** to plant 100 trees in memory of victims of gun violence and human trafficking

Urban forestry workers and neighborhood volunteers plant native trees, enhancing green spaces while fostering a community stewardship ethic. Pictured is a collaboration between Midtown Community Benefits District, Baltimore Tree Trust, and other partners (photo credit: Baltimore Tree Trust).



The Coastal Conservation Association focuses on educational initiatives to emphasize the importance of conserving marine resources for the enjoyment of future generations.



Local congregants join forces to plant native trees as part of the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake's Trees for Sacred Places Program, which encourages faith-based organizations to expand tree canopy on their campuses.



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**Maryland Environmental Service, \$7,750** for South Baltimore youth to study native bird behavior

**MedStar Harbor Hospital, \$14,000** to plant 20 trees in Cherry Hill

**Midtown Community Benefits District, \$199,728** to plant street trees in four neighborhoods

**Midtown Community Benefits District, \$70,400** to plant 350 trees and strengthen its volunteer steward program

**Midtown Community Benefits District, \$8,500** to plant 100 street trees

**Mount Saint Joseph High School, \$9,571** for two pollinator gardens

**Mount Saint Joseph High School, \$10,937** to install three beehive boxes

**Mount Saint Joseph High School, \$6,350** for a 5-day environmental leadership camp for 10th–12th graders

**National Aquarium, \$1,250** for a water quality protocol for its new 8,000-sf floating wetland exhibit

**National Aquarium, \$123,068** to install 59,375 native plants in its new tidal wetland habitat exhibit

**National Wildlife Federation, \$2,000** to create a native mini meadow at BLISS Meadows' land reclamation project

**National Wildlife Federation, \$1,250** to establish a resource hub for under-represented urban farmers

**Parks & People Foundation, \$899,415** to plant 1,026 urban trees

**Pennsylvania Avenue Neighborhood Association, \$5,000** for stormwater practices

**ReBUILD Metro, Inc. (f/k/a TRF Development Partners, Inc.), \$20,000** to design a sustainable park for urban farmers

**So What Else, inc, \$10,000** to equip youth to build a community garden in Carrollton Ridge

**Southwest Partnership, Inc., \$5,000** to engage local business owners through micro-garden installations

**St. James Development Corporation, \$85,800** to construct the one-acre Rev. Donald O. Wilson Park in Harlem Park

**Stillmeadow Community Projects, Inc., \$1,210** for two beehives

**Stillmeadow Community Projects, Inc., \$60,000** to support cross-jurisdictional collaboration through the Greater Baltimore Environmental Equity Network

**Temple X Schools LLC, \$14,850** to connect faith leaders to Bay Trust opportunities

**The 6th Branch, \$50,000** for 19 sustainable living workshops for East Baltimore residents

**The 6th Branch, \$103,155** to plant 300 street trees in four neighborhoods

**The 6th Branch, \$9,610** to restore greenspaces in East Baltimore

**The New Greenmount West Community Association, Inc., \$51,900** to plant and maintain street trees

**Towanda Neighborhood Association, \$5,000** to increase environmental volunteerism

**Towson University, \$10,000** to empower environmental justice action projects led by South Baltimore high schoolers

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$772** for a container pollinator garden at Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center

**Union Memorial UMC, \$5,000** for a native pollinator garden



The Great Baltimore Oyster Partnership, a program organized by the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, engages young people in the ecological and historical significance of native oysters through hands-on monitoring training.

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$54,803** to test new water quality monitoring tactics and reduce contamination

**University of Maryland Medical System, \$39,502** to plant 500 trees on campus

**UPC Westside CDC, \$50,000** for 36 native garden beds and solar lighting at Upton Gardens of Hope

**Upton Planning Committee, \$192,170** to plant 315 trees

**Upton Planning Committee, \$2,525** to increase the tree canopy in six neighborhoods

**Waldorf School of Baltimore, \$30,855** to enrich biodiversity through native plantings on campus

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., \$1,248** to monitor enterococcus bacteria in the Baltimore Harbor

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., \$10,000** for youth-focused oyster gardening at the Fort Carroll sanctuary

**Wisdom Projects, Inc., \$9,518** for field trips for under-resourced East Baltimore youth



Students from Mount Saint Joseph High School harvest honey from beehive boxes on their campus. These bee boxes serve as a unique educational tool, allowing students to learn about ecology and native pollinator species.



More than 50 volunteers gain hands-on experience installing oyster reefs and plantings for the National Aquarium's tidal wetland exhibit.

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Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway gathers more than 250 volunteers each year to collect trash and debris along shorelines during their River Sweep environmental stewardship event on Earth Day.



Union Memorial UMC members install native plants around the church marquee to share about the impact of stormwater runoff among the congregation.



Members of Imagineate break ground on their new L.I.F.E. (Learning for Everyone) Community Garden project and walkable green space.

## BALTIMORE COUNTY

**Al Rahmah School at Islamic Society of Baltimore, \$5,000** to transform its playground into a green play area and pollinator garden

**Catonsville Elementary School, \$2,411** for a sailing and field experience

**Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc., \$5,000** to plant native trees and beautify community spaces

**D.L. Wells Ministries, \$4,272** for a community litter clean-up at Battle Grove Playground

**God's Outdoor Angels Foundation, \$5,000** for fishing and hunting trips for disabled veterans

**Graystone Community Association, Inc., \$4,240** for a community recycling education program

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$4,394** to rehabilitate the Southwest Area Park Pond

**Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER, \$9,950** to leverage data, mapping tools, and storytelling to educate residents

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$9,990** to create a succession plan

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$49,968** to reforest a pollinator farm with 600 native trees

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$66,416** to restore riparian buffers in partnership with private landowners

**Ignite Development Network, \$5,000** to install a native pollinator garden at a Dundalk senior community

**Islamic Society of Baltimore, \$35,000** for a concept plan to mitigate stormwater runoff

**NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$4,500** to install a pollinator-friendly community garden

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$1,250** for its Festival del Río Patapsco event

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$4,950** to introduce outdoor education at Church Lane Elementary Technology School

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$4,984** to increase native tree canopy

**Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center, \$79,799** for a bioretention rain garden

**Research Foundation of CUNY-Advanced Science Research Center, \$224,110** to research the impact of stormwater practices on groundwater chemistry

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace, \$114,478** to reduce sediment runoff on a steep slope

**University of Maryland, Baltimore County, \$329,916** to restore existing green space across campus

**University of Maryland Baltimore County, \$172,359** to research microplastic contamination sources

**Yieldcamp, LTD, \$2,000** for a series of community pop-up litter clean-ups

## CALVERT COUNTY

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$49,331** to design rain gardens at St. Nicholas Lutheran Church

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,249** for educational signage on the Griffin Meadow Trail

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,250** for forage species sampling in Clark Creek

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$5,000** to build capacity in land stewardship and sustainable agriculture

**Coastal Conservation Association Maryland, \$9,393** to build the Living Reef Action Campaign's capacity to teach youth

## CAROLINE COUNTY

**Adkins Arboretum, \$90,899** for outdoor experiences for Caroline County 7th graders

**Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, \$107,233** to install green spaces at Federalsburg Activity Center

**The Friends of the Grape dba Chesapeake Culinary Center, \$50,000** to create a community green oasis to address food insecurity

## CECIL COUNTY

**Catfish for Heroes, \$4,962** for boating equipment upgrades to improve accessibility for veterans with mobility issues

**Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$4,500** for its annual River Sweep event

**ShoreRivers, \$149,997** to restore 3,000-lf of wetlands on Cecilton Farm Headwater Stream

**ShoreRivers, \$122,185** to apply holistic restoration techniques to the historic floodplain at Stumpf Farm Headwater

## CHARLES COUNTY

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$4,500** for immersive projects for 3rd graders at Piscataway National Park

**Conservancy for Charles County, Inc., \$1,691** for conservation easement monitoring

**Fundamentals of Life Instructions and Planning, \$4,771** for native tree educational and volunteer opportunities

**Imagineate, \$4,449** for a community garden for under-represented families

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Maryland, Inc., \$14,839** to plant 75 trees and promote green jobs at five Waldorf schools

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Staff at The Nature Conservancy conduct a prescribed burn as a management strategy to control invasive species in the marsh areas of Dorchester County.

Volunteers from the Havre de Grace Green Team educate neighbors about how pollinator plants keep pollutants from flowing into the Susquehanna River.

The Clean Water Fund encourages residents to invest in conservation landscaping by following their proven model gardens.

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Maryland, Inc., \$85,099** for green infrastructure in a vulnerable East Waldorf neighborhood

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Maryland, Inc., \$83,801** to create a conservation pocket park at a County recreation center

**University of Maryland College Park, \$43,816** to educate Scotland Heights homeowners about sustainable landscaping

## DORCHESTER COUNTY

**Blue Oyster Environmental, \$10,000** to test a new clay-based substrate for oyster restoration

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., \$60,000** to strengthen the Envision the Choptank partnership

**Minorities In Aquaculture, \$10,000** for paid internships and a mentorship program for under-represented groups and women of color



Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members join the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to install native plantings on recovered farmland in the Catoclin Creek watershed in Frederick County.

**The Nature Conservancy, \$908** to research the effects of prescribed burns on phragmites at Robinson Neck

**ShoreRivers, \$39,542** to strengthen the Green School and Green Center

## FREDERICK COUNTY

**Catoclin Land Trust, \$5,000** to build capacity through conservation collaborative model efforts

**Catoclin Land Trust, \$2,901** to uplift easement conservation through community awareness

**Chesapeake Bay Ecological Foundation, Inc., \$1,250** to research regenerative farm efforts through soil health at Open Book Farm

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., \$1,050** to plant trees at Summers Family Farm and educate volunteers on water and soil quality

**Land and Cultural Preservation Fund, Inc, \$22,077** for native plantings along Carroll Creek

**Town of Middletown, \$2,000** for plaques to recognize the Wye Oak tree and other champion trees

**TM Design, Inc., \$12,679.38** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps outreach materials

## GARRETT COUNTY

**Garrett County Government, \$1,200** for a rain garden at Deep Creek Lake State Park

## HARFORD COUNTY

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$61,392** for conservation landscaping at Fallston Presbyterian Church

**Ames United Methodist Church, \$100,000** for green infrastructure upgrades

**Harford Land Trust, Inc., \$68,004** to teach landowners about sustainable lawn conversions

**Havre de Grace Green Team, \$45,445** for two shoreline pollinator beds and to educate volunteer stewards

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), \$1,187** to develop educational materials on vital mussel propagation

**Nature Worx, Inc., \$4,980** to connect veterans with immersive outdoor experiences

**Susquehannock Wildlife Society, Inc., \$5,000** for native plantings to protect the Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly, Maryland's state insect

**Swan Creek School, \$5,000** to support 70 student-led pollution and litter effect action projects

## HOWARD COUNTY

**Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., \$1,150** to research the relationship between turbidity and soil type

**Clean Water Fund, \$20,000** to teach about natural landscaping for septic system drain fields

**Columbia Association, \$35,000** for a walkable pollinator and rain garden at Lake Elkhorn

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$956** to plant culturally diverse crops and educate volunteers on regenerative agriculture

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$93,041** to educate residents about accessible, residential-scale restoration practices

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$7,500** to equip Phelps Luck Elementary School 5th graders to design and build a pollinator garden

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**Coral Reef Encounter, \$4,850** to teach 1,000 children about coral reef protection in a simulated swimming pool reef

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$119,559** to introduce a new climate change classroom curriculum to 9th graders

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$9,790** to advance systemic and equitable environmental literacy programs

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$4,990** for its Youth Climate Institute

**Howard County Government, \$145,885** to plant 300 street trees

**Howard County Office of Community Sustainability, \$1,250** to expand a pollinator meadow at Belmont Manor

**Howard County Office of Community Sustainability, \$1,250** to create a waste reduction guidebook for community events

**Howard EcoWorks, \$76,146** to plant 500 trees

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$15,034** to help congregations support native landscaping and reduce salt use

**Maryland Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (MOWPA), \$40,000** for hands-on experimental learning about septic systems

**National Wildlife Federation, \$500** for its annual conference

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$4,500** for youth-focused environmental stewardship activities

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$45,000** to teach residents about salt use and water quality

**Upcycled Inc., \$5,000** for a recycling education program for high schoolers

**Wilde Lake Community Association, \$4,991** for a native shrub swap event for landowners

## KENT COUNTY

**Galena Elementary School- Kent County Public Schools, \$4,057** for a composting program for 2nd-5th graders

**Minary's Dream Alliance, Inc, \$1,249** to improve its community garden

**ShoreRivers, \$1,995** to remove invasive water chestnut from Still Pond Creek

**ShoreRivers, \$19,291** to address flooding at Rock Hall Elementary School and two parks



Children and youth engage in an immersive educational experience with the Coral Reef Encounter, who transformed a local swimming pool into a vibrant coral reef to teach about protecting these vital ecosystems.



A volunteer with EcoLatinos installs native plants at Silver Spring's Christ the King Church to engage more than 400 congregants about sustainability and health.

**Sultana Education Foundation, \$500** for a native animal exhibit at the Sultana Downrigging Festival

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$50,000** to capture runoff at Parkside Plaza with bioretention cells

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$39,791** for water quality education

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$35,000** for community education on sustainable litter reduction

**Arcola Elementary School, \$2,800** for a 5th grade field trip

**Asbury Foundation, \$70,870** for a native meadow at a senior community

**Bethesda Green, \$90,000** for stormwater infrastructure

**Centro de Apoyo Familiar, \$40,000** for a youth-led watershed stewardship program

**Chinese American Parent Association of Montgomery County, \$38,750** for a plastic recycling initiative

**Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center, \$30,000** for a stormwater site analysis and infrastructure design

**Conservation Montgomery, \$9,287** for bilingual workshops on long-term tree maintenance

**EcoLatinos, Inc., \$39,000** to engage 400 congregants at Christ the King Church on watershed stewardship

**EcoLatinos, Inc., \$1,250** for a pollinator garden at Christ the King Church

**EcoSWIFT, \$4,446** to establish a tennis ball recycling program

**Fairhaven United Methodist Church, \$5,000** to plant 12 native trees to address excessive stormwater runoff



Youth volunteers participate in a litter clean-up collaboration hosted by Patapsco Heritage Greenway and Hollifield Station Elementary school.



A meadow installed by the Howard County Office of Community Sustainability helps local residents learn about effective vegetation management techniques for their own properties.

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Volunteers from Friends of Cabin John Creek learn about water quality monitoring and watershed stewardship.

**Friends of Cabin John Creek, \$39,793** to equip volunteers to monitor water quality

**The Town of Glen Echo – Community Garden Committee, \$4,912** for a community garden

**IMAAM, Inc., \$4,990** for environmental education for youth and families

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$21,154** for its Green Leader Training program for Rockville congregations

**Islamic Community Center of Potomac, \$5,000** for a native community garden that protects the local Monarch butterfly population

**Izaak Walton League of America (The), \$29,937** to engage business owners on better salting practices

**Izaak Walton League of America (The), \$32,882** to provide bilingual resources on its Salt Watch Program

**Izaak Walton League of America (The), \$32,643** to distribute 500 salt testing kits

**Latin American Youth Center, \$42,453** to engage youth of color in litter reduction

**Little Falls Watershed Alliance, \$29,125** for a stormwater management design for St. Dunstan's Church

**Little Falls Watershed Alliance, \$54,050** to address stormwater runoff at the local swim club

**Maryland Nonprofits, \$40,000** to engage Latino/a/x residents on environmental and public health issues

**Mater Amoris Montessori School, \$66,536** for permeable parking pavers

**Montgomery Countryside Alliance, \$26,599** to engage Poolesville's business leaders and farmers



This thriving community green interaction hub in the Town of Glen Echo provides fresh produce and fosters collaboration among neighbors.

**Montgomery County Maryland Department of Environmental Protection, \$100,000** for bioretention cells at Saint Stephen Lutheran and Temple Emanuel

**Montgomery County Maryland Government, \$813,710** to plant 1,348 shade trees at 41 county public schools

**Montgomery County Public Schools, \$94,153** for an outdoor classroom at College Gardens Elementary School

**Montgomery Parks Foundation, \$45,000** to engage under-resourced immigrant youth and families in litter cleanups

**National Wildlife Federation, \$50,000** to promote environmental stewardship in faith-based communities

**National Wildlife Federation, \$75,000** to educate Gaithersburg and Rockville congregations in sustainable landscaping maintenance

**Nature Forward, \$1,234** for a native fern grove at its headquarters

**Nature Forward, \$40,000** for hands-on community water sampling at 21 sites

**Nature Forward, \$1,000** for the annual Naturally Latinos Conference

**Nature Forward, \$5,000** for nature walks for veterans and their families

**Pilgrim Lutheran Church, \$30,000** for stormwater analysis and infrastructure design

**Potomac Riverkeeper Network, \$40,000** to equip Latino/a/x volunteers to monitor water quality

**Rock Creek Conservancy, \$107,672** for 300 youth-led tree plantings

**City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks, \$199,930** to plant 1,000 trees in Redgate Park



A member of Rock Creek Conservancy's high school volunteer corps installs protective fencing around newly planted native species.

**Sandy Spring Museum, \$95,176** for implementation of stormwater practices

**Shady Grove Village HOA, \$5,000** to plant 12 trees

**The Shepherd's Table Inc., \$4,405** to distribute native plants from its urban garden

**So What Else, inc, \$40,000** for a youth-led litter reduction education series in Gaithersburg

**Takoma Park Mobilization, \$16,740** for a food forest

**University of Maryland, \$30,955** for sustainability plans at three HOAs

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$9,000** for a tidal wetland strategic plan

**Viers Mills Elementary School, \$5,000** for immersive field trip experiences for 4th and 5th graders



IMAAM, Inc. hosts hands-on Earth Day events to connect with Muslim families and youth on environmental literacy, watershed protection, and climate justice.

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**Warrior Canine Connection, \$4,999** for its annual Ruff Mudder race for veterans and their service dogs

**Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, \$76,105** for conservation landscaping

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**Accokeek Foundation, \$40,000** to incorporate indigenous Piscataway learning into its environmental curriculum for 7th graders

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$1,074** for a children's garden

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$45,000** for community cleanup events

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$5,000** to engage 200 veterans and families at Piscataway Park

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$4,998** for professional development for local educators

**American Legion Post 217, \$2,580** to engage youth in immersive gardening experiences

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$1,250** to develop a family-friendly watershed activity book

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$49,717** to analyze illegal dumping patterns in the watershed

**Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc., \$250** for Trolley Trail Day

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$49,767** to transform a parcel of land in Cheverly into a natural green space

**Apex Adams Transportation, \$6,000** to provide technical support for new Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps applicants



A member of American Legion Post 217 shows children of local veterans local produce grown in their campus' educational garden.



Neighbors from the Town of Edmonston install curbside rain gardens as a part of their innovative Green Streets initiative.

**Town of Berwyn Heights, \$69,943** to assess tree canopy on private residences

**Bishop McNamara High School, \$5,434** for an outdoor classroom

**Bowie State University Foundation, \$102,497** to transform its pond into a natural, thriving environment

**City of Bowie, \$1,200** for native tree plantings

**Town of Brentwood, \$62,560** to install 1,020 sf of permeable pavement and tree trenches in Windom Road Historic Barrier Park

**Capitol Technology University, \$115,800** to install two bioretention areas

**Carole Highland Neighborhood Association, \$28,200** for community education on litter reduction

**Carole Highland Neighborhood Association, \$48,750** for tree plantings

**Choose Health. Be Happy. Inc, \$4,500** for a biodiversity action project for middle school students

**Eastern Community Church, \$82,100** to plant 125 trees to support erosion prevention

**ECO City Farms, \$1,250** for fruit trees, berry bushes, and a pollinator garden

**EcoLatinos, Inc., \$100,616** to address stormwater runoff affecting St. Mary's Catholic Church's playground

**EcoLatinos, Inc., \$59,413** to engage congregants of St. Mark's Catholic Church on sustainability

**Ecospaces, \$70,000** to install a green roof

**Town of Edmonston, \$2,000** for native plantings and farm beautification

**Town of Edmonston, \$1,250** to engage residents on stewardship and responsible pet ownership

**Town of Edmonston, \$146,580** for rain gardens to continue its Green Streets initiative

**End Time Harvest Ministries, \$1,000** for a graduation scholarship banquet

**First Baptist Church of Highland Park, \$4,725** for native tree plantings

**Global Health and Education Projects, Inc., \$35,900** to engage 6,000 residents through tree planting

**Global Health and Education Projects, Inc., \$199,737** to plant 305 trees and engage 10,000 residents

**City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works, \$297,600** for a pilot study on soil mitigation efforts

**Joe's Movement Emporium/World Arts Focus, \$150,000** for trees and a youth workforce program

**The Low Impact Development Center, Inc., \$997,399** to strengthen the Prince George's Rain Check Rebate program

**Morgan State University, \$19,918** to explore stormwater practices that focus on diversity and community engagement



50 veterans and their devoted canine service companions navigate an outdoor obstacle course at Warrior Canine Connection's annual Ruff Mudder.



Students from Bishop McNamara High School explore a native tree in their new outdoor classroom.

# Empowering People. Restoring Nature.

This map (interactive at the QR code below) shows awarded projects over time and the cumulative impact of the Chesapeake Bay Trust, our funding partners, and the tens of thousands of people who have been equipped and empowered to restore our treasured natural resources together.

Each of the map's dots represents an individual project, each passionately led by groups of residents, homeowners, teachers, scouts, faith-based institutions, neighborhood groups, local governments or other project leaders and each supported by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. For every dot, more leaders exist who are ready to initiate projects to improve our communities and natural resources – in your neighborhood and in thousands of others. Governments can do a lot, but some work is best led by people on-the-ground. Imagine the results when we shift to harnessing even more of the power and potential of individuals and communities. That's the vision of the Chesapeake Bay Trust: the ripple effect of each project on this map as together, we empower people to restore nature.

## Our map is interactive!

Visit <https://cbtrust.org/impact-of-our-work/> or take a photo of the QR code to explore!



### **American Legion Post 217, Prince George's County, Maryland**

Awarded \$2,580 for a garden and green space for children of veterans.

"Watching the kids harvest what they planted and then enjoy the fresh vegetables they grew was an incredible moment. It wasn't just a lesson in gardening – it was a hands-on experience that showed them the value of hard work and healthy eating." – Sean Phelan, project leader



### **Bnos Yisroel of Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland**

Awarded \$5,000 to expand its outdoor classroom and wildlife curriculum for more students.

"As a Monarch butterfly enthusiast, I am particularly excited about the outdoor classroom's native plant garden! I am a firm believer in hands-on education and the benefits of being in touch (literally) with nature. The social-emotional and academic benefits are so clear." – Rachel Sagal, Teacher and Parent leader

### **IMAAM, Inc., Montgomery County, Maryland**

Awarded \$4,990 to engage Muslim families and youth in hands-on programs on Earth Day, building on a culture of stewardship supported by past grants.

The mosque is one of several faith-based institutions in the neighborhood who are leveraging rain gardens and native plants to engage community members.



### **St. Agnes Catholic Church, Shepherdstown, West Virginia**

Awarded two grants totaling \$66,240 for stormwater management practices.

"When we built our church in 2007, we commissioned an artist to create a stain glass window that honors the Potomac River which flows nearby. Now our two Chesapeake Bay Trust grants enable us to better retain our rainwater to give life to native plants and trees, and to manage the quality and quantity of stormwater that reaches the Potomac." – Sue Kemnitzer, project lead Teacher and Parent leader

### **Filliblaster LLC / ReDelicious, Washington, DC**

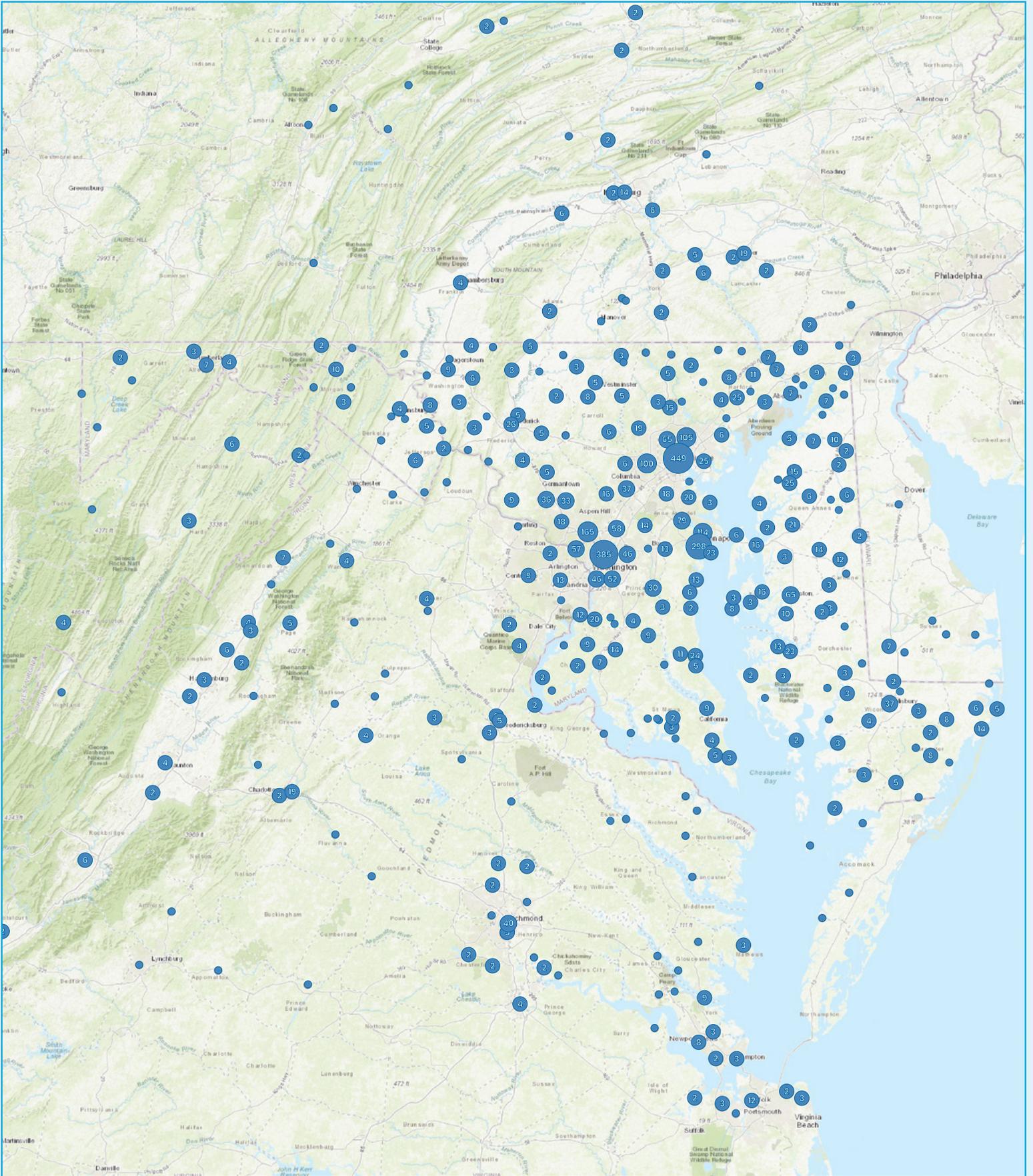
Awarded \$10,000 for its food rescue program.

"ReDelicious fills the gaps in the food recovery system, rescuing fresh produce from farmers' markets to nurture a delicious, growing community. Rooted in principles of mutual aid, we lean into the abundance that already exists in our community to create a joyful space for experimenting, learning, and dreaming together. This year, we've rescued and redistributed nearly 8,000 pounds of food and engaged over 2,000 community members across DC." – Maya Glicksman, ReDelicious Worker-Owner and project lead



### **James River Association, multiple counties in Virginia**

Awarded two grants totaling \$12,168 for K-12 environmental education initiatives, including an outdoor laboratory for elementary students and oyster-focused field trips for 8th graders.



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Edible plant seedlings start to flourish in the Prince George's Community College community garden, addressing food insecurity among students and neighbors. Once matured, the produce will be offered at the Owl Market to promote volunteer service, nutrition, and wellness.



Representatives from ONE More ONE Less Mentoring catch invasive blue catfish to support Bay-to-Table food insecurity initiatives. Their efforts empower Black men through aquaculture programs, address community hunger, and remove invasive species from local tributaries.



Community members take action to enhance water quality and stormwater management in Langley Park. Nature Forward empowers residents to reduce pollution impacts while fostering a stronger sense of community environmental resilience.

**City of Mount Rainier, \$10,000** to install nine pet waste stations

**National Wildlife Federation, \$60,000** to install native gardens at four congregations

**Nature Forward, \$59,161** for community education on green infrastructure and climate change

**Neighborhood Design Center, \$143,579** to replace pavement with native plantings in Frenchman's Creek

**ONE More ONE Less Mentoring, \$7,500** to address invasive blue catfish, mitigate food insecurity, and promote equity in aquaculture careers

**Prince George's Community College Foundation, Inc., \$9,500** for a communal garden to support its Largo campus food pantry

**Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation, \$1,000,000** for 4,000 trees in underserved communities

**Project Bright Future, \$9,500** to expand its community garden

**Ramalingam International Mission, \$6,000** for a community garden in Fort Washington

**Town of Riverdale Park, \$139,540** to install rain gardens and cisterns on municipal property

**Smithsonian Institution, \$298,867** to research bacterial contamination sources in urban watersheds

**St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, \$65,687** to transform 3,700 sf of pavement into a porous play area

**University Christian Church, \$113,000** to install permeable pavement and conservation landscaping

**University of Maryland, \$1,035** to engage students in invasive species removal

**University of Maryland, \$264,889** to study thermal reduction of urban stormwater practices

**University of Maryland, \$202,409** to evaluate tradeoffs among various restoration techniques

**Vista Estates West Homeowners Association (VEWHOA), \$81,287** to remove invasive vines and replace damaged trees

## QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

**Adkins Arboretum, \$40,960** to educate HOAs on conservation landscaping

**ShoreRivers, \$1,250** for a guided paddle tour of the Choptank for teens impacted by opioid use disorder

**ShoreRivers, \$42,779** to equip private landowners to maintain stormwater practices

**ShoreRivers, \$500** for its annual youth environmental action summit

**ShoreRivers, \$99,978** to install 838-lf of living shoreline and 40,825-sf of tidal marsh habitat

## SAINT MARY'S COUNTY

**Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, \$4,999** for 150 10th–12th graders to study water quality

**Friends of St Clements Bay, Inc, \$5,000** for a community oyster planting event and interpretive signage

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$103,863** for agricultural runoff and stormwater practices in Fisherman Creek

A pollinator visits a revitalized green space located in the heart of an urban landscape. Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development created this environment to increase biodiversity and bring educational opportunities to Leonardtown residents.

**Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, Inc., \$5,000** for the Aileen Hughes Award

**Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development, (Inc.), \$551** for a pollinator garden in Leonardtown

**Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development, (Inc.), \$34,004** to develop a network of watershed groups to share best practices

**Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development, (Inc.), \$9,587** for a conservation toolkit for landowners

**St. Mary's River Watershed Association, \$10,000** to upgrade water quality monitoring kits to support oyster restoration

## SOMERSET COUNTY

**The Nature Conservancy, \$297,000** to design a collaborative plan for restoring the Pocomoke Sound

## TALBOT COUNTY

**East End Neighborhood Association, \$5,000** to restore its 30-year-old community garden



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In partnership with the Cambridge Chapter of Club F.E.A.R., a Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps member leads an immersive exploration of woodland habitats for Eastern Shore youth who have been affected by substance abuse.



Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members discover a native Eastern Box Turtle while conducting a habitat restoration survey of herpetofauna with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.



Children decorate a rain barrel as part of Horizons Hampton Roads' summer environmental programming, where students learn about relationships between their daily choices and the health of the nearby Chesapeake Bay.

**Hambleton Cove Homeowners' Association, Inc., \$4,435** for native plantings

**Oyster Girl Oysters, \$6,400** to develop a boat ramp to assist with biofouling

**Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, \$9,000** to relaunch its education program

**ShoreRivers, \$9,989** to create oyster-focused educational opportunities

**ShoreRivers, \$758,947** to plant 1,000 trees

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance (ACWA), \$39,948** for demonstration bioretention swales in a Hagerstown Community College parking lot

**Blue Swallow Farm Foundation, \$10,000** to launch an agricultural sustainability curriculum

**C&O Canal Trust, \$609** for a pollinator meadow at Antietam Creek Campground

**City of Hagerstown, \$60,000** to plant street trees

## WICOMICO COUNTY

**Lower Shore Land Trust, \$3,300** to plant native trees at Delmarva Evangelistic Church

**Preservation Trust of Wicomico, Inc, \$15,000** for tree plantings on the Buffalo Soldier Living History Site

**City of Salisbury, \$1,272** to rehabilitate an edible community garden

**Wicomico Day School, \$7,500** to restore wildlife habitat and an outdoor classroom

## WORCESTER COUNTY

**Baywater Seafood, LLC, \$10,000** to develop a recirculating aquaculture system for oyster breeding

**Lower Shore Land Trust, \$8,098** to recruit and train land steward volunteers

**Maryland Coastal Bays Program, \$1,250** for a survey on amphibian and reptile behavior and habitat

**Maryland Coastal Bays Program, \$1,359** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to support its amphibian and reptile survey

## DELAWARE

**Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, \$35,000** for stormwater infrastructure in Seaford's Business District

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County, \$60,000** to build staff capacity to implement its clean water plan

**Karla Schweitzer Farrell & Associates, LLC, \$19,988** to develop a green infrastructure and pocket park plan in Lebanon County

**City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$35,000** for stormwater practices to reduce runoff

**Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association, Inc., \$9,000** for professional development

## VIRGINIA

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$175,000** for green infrastructure improvements at a playground in Richmond

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$35,000** for stormwater practices at Amelia Street School's accessible trail

**Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley, \$60,000** to build a network focused on public health, clean water, and quality-of-life goals

**Belvedere Elementary School, \$4,890** for a field trip and action project led by 129 5th graders at Patuxent River Park

**Black In Marine Science, \$10,000** for oyster and aquaculture videos for under-represented audiences

**Blue Sky Fund, \$5,000** to empower 2,000 Richmond elementary school students in field investigations

**Boxerwood Education Association, \$10,000** for an environmental literacy club for middle schoolers in Rockbridge County

**Chesapeake Environmental Communications, \$20,000** to help the George Washington Regional Commission to identify priority green infrastructure areas

**Henrico Education Foundation, \$5,000** for field experiences for 788 middle school students

**Horizons Hampton Roads, \$9,737** for environmentally focused summer programming for 350 K-8th graders

**James River Association, \$4,168** for oyster-focused field trips for Hampton City School 8th graders

**James River Association, \$8,000** for an outdoor science laboratory at Madison Heights Elementary School

**Local Concepts LLC, \$80,000** to support network collaboration on Chesapeake Bay Agreement goals

**Massanutten Regional Governor's School for Environmental Science and Technology, \$9,975** for a watershed habitat replica in its campus courtyard

**Maymont Foundation, \$5,000** to integrate watershed experiences into its Pre-K-12th grade curriculum

**Oyster Seed Holdings, \$8,000** for oyster hatchery tours

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Portsmouth Public School students explore the majesty of the Chesapeake Bay by participating in hands-on oyster growth data collection and monitoring efforts.

**Petersburg City Public Schools, \$5,000** for 318 5th graders to explore the James River

**Piedmont Soil & Water Conservation District, \$4,127** for professional development for Amelia and Prince Edward County educators

**Portsmouth Public Schools Oyster Project, \$9,996** to engage students in oyster restoration

**Rivanna Conservation Alliance, \$4,245** for 180 6th graders to study stream health

**Sustainability Matters, \$8,000** for an intensive environmental education program for 80 7th–12th graders from Fairfax County

**The Mariners' Museum and Park, \$10,000** to expand partnerships with local public school districts

**Virginia Community Voice, \$50,000** to expand a community garden and promote urban agriculture careers in South Richmond

**Virginia Living Museum, \$5,000** for professional development for educators

**Wilderness Leadership & Learning, Inc. (WILL), \$10,000** for a youth field trip to the Port Isabel Environmental Education Center

## WASHINGTON, DC

**A Heart 4 People Farm, LLC, \$10,000** to provide free fresh produce to 1,100 seniors

**A Wider Circle, \$10,000** to redistribute furniture from universities and hotels to residents in need

**After-School All-Stars, \$35,000** to educate students on environmental science through civic engagement, service, and art

**After-School All-Stars, \$10,000** for an outdoor environmental justice initiative in Ward 8

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$54,957** for stormwater practices at the Historic Congressional Cemetery

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$500** for its annual Earth Day clean-up

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$5,000** to teach middle school students about the Official Fish of Washington, DC: the American Shad

**Blossom Education Solutions Inc. (aka OurFarm DC), \$8,710** for a hydroponic farming technique training

**Bridges Public Charter School, \$6,500** to create native pollinator habitats

**Catholic University of America, \$7,564** to expand its campus food garden and pantry

**Clean Water Fund, \$60,000** to connect Ward 7 and 8 residents to the Anacostia River

**Common Good City Farm, \$10,000** for six workshops on food preservation and mending clothes to reduce waste

**Common Good City Farm, \$9,936** to renovate its greenhouse for educational experiences

**Conservation Nation, \$10,000** for an environmental leadership program at The Washington School for Girls

**Dreaming Out Loud Inc., \$7,550** for a food recovery and food waste education program

**Dreaming Out Loud Inc., \$10,000** to grow its urban farms in Wards 7 and 8 to combat food insecurity

Elementary students take part in a hands-on summer program focused on art and nature in the Anacostia River watershed with the Urban Learning and Teaching Center.

**Dreaming Out Loud Inc., \$20,000** to transform an abandoned building into a community food center

**Filiblaster LLC // ReDelicious, \$10,000** for a community food rescue program and food preservation workshops

**Friends of Anacostia Park, \$35,000** to expand its green jobs program

**Friends of Anacostia Park, \$10,000** for a free reuse market event series

**The George Washington University Office of Sustainability, \$8,000** for its annual reuse market

**The Green Scheme, \$32,800** for water quality education for Wards 7 and 8 residents

**Live It Learn It, \$5,000** for 100 3rd graders to investigate the Anacostia River

**Living Classrooms Foundation, \$34,997** to create a field trip fund for DC students to gain access to outdoor field experiences

**The Nicholson Project, \$8,000** for the restoration of garden beds in Ward 7

**Payne Elementary School PTSA, \$5,000** for 320 elementary schoolers to explore natural resources and climate issues

**Potomac Boat Club, \$6,500** to install a rainwater collection system and cistern for use in washing boats

**Potomac Riverkeeper Network, \$10,000** for its Earth Day River Cleanup event at Oxon Cove

**Qualia Pictures, \$20,000** for video storytelling of Anacostia River restoration

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**Clean Streams LLC, \$74,950** to gather data on the effects of tidal wetland mowing

**Jennifer Cowart, \$4,680** for consulting on AmeriCorps planning

**Eastern Research Group, Inc., \$29,999** for census-based strategic planning for coastal wetland restoration

**Falcon Strategies, \$15,000** to assess the regional climate-related career landscape



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**University of Florida, \$68,761** to study key issues affecting the diversity and quality of nursery trees



Leaders at Bridges Public Charter School expand its pollinator habitat with edible, perennial, and native plants, enhancing opportunities for student-led projects and field trips by local partners on its Fort Totten campus.



Each week, delicious strawberries and more than 100 pounds of other fresh produce and baked goods are distributed to more than 150 community members through Filiblastor LLC's ReDelicious rescue food program.



Student volunteers from the Catholic University of America harvest fresh produce for the campus' free Cardinal Cupboard food pantry, simultaneously expanding campus green space and combating food insecurity in the neighborhood.



# Chesapeake Conservation & Climate Corps

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps provides a cohort of young adults the opportunity to gain important professional development and green and climate career skills as they tackle critical environmental, agricultural, climate and energy projects through a one-year term of stipend-supported service. This year, 49 Corps Members who were placed with government and nonprofit Host Organizations across the state of Maryland graduated and joined our network of 420+ Corps Alumni as environmental leaders throughout the Chesapeake watershed and beyond.

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Throughout the year, Corps Members came together for monthly trainings provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, group service projects, and peer-to-peer networking visits to one another's host sites.

LOOKING AHEAD: Thanks to an additional investment from the State of Maryland through the Climate Solutions Act of 2022, the Corps program has grown to increase the cohort size, boost the stipend for members, and expand the program's scope to cover a wider range of climate topics.



Celebrating the Growth, Achievements, and Impact of the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

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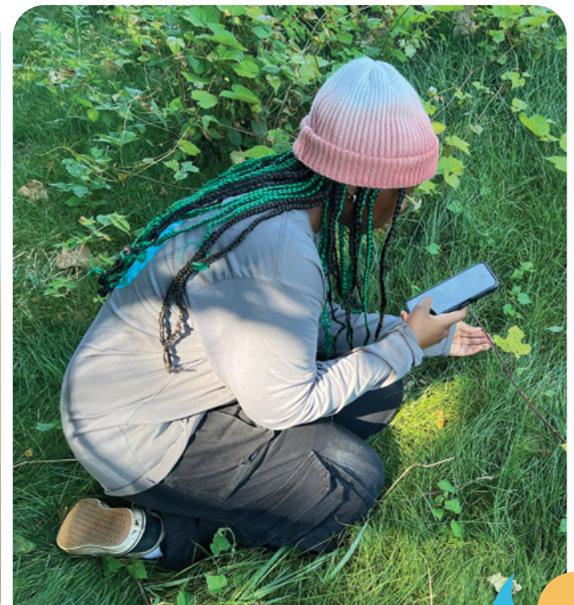
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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE: IN MEMORY OF CLAYTON F. BOLLACK, JR.

We were honored recently to receive an incredibly generous gift from a member of our community: Clayton F. Bollack, Jr. Mr. Bollack passed away in 2022 and chose to bestow a significant portion of his estate to the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This gift will go on to support thousands of projects that will empower people to restore nature together – in perpetuity. By making the choice to name the Chesapeake Bay Trust in his estate plans, he will equip generations of neighbors to protect, conserve, and enjoy our region's rich natural resources.

We recognize and honor his memory and legacy on these pages and on our community's campus.





## Our Core Values

### LEARNING

The Trust is constantly learning from a wide range of constituencies, including our collaborators, our grantees, and our critics, and is willing and able to embrace new approaches that help us meet our goals.

### SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

The Trust uses the best available natural and social scientific information to guide our actions. Where needs or information gaps exist, the Trust supports the pursuit of new tools and information.

### ENGAGEMENT OF A GRANTEE COMMUNITY

Our vision of healthy natural resources for all relies on diverse communities who are leading this important work. Power exists in giving local on-the-ground groups ownership of projects that make a difference.

### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The watershed will not be restored without a broad range of communities investing in their natural resources, reaping the benefits of a healthier environment and economic and health co-benefits. Success hinges on understanding and connecting to the values and interests of diverse, often under-engaged communities.

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Trust holds itself to the highest standards as the steward of contributions made to the Trust.

### TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Trust uses transparent and rigorous decision-making in its management of contributions made to the Trust, in implementing our grant-making programs, and in operating internally.



# Fiscal Year 2024 Financials

## REVENUE

Contributions*	\$ 6,616,005.00
Restricted Partnership Grants**	\$ 20,732,666.00
Investment Income ***	\$ 2,312,621.00
Special Events	\$ 90,489.00
Other Income ****	\$ (401,043.00)

**TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$29,350,738.00**

## EXPENSE

### Program Services

Program Grants & Projects	\$ 22,556,107.00
Program Management	\$ 2,463,099.00
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$25,019,206.00</b>

### Support Services

Development & Marketing	\$ 854,331.00
Management & General	\$ 656,708.00
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>\$ 1,511,039.00</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$26,530,245.00**

Change in Net Assets \$ 2,820,493.00

Please see the Trust's audited financial statements (available on the Trust's website) and the accompanying notes, which are an integral part of the financial statements.

Annual program expenses may be lower than annual awards and revenue because large portions of grant awards are often paid out in future fiscal years.

\* Contributions include Chesapeake Bay License Plate revenue; donations made through the Maryland State tax form; donations with boating, fishing, and hunting license registrations; and private donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations.

\*\*Restricted Partnership grants include foundation, federal, state, and local partners who collaborate on grant programs and support specific, restricted initiatives.

\*\*\* Includes unrealized gains.

\*\*\*\* A loss is reflected because we voluntarily removed an unused portion of our office building to transform part of its footprint to stormwater facilities to reduce runoff as a part of our broader green campus renovation.



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## DONATIONS LINE ON MARYLAND STATE INCOME TAX FORM

The Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland state income tax form allows Marylanders to make a tax-deductible donation that helps the local environment and protects native wildlife. **Designate the Trust at tax time or speak to your tax professional.**

## DONATIONS FROM MARYLAND ANGLERS, BOATERS, AND HUNTERS

Maryland sportspersons obtaining registrations and licenses through the Department of Natural Resources can donate online to the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund or Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund. **Give next time you renew.**

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Purchase eco-themed gear, personalized beach towels, sustainable drinkware, and more at the Chesapeake Bay Trust's online shop. Proceeds support habitat restoration and environmental education. **Shop for the nature-lovers in your life at [shopchesapeakebaytrust.org](http://shopchesapeakebaytrust.org).**

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**Honor Your Friends and Family** with a tribute gift in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a milestone, birthday, wedding, or anniversary.

**Make a Legacy Gift** and protect our natural resources in perpetuity by naming the Trust in your will or living Trust. Let us know if you have made planned giving arrangements so we can recognize you in our Legacy Circle. The Chesapeake Bay Trust's Tax ID is 52-1454182.



Thank you to the hundreds of businesses, families, and friends who supported our 26th annual signature gala in May. Many gathered for waterfront views at the Baltimore Museum of Industry to connect with one another, to shop our spirited silent auction, and hear about our ever-expanding collective impact. The Trust has ever-increasing demand for our grant funds, and our Treasure the Chesapeake supporters raised nearly \$150,000 that will go directly to our grantees' hand-on restoration, outreach, and environmental education projects.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our invaluable Sponsors:



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