



Empowering people.



Restoring nature.



annual report 2024-2025



# 2024-2025 Year in Review



## WILDLIFE & HABITAT

**237,661** native trees, pollinator plants, marsh grasses, and other native plants installed

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

**52** acres of invasive species removed

**1.4 million** oysters raised and released

## STORMWATER

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

**113,241** square feet of rain gardens created

**303** rain barrels installed

**70,886** pounds of trash removed, including single-use plastics that choke wildlife and harm our ecosystems' health



## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

**51,520** students engaged by **3,282** teachers

**61,370** people educated through **3,493** workshops

**25,149** volunteers engaged, donating **159,228** hours



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 Bay 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 Bay Trust empowers more than 400 groups by providing grants and technical assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects.

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## Our Core Values

### LEARNING:

The Bay 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 Bay Trust uses the best available natural and social scientific information to guide our actions. Where needs or information gaps exist, the Bay 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 Bay Trust holds itself to the highest standards as the steward of contributions made to the Bay Trust.

### TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

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





# Letter from the President

Change. For many people, that one word can be used to describe the period of July 2024 to June 2025, the fiscal year covered in this report. Many felt shifts and transitions internationally, nationally, and locally. Change can be challenging, but change can also spark

creativity, deep reflection, fresh ways to approach issues, new collaborations, and more.

For the Chesapeake Bay Trust, this year's changes sparked all of those things. We experienced shifts in partnerships and process, and through those shifts, we thought carefully about why and how we do what we do, and we made improvements.

One aspect of our work, even with the spirit of change of this year - and perhaps because of it - will stay constant: the core mission of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Many wonderful organizations share our vision of swimmable, fishable, (crabbable where applicable), healthy streams, rivers, and bays and accessible natural resources. Our unique niche is our mission's focus on everyday people. The Bay Trust exists to complement the work of government-led natural resources efforts by providing an avenue for the everyday person to become part of the solution. Many people want to help, and many actions help both our region's natural resources as well as an acute community or neighborhood need. Think of a rain garden to solve a parking lot flooding issue, trees to provide shade, or green spaces for human health benefit. If we harness the power of people on the ground who want to improve their communities, we'll feed two birds with one scone.

Our year (and the pages of this report) was filled with 588 of these stories: Everyday people who wanted to lead their own projects then put in the work to apply to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a grant or a spot in the 15th Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps. We made a record of \$38.8 million in awards, even in these changing times. The demand was three times that, and we wish we could have supported more of our applicants.

Together, these projects roll up into a wave of over 140,000 people acting, talking, thinking, and getting their neighbors involved. Every year, their work will make incremental progress in improving our natural resources and our communities and preventing further harm. They, too, will take the challenges posed by change and shift to find ways to make our neighborhoods better.

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

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# 2024-2025 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 Bay Trust to restore the watershed and enhance Bay stewardship:

### Federal, State, and Local Partners:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Maryland Americorps  
Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Department of Environment  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
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### Foundation/Corporation Partnerships:

Agua Fund  
BGE, An Exelon Company  
Blue Water Baltimore  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
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Greater Washington Community Foundation  
Keith Campbell Foundation  
Merrill Family Foundation  
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Outdoor Foundation  
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Prince Charitable Trusts  
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Thank you to our External Review Panelists, whose expertise and time empower the Bay 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 Bays 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, \$150,000** to increase technical capacity for local governments

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$50,000** for a bioretention project in the Annapolis Overlook community

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$50,565** for the Parkside Plaza Clean Water Project

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$5,000** to educate 1,523 students about microplastics

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$15,825** to strengthen organizational development

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$1,000** for the 2025 Chesapeake Catfish Cookoff

**Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$10,000** for a mentoring program for 140 youth

**Anne Arundel County Public Schools, \$3,285** for outdoor experiences for 30 children with disabilities

**Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, \$1,175** for a community conservation survey

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$406,559** to restore 1,600 feet of shoreline and oyster habitats at the Long Point peninsula

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$136,871** for 1,400 feet of stream restoration at the Annapolis Waterworks Park

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$60,753** for a 1,900-foot stream restoration in Sunny Shores

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$190,000** for a living shoreline in the Edgewater Beach community

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$212,618** for a 240-foot step pool conveyance system in Harness Creek Overlook

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$37,355** for a wetland at Galesville Heritage Society and Museum

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$59,824** to design a living shoreline in the Pine Whiff community

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$72,328** for stream restoration in the Gingerville community

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$149,995** for stream stabilization in the Sunny Shores community

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$8,752** for environmental education for 55 English Language Learner students

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$1,974** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps (Corps) Member-led invasive species removal at Mayo Beach Park

**Arundel Rivers Federation, \$1,240** for Corps Member-led native plant installations at Mayo Beach Park

**Belvedere Community Association, \$4,994** for a rain barrel drive and invasive species removal community event



Students explore nature through outdoor science experiments with Arundel Rivers Federation.

# 2024–2025 Grants and Projects



The Cape Conservation Corps prepares for a community planting.

**Cape Conservation Corps, \$3,116** for a rain garden

**Captain Avery Museum, Inc., \$5,000** for an educational garden

**Cedarhurst Citizens Association, \$55,925** to design 3,930 feet of living shoreline

**Chesapeake Conservancy, \$25,340** for website development

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

**Chesapeake Language Project, \$2,925** for a multilingual litter education program

**Chesapeake Legal Alliance, \$15,000** for a website update and storytelling project

**Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB), \$500** for the 2024 CRAB Cup

**Coastal Conservation Association Maryland, \$9,994** for the Living Reef Action project

**Council of Unit Owners of Acton's Landing Condominium, \$5,000** for a pollinator garden

**Creekside at Osprey Landing HOA, Inc., \$106,000** for invasive species removal and tree plantings

**Deep Creek Village Property Owners Association, Inc, \$5,000** for 24 native trees

**Drink at the Well, Inc., \$50,649** for a community beekeeping program and to educate 200 students about bees

**Falcon Strategies, \$15,000** for a landscape survey on green employment opportunities

**Fishing Creek Farm HOA, \$279,920** for shoreline restoration

**Friends of Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, \$1,249** for educational signage on a new trail

**Friends of Quiet Waters Park, \$4,218** for conservation landscaping at Holly Pavilion

**Friends of Quiet Waters Park, \$4,215** for native plants at the Concert Stage

**Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Troop 4215, \$3,750** for an oyster education event for 30 scouts

**God's Outdoor Angels Foundation, \$5,000** for outdoor healing experiences for veterans

**Greater Baybrook Alliance, \$24,921** for community litter clean-ups

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$4,972** for 72 native shrubs and trees at Fort Smallwood Park

**Historic London Town and Gardens, \$1,250** for invasive species removal and native plantings

**Hospice Cup, \$3,186** for sustainable practices at their annual community event

**Indian Creek School, \$3,899** for native trees in public recreational areas

**Indian Creek School, \$9,914** for an outdoor learning center for 495 students

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$500** for the Chesapeake Champions Interfaith Breakfast

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$1,249** for a report on congregational environmental stewardship efforts

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$29,723** for a strategic plan and operational assessment

**Kingsport Community Association, Inc., \$35,000** for a 135-foot living shoreline

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

**Marnie Oakes Kenefick, \$25,000** for career coaching for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members

**Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), \$37,498** for staff development

**Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), \$65,000** for an environmental literacy network

**Maryland Department of Agriculture, \$9,995** for oyster culinary outreach materials

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), \$1,227** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to monitor algal blooms

**Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, \$5,000** for 40 trees on their campus

**Maryland Reentry Resource Center Inc., \$27,816** for reforestation in Lake Waterford Park

**Maryland Reentry Resource Center Inc., \$25,000** for an organizational fundraising plan

**Maryland Reentry Resource Center Inc., \$300,000** for a community forestry program

**Maryland Reentry Resource Center Inc., \$1,108** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to remove invasive species



Indian Creek School students create an outdoor learning center.



Maryland Department of Agriculture studies oysters for their culinary education program.



Veterans find healing on a fishing trip with God's Outdoor Angels Foundation.

# 2024-2025 Grants and Projects

**Maryland Stream Restoration Association, \$42,354** for stream restoration education across Maryland counties

**National Wildlife Federation, \$36,295** for communications development

**Oyster Recovery Partnership, Inc., \$24,911** for strategic planning to align with Bay restoration efforts

**Pasadena Sportfishing Group, \$45,160** to engage 68 youth in educational fishing events

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc., \$200,000** for a 20-acre conservation easement on healthy forest in Saltworks Creek

**Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc., \$1,123** to study flora, fauna, and taxa at Bacon Ridge Natural Area

**Severn Grove Improvement Association, \$5,000** for conservation landscaping

**Severn River Association, \$77,985** for a bioretention pond and bioswale

**Severn River Association, \$50,000** for shoreline restoration and green workforce development

**Severn River Association, \$178,000** for a living shoreline and impervious surface removal

**Severn River Association, \$74,949** for a water quality action plan for the Severn Run sub-watershed

**Severn River Association, \$38,118** to design a stormwater management system and 880 feet of living shoreline

**Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC), \$1,000** for an outdoor experience for 1,000 youth hosted at the Eastport Yacht Club

**Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC), \$197,000** to restore 1,100 feet of stream in Upper Truxton Cove

**Unity Gardens, Inc., \$500** for an outreach event on native plants

**Village of Middle Cove, \$5,000** for 22 native trees and shrubs

## BALTIMORE CITY

**Ashburton Area Association, \$14,948** to plant 15 trees and eight native shrubs

**B&D Environmental Consulting, \$14,400** to support community organizations' efforts to apply for grant opportunities

**Baltimore Green Space, \$192,902** to expand community forestry stewardship

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$299,140** to increase access to urban forestry workforce programming

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$4,996** to plant 10 trees on the MedStar Harbor Hospital campus

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$1,250** for an environmental literary magazine

**Baltimore Tree Trust, \$2,977,420** to plant 3,500 trees

**Black Landscapers Alliance, \$358,296** for urban forestry workforce training

**Black Yield Institute, \$100,000** for a sustainable produce market to address food insecurity

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$131,442** for a green jobs program and tree maintenance

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$44,539** to engage 10 college-aged students in water quality and pollution monitoring

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$37,361** for new water quality monitoring stations in Herring Run

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$24,000** for community-led urban stream restoration projects

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$20,000** for a report on volunteer-led pollution detection in stormwater systems

**Broadway East Community Development Corporation, \$199,340** to plant 350 trees

**Butchers Hill Neighborhood Association, \$8,228** for native plantings and a community compost program

**Catonsville Rails to Trails, \$15,000** to plant 100 trees

**Church of the Redemption, Locust Point, Inc, \$46,713** for permeable pavers and rain gardens on a half-acre of impervious surface

**City Center Residents Association, \$15,000** to plant 25 trees

**City Neighbors Foundation, \$90,567** for a bioretention installation at City Neighbors Hamilton High School

**City of Refuge Baltimore, \$55,000** to train 64 South Baltimore residents in solar panel installation

**Civic Works Inc, \$52,786** for litter clean-ups in eight Baltimore communities

**Cylburn Arboretum Friends, \$1,250** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to create a forestry guide

**Faith Presbyterian Church, \$6,275** for native plants, rain barrels and interpretive signage

**Family Survivor Network, \$2,300** for community green space revitalization

**Filbert Street Garden, \$21,600** for a young adult environmental stewardship training program

**Filbert Street Garden, \$2,084** for stormwater and pollinator gardens



Blue Water Baltimore conducts a community-led stream restoration project.



Severn Grove Improvement Association completes new conservation landscaping to protect waterways.



Scenic Rivers Land Trust leads intensive field study at Bacon Ridge Natural Area.

# 2024–2025 Grants and Projects

**Filbert Street Garden, \$50,000** for community-based garden programs

**Filbert Street Garden, \$5,000** to expand their Curtis Bay native garden

**Friends of Herring Run Parks, \$50,296** to engage 250 residents in outdoor recreation activities and community clean-ups

**Frontline Gig, Inc, \$6,300** to recruit new applicants to the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

**Fund For Educational Excellence, \$2,838** for 40 participants to attend workshops exploring health and the environment

**Fusion Partnerships, \$67,100** to plant 150 trees along the Maidens Choice River corridor

**Fusion Partnerships, \$55,000** for environmental education for communities along the Jones Falls Trail

**Grace Foundation, \$47,000** to plant 60 trees and native shrubs

**Greater Mount Holly Community Development Corporation (GMHCDC), \$4,443** for a 1,742-foot pollinator garden

**Greater Mount Holly Community Development Corporation (GMHCDC), \$5,000** for youth-led community clean-ups

**Greater Mount Holly Community Development Corporation (GMHCDC), \$66,200** for urban forestry training for 25 former foster youth

**Greater Remington Improvement Association, \$99,991** to expand the tree canopy along the Jones Fall Trail

**Greater Remington Improvement Association, \$200,000** to plant 224 trees

**Grow Home Inc, \$155,240** to develop community greening plans with 150 residents, train 45 installers, and plant 1,000 trees



Filbert Street Garden volunteers plant natives and pollinator gardens to address stormwater.

**Gwynns Falls Community Association, \$8,740** for community-led park improvements and transforming vacant lots into green spaces

**Howard EcoWorks, \$24,710** to increase sustainable community partnerships

**InDiGO (Project of SOCIAL GOOD FUND, INC.), \$100,000** to train 570 youth in community forestry

**Inquiring Systems, Inc., \$45,035** for local artists and community members to develop concepts to restore the lower Jones Falls

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$500** for a boat tour to engage faith communities in Harbor restoration

**Intersection Of Change, \$51,667** for a youth workforce development program in urban agriculture

**Johns Hopkins Community Science and Innovation for Environmental Justice Initiative, \$77,653** for a mobile laboratory

**KLT Group, \$2,451** to provide technical support for the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

**Lillie May Carroll Jackson School, \$64,346** for an outdoor classroom for 250 students, pervious surface, and rain gardens

**Living Classrooms Foundation, \$9,991** for an immersive oyster restoration experience for 135 students

**Living Classrooms Foundation, \$222,539** to improve water quality in the Lancaster Street canal and provide hands-on learning for 80 students

**Maryland Environmental Service, \$10,000** for 32 South Baltimore youth to study birds

**Midtown Community Benefits District, \$50,000** for a community-based tree stewardship and maintenance program



Youth workforce weeds greenhouse in urban agriculture program with Intersection of Change.



National Audubon Society plants natives to restore forests and create bird-friendly habitats.

**Midtown Community Benefits District, \$275,075** to increase tree canopy through green workforce development

**National Aquarium, \$28,882** to connect 650 residents to nature through environmental education

**National Audubon Society Inc. (Audubon Mid-Atlantic), \$61,375** for forest restoration and bird-friendly habitats

**National Wildlife Federation, \$75,000** to engage the Druid Heights community in native plantings

**National Wildlife Federation, \$41,290** for community workshops about pollinators and native plants

**Nature Worx, Inc., \$25,866** for a nature and health workshop series

**No Boundaries Coalition Inc., \$7,300** to educate youth about community green space maintenance

**No Boundaries Coalition Inc., \$5,000** for community-led litter clean-ups

**North Avenue and Hilton Street Business and Community Task Force, \$5,000** to plant 25 native trees on Westwood and Longwood Streets



South Baltimore students learn about native birds on a field trip with Maryland Environmental Service.

# 2024-2025 Grants and Projects

**Notre Dame of Maryland University, \$82,873** to plant 183 trees on their campus

**ONE More... ONE Less Mentoring, \$44,000** to engage 150 youth in outdoor educational experiences on the invasive blue catfish

**Parity Baltimore Incorporated, \$50,000** to transform 15 vacant lots into pollinator gardens

**Shelley's House, \$27,000** to educate 75 teens about the connection between health and nature

**South Baltimore Community Land Trust Inc, \$100,000** to connect grassroots organizations to grant programs

**South Baltimore Community Land Trust Inc, \$48,500** to educate 10 Baltimore City students on environmental health disparities

**South Baltimore Community Land Trust Inc, \$125,000** to support grassroots organizations with grant opportunities

**SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL INCORPORATED dba Citizens of Pigtown, \$30,500** to plant 50 trees

**St. Matthew's New Life United Methodist Church, \$5,000** for a community food garden in Barclay

**Stillmeadow Community Projects, Inc., \$100,000** to support an environmental network in the Baltimore area

**Stillmeadow Community Projects, Inc., \$100,000** for a network advancing healthy environments

**Stillmeadow Community Projects, Inc., \$1,241** for a public space to learn about faith, art and the environment

**Temple X Schools LLC, \$132,500** to create a community forestry resource hub

**The 6th Branch, \$154,263** to convert 18,681 feet of turf grass into pollinator gardens at three urban farms

**The 6th Branch, \$50,000** for a community garden in East Baltimore Midway

**The 6th Branch, \$99,994** for professional development in sustainable horticulture

**The 6th Branch, \$1,250** for a sunshade, pollinator gardens, and seating area on Oliver Community Farm

**The 6th Branch, \$2,000** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to plant 1,800 feet of pollinator habitats

**The Central Baltimore Partnership, Inc., \$142,075** for a wetland observational deck and educational signage

**The Central Baltimore Partnership, Inc., \$36,580** for invasive species removal and native plants on the Jones Fall Trail

**The Complete Player (TCP) Charity, \$82,951** to engage 200 students in litter clean-ups in the Brooklyn and Curtis Bay communities

**The SEED School of Maryland, \$50,000** for their food garden

**Towanda Neighborhood Association, \$5,000** for resident conservation landscaping education

**Towson University, \$1,250** for teacher professional development on water quality

**Trash Free Maryland, \$20,800** to increase awareness of recycling and microplastics in the Bay

**Unity Properties, Inc., \$7,500** to plant 10 native trees and shrubs in West Baltimore

**University of Maryland Baltimore County, \$350,995** for water quality monitors at three sites

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc., \$8,505** to engage 637 residents and 800 students in oyster restoration

**Waverly Main Street, \$3,153** to restore tree canopy lost during the pandemic

**York Corridor Business Improvement District Management Authority, Inc., \$60,500** for conservation landscaping on York Road

**York Corridor Business Improvement District Management Authority, Inc., \$5,000** to transform vacant lots into a trail and community green spaces in Winston-Govans

## BALTIMORE COUNTY

**Back River Neck Peninsula Community Association, Inc., \$40,700** to create a community-led plan to improve Back River water quality

**Baltimore Clayworks, \$5,000** for a community green space

**Baltimore Clayworks, \$13,950** for native plantings and a nature-based art installation

**Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection & Sustainability, \$1,500,000** to plant 2,600 trees

**Blue Water Baltimore, \$4,884** for an immersive water quality experience for 70 third graders from St. Paul's School

**Catapult Image, \$2,248** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps outreach materials

**Chartley Homeowners Association, Inc., \$15,000** to plant 30 trees

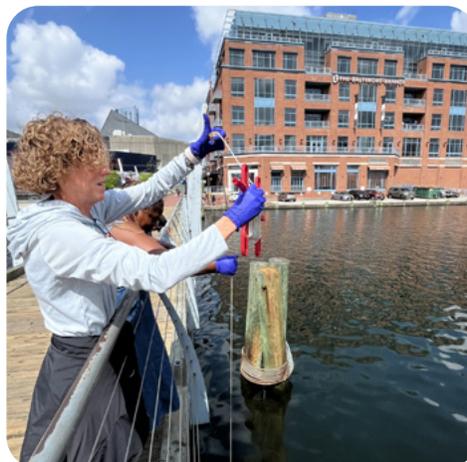
**Community College of Baltimore County (formerly Essex Community College), \$40,774** to plant 207 trees on their campus

**Cylburn Arboretum Friends, \$8,118** to increase biodiversity through their Woodland Edge Education Project

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



Student at Temple X Schools helps build a community forestry resource hub.



Teachers explore water quality during professional development with Towson University.



Students at the SEED School of Maryland expand their food garden.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial UM Church member plants natives for a sustainable garden.



Students learn about agriculture on a field trip with Sisters Circle, Inc.



Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members support trail and farm maintenance through kayak exploration.

**EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC, \$287,485** to use a relatively new method, eDNA, to assess efficacy of stream restoration

**GeN'xt Ministries Inc, \$158,435** for two bioswales and a rain garden at Huber Memorial Church

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

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$21,987** to strengthen board governance

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$89,464** to plant 1,000 trees on two acres

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$7,293** to plant 140 trees at Southwest Area Park

**GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$43,250** to design 40,000 feet of marsh, wetland, and reef habitat restoration in Hog Neck

**Gunpowder RIVERKEEPER, \$9,950** for a field trip for 2,000 students about Rainbow Trout and water quality

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$48,253** for rain gardens to improve water quality at Manor Mill

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$35,000** to plant trees to reduce stormwater runoff at Chesapeake Mental Health Collaborative

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$26,969** for a 40-day challenge event for residents to explore the Gunpowder watershed

**Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$14,963** to plant 35 trees in the Miramar Landing community

**Hebbsville Elementary, \$2,754** for a recycling program engaging 33 students

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$7,190** to educate 50 youth about local environmental changes

**Ignite Development Network, \$5,000** for a native pollinator garden at All's Well Home Care

**Martin Luther King Jr Memorial UM Church, \$4,355** for sustainable garden workshops

**NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$9,149** for riparian forest buffers in Gwynns Falls

**NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$10,000** for professional development and communications support

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, \$7,729** to engage 580 students in hands-on water quality sampling

**Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center, \$49,782** to restore 120 acres of forest

**Ruscombe Community, \$9,956** for a rain garden and community workshops

**Sisters Circle, Inc., \$4,955** for an agricultural and water health field trip for 49 youth

**Sparrows Point North Point Historical Society Inc., \$5,000** for a native garden in a veteran memorial site

**TALMAR Gardens & Horticultural Therapy Center, \$5,000** for a gardening program and handicap-accessible equipment for senior veterans

**Tetra Tech, Inc., \$75,000** for the study of stream health indicators

**Towson University, \$9,959** for 20 high school students in Curtis Bay to research impacts of environmental history

**Trinity Episcopal Church, \$93,597** to design seven rain gardens on their campus

## CALVERT COUNTY

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$50,000** for land conservation educational materials

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,250** to study tick populations

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$2,000** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to support trail and farm maintenance

**American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,248** for residential food forest resources

**Ann's Circle, Inc. DBA Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, \$23,731** for regenerative gardening workshops

**Asbury Foundation, \$9,475** for a native wildflower meadow on their Solomons campus

**Boys & Girls Club of Southern Maryland, \$1,955** to plant 13 urban trees

**Calvert Marine Museum, \$5,000** for amphibian monitoring devices

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., \$1,250** for a community-based oyster gardening program

**Coastal Conservation Association Maryland, \$9,393** for an environmental leadership course to support 1,250 youth

**East - John Youth Center, Inc., \$19,122** for rain barrels, conservation landscaping, and to host a Bay Day community event

## CAROLINE COUNTY

**Adkins Arboretum, \$30,000** for a community workshop series on biodiversity and land use

**Caroline County Public Schools, \$3,608** for 30 students to participate in terrapin research

**Greensboro Elementary School, \$8,500** to engage 840 students in creating an outdoor classroom and planting 57 native trees

**Mid-Shore Community Foundation, \$25,000** for a residential green infrastructure concept plan

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation volunteers release oyster spat in a community oyster gardening program.



Caroline County Public Schools student participates in a terrapin research boat trip.



Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance plants native hedgerows.

## CARROLL COUNTY

**Catoctin Land Trust, \$149,974** to design 7,069 feet of stream and floodplain restoration in Roop Branch Stream

**Hampstead Tree Commission, \$2,908** to plant 30 trees in Westwood Park

**Springfield Hospital Center-Maryland Department of Health, \$100,245** to convert impervious surface into a therapeutic garden

## CECIL COUNTY

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$2,500** for a Chesapeake Bay conservation summit for college students

**Chesapeake Village Condominium Association, Inc., \$167,819** for rain gardens and grass swales

**Fair Hill Environmental Foundation, Inc., \$120,000** for hands-on environmental experiences for 1,062 5th graders and 45 teachers

**Town of Charlestown, \$80,244** to design 625 feet of stormwater retention

## CHARLES COUNTY

**Conservancy for Charles County, Inc., \$9,997** to increase board capacity

**Fundamentals of Life Instructions and Planning, \$4,771** for a native tree education community event

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$31,600** to build a nature-based strategic plan

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$175,322** for a green workforce development program for high schoolers and young adults

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$226,609** to develop a youth forestry volunteer corps

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$108,582** to plant 470 native plants at Bensville County Park

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$121,400** for 32 acres of conservation landscaping at Stethem Sports Complex

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$1,242** for a food forest at New Hope Community Church

**Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc., \$86,139** to plant 451 trees at Waldorf's Thomas Stone High School and Waldorf Senior Recreation Center

**University of Maryland College Park, \$48,154** for residential rain garden maintenance education

## DORCHESTER COUNTY

**Chesapeake Audubon Society/Pickering Creek Audubon Center, \$49,963** for pollinator gardens at the Intergenerational Center at Chesapeake Grove

**Choptank Elementary School, \$10,000** for an outdoor classroom for 400 students

**City of Cambridge, \$164,730** to remove impervious surfaces on Washington Street and at City Hall

**Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance, Inc., \$5,000** for native hedgerows and to educate youth on native plants

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$167,540** for a survey on identifying the potential barriers of community stewardship in watershed restoration

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$99,999** for a water quality analysis

**University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$9,900** for a gap analysis of tidal wetland landowner support

**University of Maryland Horn Point Environmental Labs, \$500** for their annual Science Saturday

## FREDERICK COUNTY

**C&O Canal Trust, \$703** for a volunteer-led invasive species removal event

**Catoctin Land Trust, \$2,500** to recognize innovative leadership in land trust conservation

**Catoctin Land Trust, \$29,962** to develop a fundraising plan

**Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., \$823** for an ArcGIS map documenting site restoration potential

**City of Brunswick, \$15,600** to plant 120 trees

**Frederick County Public Schools, \$40,000** for an environmental literacy plan for 100 elementary, middle, and high school students

**Maryland School for the Deaf, \$4,450** for a field trip for 22 sixth graders about Baltimore Harbor water quality

**Mobilize Frederick, \$29,560** for board and staff professional development

**Mobilize Frederick, \$377,549** to train youth to plant and maintain trees

**Mobilize Frederick, \$1,250** to train community liaisons in air quality initiatives

**Town of Emmitsburg, \$175,000** for a green street

**Town of Middletown, \$31,420** for 1,000 feet of restoration in the Wiles Branch Stream

## HARFORD COUNTY

**755 Alliance Inc., \$45,000** to plant 74 trees in Edgewood

**Bel Air Acres Improvement Association, Inc., \$4,461** to expand the tree canopy on Winter Park Road

**Christ Episcopal Church, Rock Spring Parish, \$4,995** for conservation landscaping

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Susquehannock Wildlife Society prepares to plant natives for checkerspot butterfly conservation.



The Community Ecology Institute prepares Freetown Farm to plant 15 native trees.



Veteran family participates in a fishing event with Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park.

**Falls Creek Farm / Harford Friends School Inc, \$46,843** to restore 7.8 acres of forest

**Harford Land Trust, Inc., \$20,270** to establish fundraising programs

**Harford Land Trust, Inc., \$5,106** to develop a strategic land conservation acquisition process

**Harford Land Trust, Inc., \$64,643** for their environmental behavior change Grow Wild program

**Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, \$5,000** to integrate environmental learning into science and social studies classes for 150 students

**Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace, Inc., \$2,848** to replace turf grass with a native garden

**Susquehannock Wildlife Society, Inc., \$5,000** to engage people in natural resources topics through checkerspot butterfly conservation

## HOWARD COUNTY

**Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., \$1,000** for a convening to discuss innovative stormwater solutions

**Columbia Association, \$1,240** for a volunteer manual about sustainable landscaping

**Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park, \$30,000** for volunteer-led trail maintenance

**Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park, \$4,973** for a veteran adaptive fishing event

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$7,628** for conservation easement monitoring training

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$9,790** for sustainable environmental literacy programs in Howard County Public Schools

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$70,000** for a conservation meadow

**Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$2,500** for a Maryland land trust leadership award

**Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, \$844** for tree planting in Rockbun Branch Park

**Howard County, MD, \$46,500** to plant 150 native street trees in heat vulnerable areas

**Howard EcoWorks, \$45,126** for invasive species removal at their headquarters

**Howard EcoWorks, \$160,937** for a green job development program

**Kings Contrivance Community Association, \$5,000** for conservation landscaping tours

**Little Portion Farm (Franciscan Friars - Our Lady of the Angels Province), \$315** for a gardening tool shed

**Oakland Mills Interfaith Inc., \$140,257** for the construction of a dual bioretention basin

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$4,994** for community litter clean-ups

**Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$40,000** for water quality and conductivity community education

**Resurrection-St. Paul School, \$5,000** for a 2,300-foot pollinator garden

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$102,000** for agroecology education for residents

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$499** for a convening to discuss gardening, food forests, and conservation

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$3,016** to plant 15 trees on Freetown Farm

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$10,000** to design an outdoor education space with 4th and 5th graders from Swansfield Elementary School

**The Community Ecology Institute, \$7,056** for 100 elementary students to explore rainwater through hands-on watershed literacy lessons

**The James and Anne Robinson Foundation, Inc, \$1,249** for animal enrichment practices at Robinson Nature Center

## KENT COUNTY

**Kent Cultural Alliance, \$5,000** for farmers and conservationists' connection events

**ShoreRivers, \$2,000** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members to support invasive species removal at Kent County High School

**Sultana Education Foundation, \$15,000** for board and staff professional development

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**African Digital Wisdom Academy (ADWA) Inc, \$5,000** for waste disposal education

**AfriThrive, \$15,000** for a strategic plan

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$25,000** for litter removal data collection

**Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$39,837** for community water quality sampling training

**B&D Environmental Consulting, \$2,370** for professional development training for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members



Farmers and conservationists at an Interconnectivity event with Kent Cultural Alliance.

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**B&D Environmental Consulting, \$6,300** to support young adults with the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps application

**Bethesda Green, \$40,000** for a pet waste management program

**Braker Bros, LLC, \$25,000** for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps outreach materials

**Centro de Apoyo Familiar, \$40,000** for a multi-lingual stormwater runoff and pollution reduction program

**Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council, \$28,759** for an outreach plan for the Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) certification training

**Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council, \$19,935** for a report on improving green infrastructure practices

**City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks, \$196,100** to plant 1,200 trees in RedGate Park

**City of Takoma Park, \$780** for a pollinator survey at Stuart Armstrong Pollinator Arboretum

**Common Ground Earth, Inc., \$65,528** for a native meadow

**EcoSWIFT, \$3,713** for a tennis and pickle ball recycling program to reduce waste

**Fairhaven United Methodist Church, \$20,795** to plant 22 native trees

**Gateway Commons HOA, \$13,480** for a pollinator garden

**Grupo Mulheres do Brasil - Washington DC Chapter, \$3,490** for an Earth Day community event

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$22,595** for a green team program for local congregations in Gaithersburg

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$23,773** for a green team program for local congregations in Rockville

**Izaak Walton League of America, \$25,000** for 1,000 bilingual road salt application test kits

**Izaak Walton League of America, \$27,945** to promote eco-conscious road salt practices among schools and businesses

**Izaak Walton League of America, \$19,684** for a road salt reduction program in Rockville

**Izaak Walton League of America, \$41,818** to survey 22,000 residents about road salt use

**Little Falls Watershed Alliance, \$75,000** for a 600-foot rain garden and an 800-gallon rain barrel at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

**Live Peace Tech Corporation, \$25,000** for multi-lingual stormwater and conservation education workshops

**Live Peace Tech Corporation, \$3,000** for nature-based yoga and meditation workshops

**Live Peace Tech Corporation, \$200,000** for community forestry training for 100 participants

**Live Peace Tech Corporation, \$27,500** for flood prevention and stormwater management workshops

**Live Peace Tech Corporation, \$10,000** for a pollinator garden and ecology literacy for 50 middle schoolers

**Live Peace Tech Corporation, \$32,000** to plant 50 trees

**Minnie's Island Community Conservancy, \$4,993** to plant 15 trees

**Montgomery County Maryland Government, \$716,000** to plant 1,200 trees

**Moonshot Missions, \$22,000** for human resources capacity support

**National Wildlife Federation, \$50,000** to educate 50 faith-based institutions in conservation landscaping

**The Nature Conservancy, \$95,000** for a study of potential barriers to wetland restoration on privately owned land

**Nature Forward, Inc., \$39,983** for community-led water quality monitoring

**Nature Forward, Inc., \$90,000** for biology water quality education for 8,100 Montgomery County Public School high schoolers

**Nature Forward, Inc., \$49,985** for 100 residential native garden kits

**Nature Forward, Inc., \$1,000** for a summit on green space development and environmental concerns

**Nature Forward, Inc., \$1,243** for a Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps member to develop a tree-ecosystem curriculum for 104 first graders

**Paint Branch High School, \$3,020** for a pollinator garden and environmental science education for 56 students

**Postsecondary Strategy Solutions, \$9,350** for leadership training for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members

**Potomac Conservancy, \$25,000** for community-led litter clean-ups

**Qualia Pictures, \$5,000** for outreach materials for an environmental community network

**Rock Creek Conservancy, \$110,100** for a green workforce program

**Shady Grove III Community Association, \$10,740** for a pollinator garden

**Shady Grove Village HOA, \$15,090** for a pollinator garden

**So What Else, Inc., \$40,000** to engage 50 youth in litter reduction at Willows Apartment complex

**So What Else, Inc., \$10,000** for a school community garden

**The Shepherd's Table Inc., \$4,405** for native gardening education workshops



Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps member removes invasive species at Kent County High School with ShoreRivers.



Community members at a tree planting with Minnie's Island Community Conservancy.



Paint Branch High School students help build a table for their pollinator garden.

# Empowering People. Restoring Nature.

## This year, we celebrated our own “green headquarters” project.

With the help of the State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County, Grayce B. Kerr Fund, France-Merrick Foundation, and many other donors, we completed our net zero energy, net zero stormwater (up to a 10-inch rain event) green building project. This project allows us to “walk the walk” and empathize with what our everyday grantees go through in bringing their projects to life, from design and permitting to construction. Thus far, we are proving to be net energy positive, producing more energy from our solar panels than we use. We too can now be a dot on our impact map, proving that every one of these dots is a full story!



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



This map (interactive at the QR code) 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 empowered to restore our treasured natural resources 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.



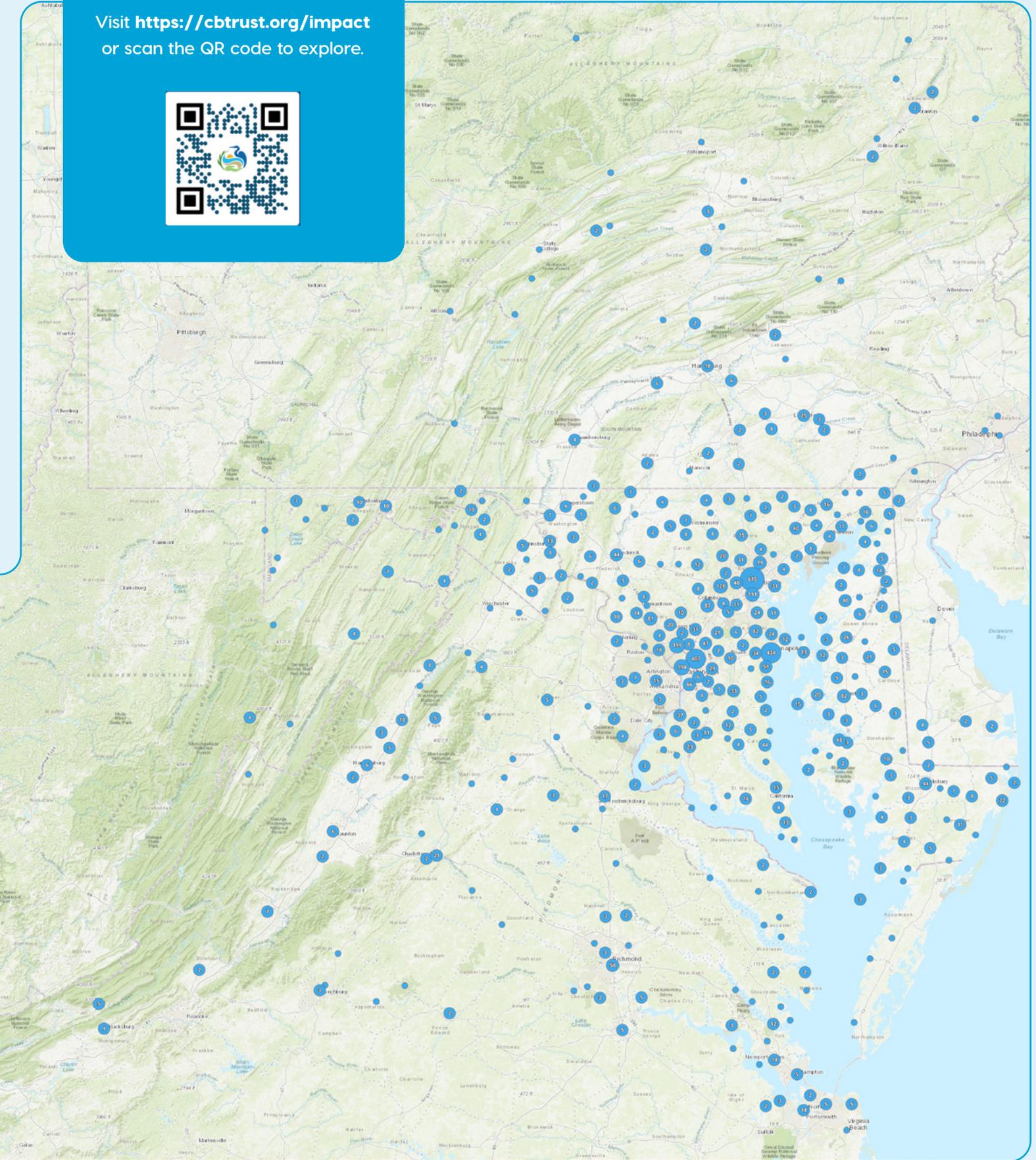
### CAPACITY BUILDING

We aim to increase the effectiveness of individual organizations and groups of organizations working to advance natural resource restoration and protection.



# Our map is interactive!

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Theta Nu Chapter plants native trees at University of Maryland, College Park.



Veteran and service dog tackle the Ruff Mudder race with Warrior Canine Connection.



Cultural performance shines at the annual Mid-Autumn Festival with Vietnamese American Services.

**The Urban Studio, \$39,985** for an environmental service-learning program for 20 high schoolers

**University of Maryland College Park, \$33,923** to support homeowners' associations with green teams

**Vietnamese American Services, \$30,000** to develop partnerships for environmental protection

**Vietnamese American Services, \$40,000** for stormwater management education

**Vietnamese American Services, \$500** for the Mid-Autumn Festival

**Vistas of Washingtonian Woods Home Owners Assn., \$100,000** for a system to collect rainwater to be used on native plants

**Warrior Canine Connection, \$5,000** for the Ruff Mudder race for veterans and their service dogs

**Wat Thai Washington, D.C., \$38,397** for conservation landscaping and rain gardens

**City of Rockville RainScapes Rebate Program, \$43,302** for 23 resident projects to install rain barrels, rain gardens, native trees and other practices on their properties through the RainScapes Rebate Program

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**Rain Check Rebate Program, \$266,995** for 131 resident projects to install rain barrels, rain gardens, native trees and other practices on their properties funded by the County as part of their Rain Check Rebate Program

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$40,000** for community litter clean-ups and education for 2,100 Rolling Terrace, Sligo Creek, and East Silver Spring elementary students

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$45,000** for a litter reduction community program in Accokeek, Fort Washington, and Oxon Hill

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$5,000** for veterans to participate in the clean-up of Piscataway National Park

**Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$4,998** for a watershed experience professional development course for teachers

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$127,316** for a bioretention facility at Capitol Technology University

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$330,442** to plant 422 trees at faith-based institutions and college campuses

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Theta Nu Chapter, \$1,000** to plant 30 trees on the University of Maryland, College Park campus

**Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc., \$500** for the 2025 Trolley Day

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$71,303** for a mussel assessment survey

**Bradley Site Design, \$19,700** for a community-based stormwater plan in the Town of Brentwood

**CASA of Maryland, Inc., \$162,292** for a community-led conservation landscape design

**Casey Trees, \$61,683** for conservation planning and invasive species removal in Riverdale

**Centro de Apoyo Familiar, \$125,000** to provide technical assistance to potential grant applicants

**Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS), \$14,700** for food systems education

**Chesapeake Natives Inc., \$2,123** to install native plants on EcoCity Farms

**City of Laurel, \$18,000** to engage community members through the local Farmer's Market

**City of Mount Rainier, \$150,000** to replace 4,200 feet of impervious surface with permeable pavement

**City of New Carrollton, \$49,859** to improve the Lamont Community Garden and St. Christopher's Community Garden

**City of New Carrollton, \$250,000** for invasive species removal at Westfield, Fountain Club Playground, and Sports Park (Youth Memorial Park)

**Cottage City, \$70,000** for tree maintenance and invasive species training

**Cultivating Community, \$9,500** for a 15,000-foot community garden

**Defensores de la Cuenca, \$1,000,000** to plant 2,000 trees

**ECO City Farms, \$4,999** for a food forest and pollinator garden

**ECO City Farms, \$10,000** for a high school urban farming workforce development program

**EcoLatinos, Inc., \$299,167** for community forestry training

**End Time Harvest Ministries, \$1,000** for a youth workforce development program graduation ceremony

**Environmental Policy Innovation Center, \$44,526** for technical assistance for local governments

**Environmental Policy Innovation Center, \$29,913** to advance capacity in wetland jurisdictions

**Erica Green Inc., \$4,577** for a field trip for veterans at the Patuxent Research Refuge

**Global Health and Education Projects, Inc., \$177,993** to plant 298 trees

**Hyattsville Mennonite Church, \$149,963** for conservation landscaping

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$28,386** to develop a green team program for local congregations

**Joe's Movement Emporium/World Arts Focus, \$200,000** to plant 487 trees

**Joe's Movement Emporium/World Arts Focus, \$176,980** to build a green network with local municipalities and plant 250 trees

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Piscataway Hills Citizens Association plants native trees in their neighborhood.



National Wildlife Federation hosts Sacred Grounds for a conservation landscaping workshop.



Season's Home Owners Association removes invasive bamboo from their community.

**Largo Town Center Association, \$5,000** for two native gardens

**National Wildlife Federation, \$60,000** to educate 15 faith-based institutions on conservation landscaping

**Neighborhood Design Center, \$75,000** for invasive species removal and tree plantings in the East Pines community

**Neighborhood Design Center, \$89,341** to design a runoff treatment plan for 78,000 feet of impervious surface

**Piscataway Hills Citizens Association (PHCA), \$3,454** to plant 60 trees

**Potomac Conservancy, \$1,250** for a kayaking river clean-up event for faith-based organizations

**Potomac Riverkeeper Network, \$10,000** for residential water quality education for the Oxon Cove community

**Preserve At Rock Creek Homeowner Association, \$26,000** for a bioswale design plan

**Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation, \$1,000,000** to plant 4,000 trees

**Project Bright Future, \$40,000** for water conservation, sustainable food, and litter reduction community events

**Season's Home Owners Association, Inc., \$73,838** to remove invasive bamboo

**The Eastpines Citizens Association Inc, \$5,000** to plant 10 trees

**Town of Berwyn Heights, \$50,000** for 75 trees, arborist-led tree assessments, and community workshops

**Town of Berwyn Heights, \$10,000** to plant 25 trees in the Berwyn Heights community

**Town of Bladensburg, \$35,000** for a green street intersection

**Town of Bladensburg, \$30,000** for a permeable parking lot and rain gardens

**Town of Fairmount Heights, \$30,000** to educate elected officials and residents on tree maintenance

**Town of Forest Heights, \$20,000** for a stormwater community education program

**Town of Forest Heights, \$9,500** for a teaching garden

**Town of North Brentwood, \$64,000** to design a bioswale, walking path and educational signage

**Town of Riverdale Park, \$89,000** for bioretention designs and a rain garden

**Town of Riverdale Park, \$120,000** for invasive species and tree maintenance training

**University of Maryland, \$92,960** to develop an environmental academy and volunteer corps

## QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

**Bay Bridge Cove Community, \$4,247** for 220 native plants and to educate residents on native plantings

## SOMERSET COUNTY

**BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc., \$19,770** for green infrastructure planning for Waterman's Park

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY

**Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, \$4,976** for water quality monitoring education for 150 10th-12th graders

**MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, \$90,460** to design bioswales, permeable pavement, and rain gardens on their Leonardtown campus

Potomac Conservancy leads a kayaking river cleanup.



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**Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, Inc., \$473** for a bicycle safety event

**Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development, \$29,560** for staff and board professional development

**Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development, \$80,478** for 525 feet of stream stabilization

**St. Mary's River Watershed Association, \$10,000** for oyster-related water quality monitoring

## TALBOT COUNTY

**Minorities In Aquaculture, \$27,000** for strategic plan development

**Minorities In Aquaculture, \$10,000** for an aquaculture internship program

**Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, \$9,000** for participation in outdoor leadership training to improve environmental education for 321 students

**Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, \$4,050** for an oyster reef ball building experience for 60 4th graders

**ShoreRivers, \$10,000** for oyster reef monitoring and volunteer recruitment

**ShoreRivers, \$40,000** for an environmental professional development series for teachers

**ShoreRivers, \$122,802** for a submerged aquatic vegetation restoration program

**ShoreRivers, \$45,500** for future farmers land conservation education



Teachers at Williamsport Elementary School for Math, Science and Technology work on their outdoor learning space.

**ShoreRivers, \$500** for the Upper Shore Youth Environmental Action Summit for 150 students

**ShoreRivers, \$170,000** for a 1,500-foot riparian buffer in Kings Creek

**ShoreRivers, \$1,250** for an environmental leadership retreat for 15 high schoolers

**Third Haven Monthly Meeting, \$14,978** for a tree management plan

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Blue Swallow Farm Foundation, \$10,000** for restoration professional development for 15 educators

**C&O Canal Trust, \$14,780** to develop a community app and website

**Williamsport Elementary School for Math, Science and Technology, \$6,994** to add native plants and safety features to their outdoor learning space

## WICOMICO COUNTY

**4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program, \$5,000** for outdoor equine assisted activities for veterans, retired military personnel, and their families

**City of Salisbury, \$160,000** to plant 900 trees

**Delmarva Muslim Community, Inc., \$15,000** for a comprehensive environmental plan

**Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$20,423** for a community-led garden maintenance program

**National Aquarium, \$37,586** to plant 5,500 trees in Nassawango Creek Preserve and educate 180 students in seedling development

**The Delmarva Free School, Inc, \$49,958** for a native wildflower meadow

**Town of Delmar, \$10,000** to plant 33 trees



Students explore the shoreline with ShoreRivers on an environmental leadership retreat.



4th grade students help build oyster reefs with Phillips Wharf Environmental Center.

**Vestry of St. Alban's Parish, \$23,185** to design a stormwater management facility

**Vestry Salisbury Parish - Parsons Cemetery, \$6,300** to plant 18 trees

## WORCESTER COUNTY

**Assateague Coastal Trust, \$15,000** for board development

**Lower Shore Land Trust, \$25,000** for a grant management database and board development

**Lower Shore Land Trust, \$7,269** for volunteer recruitment and easement monitoring software

**Maryland Coastal Bays Program, \$42,000** for a Coastal Bays-focused exhibit on the Ocean City Boardwalk

**Worcester County Public Schools, \$4,921** for native pollinator fields at Worcester Technical High School



Scientists test water quality monitoring technology with St. Mary's River Watershed Association.

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Students set off on a boat trip with the Anacostia Watershed Society.

## MARYLAND

**Boundless Awareness, LLC, \$8,000** for professional development on environmental disparities for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members

**River Network, \$11,685** for a green workforce training program for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members

## DELAWARE

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation, \$100,000** to encourage environmental and non-environmental groups to support the Choptank River

**Delaware Center for the Inland Bays, \$556,477** to reforest 40 acres

**Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, \$35,001** for designs to manage runoff and enhance green space in a business district

**Sussex Health & Environmental Network, \$100,000** to provide technical assistance to potential grant applicants

**Sussex Health & Environmental Network, \$148,903** to support grassroots organizations with potential grant opportunities



Clean Water Fund connects Ward 7 and 8 residents to the Anacostia River through education programming.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Akiima Price Consulting, \$62,040** for youth outdoor events in Anacostia Park

**Akiima Price Consulting, \$62,040** to strengthen community partnerships to engage residents with Anacostia Park

**Anacostia Watershed Society, \$10,000** for 272 students to raise 100 mussels

**Clean Water Fund, \$220,000** to connect more Ward 7 and 8 residents to the Anacostia River

**Common Good City Farm, \$39,542** for a community orchard management class

**Common Grain Alliance, \$10,000** to grow their network of sustainable grain farmers

**Conservation Nation, \$10,000** for a teen outdoor service-learning program

**Corazon Latino, \$52,740** for a bilingual toolkit on urban forestry

**DC Greens, \$10,000** to repair The Well at Oxon Run's outdoor classroom and greenhouse

**District of Columbia Environmental Education Consortium, \$41,948** to build a working environmental networking group

**Dreaming Out Loud Inc., \$30,000** for a strategic plan

**Earth Conservation Corps, \$8,000** for an aquatic-based after school program for 50 students

**Empower DC, \$125,000** to provide technical assistance to potential applicants

**Filiblaster LLC dba ReDelicious, \$20,000** for technical assistance for potential program applicants

**Friendship Technology Preparatory Academy, \$10,000** to educate 31 high schoolers about composting



Common Grain Alliance leads new sustainable grain farmers on a hands-on field experience.

**Howard University, \$125,000** to support community-based organizations applying for urban tree grant opportunities

**Living Classrooms Foundation, \$200,000** for a workforce development program in forestry and ecological conservation

**Mamie D. Lee Garden Association, \$26,468** for pollinator gardens in Fort Totten

**National Wildlife Federation, \$35,000** to educate faith-based institutions in conservation landscaping

**Newton Media Group d/b/a We Act Radio, \$19,100** for a public mural honoring the community

**North American Association for Environmental Education, \$20,000** for training that supports the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement

**Payne Elementary School PTSA, \$5,000** for water quality field trips for 317 students on the Anacostia River and student-led action projects

**Pipkin Creative Communications, \$22,600** for an event on the connection between music and the environment

**Potomac Riverkeeper Network, \$25,000** for a website redesign

**Soul Trak Outdoors, \$35,000** for a community-based environmental leadership development program

**The WIRE, \$35,000** to transform found materials into public art and tools

**Ward 8 Woods Conservancy, \$18,717** to develop a plan to transform abandoned lots into green spaces

**Wheatley Education Campus School Community Organization, \$28,601** for a student-created mural and native plantings



Teens break ground on environmental stewardship projects with Conservation Nation.

# 2024–2025 Grants and Projects



Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County analyzes community map.



Middle school students explore the bay on a field trip with Higher Achievement at the Chesapeake Bay Field Station.



Community members identify plants with Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association, Inc.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Awbury Arboretum, \$92,758** for a GIS-based tree inventory, management plan and forestry training

**Borough of Lewisburg, \$43,900** to design a flood mitigation plan on a residential street

**City of Lancaster, \$35,000** to design a green street

**City of Lancaster, \$20,000** for a green infrastructure concept plan for the Churchtowne neighborhood

**City of Lancaster, \$89,970** to train 100 youth in urban forestry

**Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County, \$100,000** to increase staff capacity

**Friends of the Rail Park, \$50,000** for community tree maintenance and training

**Fund for the Water Works, \$49,664** for environmental leadership retreats

**JASTECH Development Services, Inc., \$125,000** to support grassroots organizations' efforts to apply for grant opportunities

**Lacawac Sanctuary, \$4,825** for professional development for teachers from Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties

**Lebanon County Conservation District, \$9,675** for a native meadow at Lebanon Valley Agricultural Center

**Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association, Inc., \$9,000** for environmental leadership education to support 1,000 students

**The Pennsylvania State University, \$50,000** for an eDNA-based sampling protocol

**The Pennsylvania State University, \$233,254** to research residential urban tree maintenance

## VIRGINIA

**A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc., \$95,577** to research available urban stormwater, ecosystem, and resiliency resources

**Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance, \$30,000** for a strategic plan

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$19,934** to research green infrastructure best practices

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$175,000** for native plantings and bioswales at Amelia Street School

**Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley, \$100,000** for a collaborative network to advance Chesapeake Bay Watershed health goals

**Amherst County Public Schools, \$8,000** for a field trip on the James River for 300 7th graders

**Batten School of Coastal And Marine Sciences at Virginia Institute of Marine Science, \$7,080** for field equipment for an oyster aquaculture study

**Blue Sky Fund, \$5,000** for 1,800 elementary students to explore and observe the outdoors

**Friends of the Rappahannock, \$16,196** to develop a volunteer program to support community cleanups

**Friends of the Rappahannock, \$10,000** for a public oyster setting tank and Eastern Oyster education

**Green Fin Studio, \$84,870** to support organizations in developing new environmental educational programs

**Green Fin Studio, \$49,800** for a wetland restoration outreach program

**Higher Achievement, \$10,000** for 63 middle schoolers to go on a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Field Station

**Horizons Hampton Roads, \$9,000** to educate 135 students in water quality

**Imaginal Cells Collective LLC, \$21,034** for environmental leadership training for Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps members

**Institute for Humane Education, \$4,946** for professional development for 20 environmental educators to support 1,200 students

**James River Association, \$25,370** to design green infrastructure plans at two public library branches

**Local Concepts LLC, \$120,000** to increase capacity of the Regional Outdoor Learning Network

**Local Concepts LLC, \$110,000** to advance outcomes from the Chesapeake Bay Agreement

**Local Concepts LLC, \$90,000** for network leadership training

**Local Concepts LLC, \$15,000** for a survey and mapping tool for the Chesapeake Bay Program

**Lynnhaven Oyster Club, \$5,123** for an oyster growing system

**Mariners' Museum, \$10,000** for professional development for Newport News and Hampton School educators to support 1,750 students



Kids plant native plants with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

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**Mariners' Museum, \$5,000** to engage 1,500 9th graders in an environmental stewardship program

**Nansemond River Preservation Alliance, \$10,000** for youth education materials focusing on oysters

**National Religious Partnership for the Environment, \$261,843** to train 45 faith-based groups and 180 leaders on tree maintenance and plant 450 trees

**National Wildlife Federation, \$500** for the 2025 Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference

**Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, \$18,893** to improve organizational capacity

**Portsmouth High School, Prince William County Public Schools, \$10,000** for a wheelchair ramp and multilingual signage at their campus pond area

**Portsmouth Public Schools Oyster Project, \$8,505** for an oyster educational field trip for 250 students

**Shenandoah Valley Black Heritage Project, \$29,260** for board and volunteer development

**Shored Up LLC, \$9,200** for oyster education for 31 culinary students

**Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc., \$200,000** for a workforce pilot program in urban forestry

**Sustainability Matters, \$50,000** for pollinator meadows along the W&OD Trail

**The Clifton Institute, \$4,952** for a biodiversity study for 80 elementary and 70 high school students

**The Elizabeth River Trail Foundation, \$35,000** to expand a public trail

**The Virginia Oyster Trail, \$10,000** for oyster education materials

**Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association, \$1,610** for an oyster essay contest for 125 middle schoolers



Virginia Community Voice installs pollinator gardens to support local bees.



Community members identify plants during hands-on biodiversity activities with The Clifton Institute.

**Valley Conservation Council, \$18,000** for budget development training

**Virginia Association for Environmental Education, \$14,992** for membership training and organizational expansion

**Virginia Association for Environmental Education, \$51,530** for their environmental literacy professional network

**Virginia Community Voice, \$176,466** to plant 300 trees and train 50 urban forestry stewards

**Virginia Conservation Network, \$30,000** for a training summit to support environmental grassroot organizations

**Virginia Institute of Marine Science, \$10,000** for oyster population research

**Virginia Institute of Marine Science, \$311,526** for a study of living shoreline restoration models

**Virginia Organizing, \$6,300** to support potential applicants for the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$298,519** to assess floodplain restoration techniques

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$50,000** to assess stream restoration techniques

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$49,832** to assess environmental DNA's use in stream restoration monitoring

**Vogt oyster company DBA Big Island Aquaculture, \$9,997** to research impacts of co-culturing seaweed with oysters

**Wilderness Leadership & Learning, Inc. (WILL), \$9,000** for 40 high schoolers to explore Port Isobel

## WEST VIRGINIA

**Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance, \$134,380** to design stream restoration at a poultry-production site

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$500** for the 2024 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Forum

**Appalachian Voices, \$75,000** to support potential applicants with grant opportunities

**Berkeley County Commission, \$144,425** for a bioretention area at South Berkeley Inwood Park

**Friends of the Cacapon River, \$30,652** for a community-led river restoration network

**Potomac Valley Audubon Society, \$35,000** to design a composting restroom, permeable pavers, and a bioretention swale at Cool Springs Preserve

**Shepherdstown Community Club, Inc., \$20,000** for a concept plan for water quality management at Morgan's Grove Park

**Sleepy Creek Watershed Association, \$174,900** for stream restoration

**St Agnes Catholic Church, \$175,000** for wet ponds, vegetated swales, and native plantings

**Town of Franklin, \$35,000** for a stormwater management plan



Patriot High School students help build a wheelchair ramp at their campus pond.



High school students explore the marsh with Wilderness Leadership & Learning, Inc.

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**Town of Paw Paw, \$40,000** for a stormwater infrastructure assessment

**West Virginia Rivers Coalition, \$14,550** for database support

**Wind Dance Farm & Earth Education Center, \$9,999** for an outdoor classroom

## CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED WIDE

**Anchor QEA, Inc., \$97,837** to develop environmental software to evaluate habitat health and oxygen levels

**Movement Strategy Center, \$45,000** for technical and capacity assistance for grassroots organizations

**Movement Strategy Center, \$165,000** for technical support for grant applicants



## Chesapeake Conservation & Climate Corps

The Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps in Maryland offers young adults the opportunity to gain valuable professional development and hands-on experience in green and climate careers. Over a one-year, stipend-supported term, Corps members tackle critical projects in environmental conservation, agriculture, climate, and energy. Now celebrating its 15th class, the Corps has grown into a powerful engine for building our region's green workforce. This year, 50 Corps members served in government and nonprofit host organizations across the State. Together, they advanced key environmental, agricultural, climate, and energy initiatives while joining a growing alumni network of over 450 emerging environmental leaders dedicated to the future of the Chesapeake, Coastal Bays and Youghiogheny watersheds.

Throughout the year, Corps members came together for training provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, group service projects, and peer-to-peer networking visits to one another's host sites. They explored diverse career pathways and contributed to larger-scale restoration and climate initiatives.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Corps has grown from a promising idea into a proven pathway for developing the next generation of environmental leaders. Building on 15 years of impact, the Bay Trust also now administers a Climate Corps program in partnership with the Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation.

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## REVENUE

Contributions*	\$	7,850,537
Restricted Partnership Grants**	\$	26,302,727
Investment Income***	\$	2,380,329
Special Events	\$	97,637
Other Income****	\$	17,984

**TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$ 36,649,214**

## EXPENSE

<b>Program Services</b>		
Program Grants & Projects	\$	27,635,395
Program Management	\$	3,373,979
<b>Total Program Services</b>	\$	<b>31,009,374</b>

<b>Support Services</b>		
Development & Marketing	\$	850,284
Management & General	\$	921,745
<b>Total Support Services</b>	\$	<b>1,772,029</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 32,781,403**

Change in Net Assets \$ 3,867,811



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