



Chesapeake Bay Trust

Empowering people. Restoring nature.



2021-2022 Year in Review



WILDLIFE & HABITAT

297,976 native trees, pollinator plants, marsh grasses, and other native plants installed

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

63 acres of invasive species removed

Over **4 million** of oysters raised and released

STORMWATER

41 acres of impervious surface treated or removed

47,899 square feet of rain gardens created

126 storm drains stenciled

267 rain barrels installed

58,661 pounds of trash removed, including single-use plastics that choke wildlife and harm our ecosystems' health



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

26,880 students engaged by **1,772** teachers

47,194 people educated through **1,647** workshops

20,493 volunteers engaged, donating **121,447** 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 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 about 350 groups by providing grants and technical assistance to accomplish environmental education, community outreach, and local watershed restoration projects.

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 a wide range of types of groups. 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.



Letter from the President

Our region is blessed with many strong, capable organizations focused on the intersection of healthy communities and healthy natural resources. Part of the reason for this abundance of activity is that so many people in our

region care about our environment and climate change, want to interact with nature, and want to spend time outdoors. Of course they do! We have some of the most unique and beautiful natural resources on the planet in our Chesapeake and Coastal Bays and Youghiogheny watersheds.

These natural resource groups have similar visions: We all want to see watersheds that are healthy and safe, waters that are fishable and swimmable, and communities that benefit from these healthy resources.

It's how we work to realize that vision that differentiates us. We are so fortunate that the science clearly articulates what needs to be done, with a clear roadmap in place. Each group, then, can focus on a role and a need, complementing and building upon each other's efforts.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust's unique strategy is to give the power of change to community-based groups on the ground. We believe that when communities plan and carry out their own projects, they will own them, sustain them, love them, and spread the word about their value. This ripple effect is the reason that two of our main strategies in accomplishing our vision of clean watersheds are capacity building and grant-making: When thousands of community members and students become engaged in hands-on, boots-on-the-ground work planting trees, installing rain barrels, greening vacant lots, buffering shorelines, planting oysters, removing and preventing litter, treating stormwater, and installing pollinator gardens, they build a community stewardship ethic that stays with them – and spreads to their neighbors – through life.

The 350+ projects you will read about in the following pages together tell that story: The power of groups on the ground, small and large, environmental and non-environmental alike, owning and leading their own work. The Chesapeake Bay Trust is honored to say that, once again, through partnerships and administering both our own funds and those of funding partners who believe in our strategy and entrust us with their resources, we have once again awarded more funds through grants and projects than the prior year (\$12.9 million in FY 22 compared to \$12.2 million in FY21 and \$11.1 million in FY20). Those funds have engaged tens of thousands of individuals in natural resources stewardship.

Thank you to our grantees and project leads for the aggregate effects of their work!

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2021-2022 Grants and Projects

The grants and projects below are funded through more than 20 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.

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.

ALLEGANY

Allegheny County Commissioners, \$2,500 for the "Too Toxic to Trash" household waste collection event

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$244,593 to test effectiveness of key stormwater practices (bioswales)

ANNE ARUNDEL

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$26,158 for video stories focusing on environmental leaders in communities of color

Annapolis Aquaculture, \$7,865 to test equipment to reduce fouling in bottom-cage oyster aquaculture

Annapolis Film Festival Inc., \$1,250 to support the annual festival

Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park, \$39,873 to help support the Box of Rain mentoring program for 130 underserved youth

Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, \$1,500 for an outdoor children's play space in Waysons Corner, an underserved community with limited green space

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

Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, \$44,560 to develop tools to measure change in individual environmental behaviors

Arundel Rivers Federation, \$31,514 for bioswales to treat stormwater from 3.5 acres of Turkey Point's impervious surface

Arundel Rivers Federation, \$177,427 for a 600-lf living shoreline in Mayo to improve resiliency against climate change

Arundel Rivers Federation, \$77,237 for a wet pond retrofit in the Harness Creek Overlook community

Arundel Rivers Federation, \$48,518 for a nature-based climate resiliency plan for Galesville

Arundel Rivers Federation, \$36,183 to design an 1800-lf living shoreline to protect Selby Bay

Cape Conservation Corps, \$3,500 for invasive vine removal in Cape St. Claire

Carrington Woods Homeowners Association, \$2,500 for native trees

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., \$17,000 to build three new county-wide environmental literacy programs

Chesapeake Conservancy, \$1,250 for the "National Junior Ranger Day" celebration at Sandy Point State Park

Chesapeake Legal Alliance, \$30,000 to quantify the economic, environmental, and social justice impacts of its free legal services

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB), \$500 for the annual CRAB Cup Race

Chesapeake Rivers Association, \$299,890 for a 1,200-lf stream and shoreline restoration in the Chestnut Hill Cove Community

Chesapeake Rivers Association, \$300,151 for a 1,397-lf stream restoration and a green space in the Shipley's Retreat neighborhood

THANK YOU to our Funding Partners

We extend our thanks to our many federal, state, local, corporate, and foundation partners who enable us to expand our reach and make these projects possible. For a list of our partners, see page 16-17.

THANK YOU to our External Technical Review Panelists

The Trust's ability to rigorously review and award diverse projects is enabled by the hundreds of independent experts who volunteer to review thousands of proposals. The Trust sincerely appreciates their time, effort, and involvement!

<< Annapolis Aquaculture explores new techniques to reduce fouling in cage oyster aquaculture (Inset photo credit: Chesapeake Bay Program)



2021-2022 Grants and Projects

City of Annapolis, \$65,000 to design a living shoreline and community green space at Hawkins Cove

Empowering Believers Church, \$5,000 to expand rain garden and pollinator gardens

Fairwinds of Annapolis Condominium Council of Unit Owners, \$27,500 to design a bioretention system to treat stormwater

Friends of Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, \$1,250 for a volunteer species identification event at Emory Waters Nature Preserve

Hermitage Community Association, \$2,500 to plant 54 native trees

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), \$1,250 for a volunteer science program with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

Maryland Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers, \$750 for their annual conference

Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), \$986 for a restoration plan for a rare mussel species

National Park Service Chesapeake Bay, to highlight connections between the Bay and local artists

National Wildlife Federation, \$30,000 for a mentorship program for young conservationists of color

National Wildlife Federation, \$30,000 for an environmental communications toolkit

One Annapolis, \$3,000 for a community and therapeutic garden in the Bywater Mutual Homes community

Oyster Recovery Partnership, Inc., \$30,000 for a volunteer recruitment tool for the "Marylanders Grow Oysters" program

Pines Community Improvement Association, \$24,479 for a bioretention basin to treat stormwater

RR & Associates, \$7,200 to assist entities to apply for Trust opportunities through our Diversity and Inclusion Initiative

Severn River Association, Inc., \$77,630 to design a living shoreline and other climate resiliency practices in the Wardour Community

Severn River Association, Inc., \$131,970 for stormwater practices to treat impervious surfaces in the Nautilus Point community

Severn River Association, Inc., \$6,500 to build a floating classroom for summer camps

Severn River Association, Inc., \$1,210 to assess oyster restoration with SCUBA

Severn River Association, Inc., \$10,000 to survey historic oyster reefs

Shoreham Beach Citizens' Association, \$3,550 for pollinator gardens

Smithsonian Institution, \$9,900 for K-12 digital curricula on oysters

Spa Creek Conservancy (SCC), \$89,615 for a Hawkins Cove restoration and use plan

Summit School, Anne Arundel County, \$5,000 to create an outdoor learning space

The Tecumseh Condominium, \$74,500 to design stormwater practices to treat an impervious parking lot

Wild Rose Shores Community Association, \$5,000 for tree planting and a pollinator garden



Volunteers quantify flora and fauna during the Friends of Jug Bay "Bioblitz," a one-day volunteer science species diversity event.

BALTIMORE CITY

Baltimore City Department of Public Works, \$5,000 for workshops to support stormwater management and greening efforts in underserved neighborhoods

Baltimore Lab School, \$5,000 for 116 students to participate in a watershed investigation program

Blue Water Baltimore, \$85,000 to design bioretention, impervious removal, and tree planting at Miracle City Church

Blue Water Baltimore, \$30,000 to engage 80 residents in water quality management and bug hunting programs

Bolton Hill Community Association, \$4,595 for native pollinator plants and greenspace improvements at Contee-Parago Park

Canton Canopy, \$31,400 to plant 120 trees along Fleet Street and Foster Avenue

Central Baltimore Partnership, \$73,984 for a 6,900-sf wetland to treat 1.5 acres

City Neighbors Foundation, \$148,883 for a green parking lot



Resident youth volunteers from the Bywater Homes community work on their new community garden, intended to provide not only fresh produce but an outdoor therapeutic space with mental and physical health benefits. Getting outdoors is good for our health!



Our Chesapeake Conservation Corps member at Maryland Department of Natural Resources developed a site plan for the restoration of the rare freshwater mussel species *Strophitus Undulatus*.

2021-2022 Grants and Projects

Civic Works, Inc., \$25,000 for a youth stormwater landscape apprenticeship program

Clergy United for the Transformation of Sandtown, \$5,000 for a media center for high school students to create environmental justice content

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, \$29,998 for a community-envisioned greening plan for a block impacted by large-scale dumping

Friends of Garrett Park, \$4,807 for a "Bio-Buggy" mobile unit with microscope and hydrophone to help residents learn about harbor creatures

GeN'xt Ministries Inc, \$3,655 for community cleanup events

Greater Baybrook Alliance, \$72,184 to design stormwater practices for Duane Avenue Park

Baltimore City, Greater Grace World Outreach, Inc., \$57,012 to treat 1.3 acres of impervious surface with bioretention and plant 100 trees

Green Street Academy, \$5,000 to enhance a 5,000-sf pollinator meadow and outdoor classroom

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$15,160 for green team training for 10 congregations

Living Classrooms Foundation, \$149,970 for an environmental literacy curriculum for 65 9th grade biology classes

Maree G. Farring Elementary/Middle School, \$4,950 for an outdoor field trip for 70 6th graders

Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE), \$39,531 for K-12 environmental education professional development

Maryland Environmental Service, \$8,500 for an immersive bird program for 12 underserved students

National Aquarium, \$1,250 for community nature walks and trash cleanups

National Aquarium, \$1,125 for a Chesapeake Conservation Corps clean-up day at the Fort McHenry Wetland

National Aquarium, \$30,000 to connect Latino/a/x neighbors with Masonville Cove

National Wildlife Federation, \$5,000 for community activities at the Elijah Cummings Nature Play Space in Druid Heights

Nature Worx, Inc., \$5,000 to increase use of green spaces by providing nature-based wellness sessions at Masonville Cove

Patterson Park Audubon Center, \$25,000 to engage 400 Latino/a/x community members in the Bird Ambassador Program

Pride of Baltimore, Inc., \$4,800 for sailing trips for underserved Baltimore City and Kent County residents

St. Ursula Roman Catholic Congregation, \$3,278 to enhance the Interfaith Prayer Garden

Stillmeadow Community Fellowship, \$2,300 for a healing green space to commemorate lives lost to violent crimes

The 6th Branch, \$1,930 for a forum to address climate change and sustainability

The Belair-Edison School Brendan Avenue (Afya Baltimore), \$3,000 for a pollinator garden

The SEED School of Maryland, \$5,000 for 25 students to build a gardening robot for an urban garden

University of Maryland, \$315,334 to evaluate historical land use impact on PCBs in Curtis Bay

University of Maryland Baltimore County, \$10,000 to evaluate winter oyster production in a land-based recirculating aquaculture system

Upton Planning Committee, \$5,000 to transform a vacant lot to a green space that celebrates Black history

Waverly Improvement Association, \$1,000 for a sustainable water source for a community garden

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Back River Restoration Committee (BRRC), \$5,000 for 6 raingardens

Black Girls Dive Foundation, Inc., \$10,000 for a K-12 marine science program on the Severn River

Catonsville Middle School, \$5,000 for a field trip and schoolyard habitat biodiversity project for 269 6th graders

Elevation Ministries, Inc., \$4,800 for the "Everyday Evergreen: Strategies for Sustainable Living" project



Members of the Black Girls Dive Foundation, based in Baltimore County, gear up for a dive on the Severn River to survey restored oyster populations.



Neighbors conserve migratory bird habitat through the Patterson Park Audubon Center's Bird Ambassador Program.



Biology Teachers of Baltimore City Public Schools develop and learn curricula through the Living Classrooms Foundation at Masonville Cove.

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Forever Maryland Foundation, \$200,000 to foster partnership among 12 organizations focusing on environment and public health

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

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, \$40,000 for stormwater practices at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

Ignite Development Network, \$4,460 for a pollinator garden engaging youth and volunteers of diverse backgrounds

Immaculate Conception School, \$4,905 for field trips for 148 4th-5th graders to Meadowood Park, Conowingo Dam, and Deer Creek

Islamic Society of Baltimore, \$63,600 to design stormwater management practices

Maryland Natural History Society, \$500 for the SharkFest celebration event

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$74,195 for a stormwater plan at the Village of Twelve Trees

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$3,780 for native shrubs and hardwood trees at a Catonsville property

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, Inc., \$34,070 for a new community park and garden in Turner's Station

Sherwood Episcopal Church, \$60,139 to design a stream restoration

Sparrows Point North Point Historical Society Inc., \$5,000 for a high school outdoor classroom and native garden

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace, \$36,969 for a site plan to include cisterns, rain and pollinator gardens, trees, and bioswales

Towson University, \$1,219 for an after-school "Science Explorers Club" for 3rd-5th graders



Maryland Forests Association planted berry- and nut-producing trees with interpretive signage at Mount Pleasant Acres Farms, once part of the Underground Railroad, spotlighting Harriet Tubman's knowledge of nature and the safe haven the forest provided.

CALVERT

American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,019 for pest control at a regenerative farm

American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,500 for invasives removal

American Chestnut Land Trust, \$1,244 to monitor baseline conditions prior to a stream restoration project

Neeld Estate Citizens Association (NECA), \$34,731 to design a living shoreline project

Patuxent Palisades Civic Association, \$2,000 to install a pollinator garden

Town of North Beach, \$3,132 for a rain garden at Wetlands Overlook Park

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$75,221 for a software tool to design monitoring program elements needed to quantify load reduction from restoration efforts

CAROLINE

Chesapeake Audubon Society/ Pickering Creek Audubon Center, \$90,770 to embed environmental education lessons into the 9th-10th grade Earth Science and American Government courses

Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council, \$24,664 for a fundraising plan

Maryland Forests Association, Inc., \$4,502 to plant edible forest understory species along a trail with ties to the Underground Railroad



The healing power of nature for U.S. military veterans: Two examples of the Trust's veterans' outdoor recreation and rehabilitation program. God's Outdoor Angels Foundation provides outdoor experiences for veterans, and Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park provides an adaptive cycling and camping programs.



Photo credit: Eileen Hornbaker, USFWS

Pollinator garden at Patuxent Palisades Civic Association

ShoreRivers, \$24,122 with the Town of Preston, to design bioswales, tree canopy, and pollinator habitat at a local park

Town of Hillsboro, \$3,023 to restore a one-acre meadow next to the Town Hall

CARROLL

Carroll County Public Schools, \$80,000 for a course on air quality, climate, and equity for 9th-10th grade chemistry students

Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park, \$24,000 for an adaptive cycling program for veterans with mobility differences

Montessori School of Westminster, \$7,122 for an outdoor classroom

2021-2022 Grants and Projects



Students work to improve oyster hatchery production at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science



Turf grass converted to a native plant meadow at St. Mark Church



The Howard County Chinese School installed a Smart Water system to capture rainwater for sustainable gardening, water that otherwise would become stormwater.

CECIL

Cecil Soil Conservation District, \$131,125 to design a stream restoration and stormwater pond retrofit

Chesapeake Village Condominium Association, Inc., \$64,600 to design stormwater practices

The Tome School, \$5,000 for 72 9th-12th graders to study antibiotic-resistant microbes in local waterways

CHARLES

Cobb Island Citizens Association, \$4,885 to use goats to remove invasives

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$7,605 to develop plans for restoration projects for three congregations

J. C. Parks Elementary School, \$4,995 for a pollinator garden

Neighborhood Creative Arts Center, \$700 for the annual Naturefest community festival

Our Lady Help of Christians, \$3,440 for a recycling program

University of Maryland College Park, \$26,842 for a tool to connect landowners with water quality technical assistance

DORCHESTER

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., \$200,000 for "Envision the Choptank," a multi-sector collaborative

The Nature Conservancy, \$1,250 to quantify effects of controlled burns on invasive species

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, \$9,900 for a model to predict yields at Horn Point's oyster hatchery

FREDERICK

Town of Emmitsburg, \$121,400 to retrofit a stormwater pond

Town of Thurmont, \$1,500 to distribute rain barrels to residents

HARFORD

Forever Maryland Foundation, \$500 for a webinar series on land conservation

Friends School of Harford, \$5,000 for 5 rainwater-collecting cisterns

Harford County Climate Action, \$5,000 to plant pollinator habitat

Harford Soil Conservation District, \$99,320 to design a stream restoration project

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$16,026 for green team training at 6 congregations

Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (CBNERR), \$1,250 for an SAV volunteer monitoring program

St. Mark Church Fallston, \$5,000 to convert turf grass to a native wildlife meadow

HOWARD

Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., \$1,000 for the National Watershed and Stormwater Conference

Center for Watershed Protection, Inc., \$170,155 to quantify impact of stormwater retrofits on self-recovery of downstream channel stability

Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park, \$4,988 for equipment and adaptation of campsites to support disabled veterans

Friends of the Patapsco Valley State Park, \$20,698 for programs to support parents and grandparents who want to introduce children to the outdoors

Howard County Chinese School, \$9,750 to harvest rainwater for community gardening

Howard County Conservancy, Inc., \$1,248 to remove invasives and restore native plants

Howard County Office of Community Sustainability, \$1,035 for a lightbulb (LEDs for incandescents) exchange program

Inner Arbor Trust, Inc., \$44,000 to transform 8,000-sf of turf with 100 trees and a stream buffer

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$14,000 to build green teams at 6 congregations

Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc., \$26,000 for stream cleanups, invasive removals, native plantings, and storm drain stenciling with 500 volunteers

Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent Charitable Trust, \$22,000 for volunteer stream health monitoring

The Community Ecology Institute, \$1,220 to remove invasives and restore native plants at Freetown Farm

The Community Ecology Institute, \$108,650 for stormwater practices at Atholton High School

The Community Ecology Institute, \$26,000 to transform 22 acres of lawns into gardens that produce 100,000 pounds of food per year

The James and Anne Robinson Foundation, Inc, \$1,250 to enhance the Robinson Nature Center outdoor classroom

2021-2022 Grants and Projects



Many stewardship and greening efforts within faith communities were funded this year, including St. Marks Catholic Church in Prince George's and the work of the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake at multiple congregations in Montgomery County.

Volunteers in Gaithersburg tested local waterways for salt runoff with kits distributed by Izaak Walton League of America

A student from The Catholic University of America samples microplastics in Sligo Creek.

KENT

GreenTrust Alliance Inc., \$50,749 to design a 980-lf living shoreline

ShoreRivers, \$500 for a youth environmental summit with Washington College

ShoreRivers, \$99,074 to design a 32-acre wetland at a dairy farm

ShoreRivers, \$59,330 to design a 1200-lf stream restoration project and 10 acres of wetlands

ShoreRivers, \$90,000 to design a 3,500-lf floodplain restoration project

Sultana Education Foundation, \$1,000 for environmental exhibits at the Downrigging Festival

Town of Galena, \$30,000 for a green infrastructure plan to address flooding

MONTGOMERY

Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$29,300 for a volunteer water quality monitoring program

Anacostia Riverkeeper, \$30,000 for green infrastructure practices at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$2,500 for the Naturally Latinos and Taking Nature Black conferences

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$4,999 for green jobs training and outdoor healing experiences for veterans

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$25,000 for an equity-based strategic plan

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$74,074 for bioretention at Woodend Nature Sanctuary, resulting in 100% stormwater treatment at the campus

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$42,165 for a litter reduction program focused on youth leaders of color

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$4,997 for a field guide describing the facility's new green infrastructure and wheelchair-accessible trail

Bethesda Green, \$30,000 to design a stormwater project with Kensington Mews Home Owners Association

Bethesda Green, \$4,952 for the 11th-12th grader Bethesda Green Environmental Leaders Program

The Catholic University of America, \$50,000 for a litter map of the Anacostia watershed

Chinese American Parent Association of Montgomery County, \$24,990 to engage 500 youth and 500 parents in eco-friendly gardening

ecoLatinos, Inc., \$29,983 to build "Grupos Ecológicos" (Green teams) at St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church and other communities

Forest Knolls Pool, \$30,000 for conservation and rain gardens

Friends of Cabin John Creek, \$53,523 for stormwater planters and the Creek Waters Program

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$9,761 to develop green teams at 4 county congregations

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$7,737 to develop green teams at 4 Gaithersburg congregations

The Izaak Walton League of America, \$29,972 to educate residents about connections between winter road salt use, water quality, and wildlife

The Izaak Walton League of America, \$29,998 to improve business owners' sidewalk and parking lot salting practices

National Wildlife Federation, \$50,000 to engage 3 congregations of color in stormwater management practices

One Montgomery Green, \$5,000 for 40 students to quantify plastic pollution in local streams

Poolesville High School, \$3,724 for 90 9th graders to create an ArcGIS storymap about sustainable development

Potomac Riverkeeper Network, \$30,000 for a volunteer water quality monitoring program focused on pollution incidents

Rock Creek Conservancy, \$29,700 to expand a network of area organizations to work together on stormwater

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, \$4,500 for "Caring for Creation" native planting events

SilvoCulture, Inc., \$32,454 for a 2-acre food forest with historical significance to the Underground Railroad

2021-2022 Grants and Projects

Takoma Park Cooperative Nursery School, \$5,000 for an outdoor classroom

The Springwell School, Inc., \$5,000 for 25 K-5th graders to learn about connections between food, farming, and climate change

Town of Glen Echo, \$28,271 to design a rain garden at Town Hall and stormwater swale

University of Maryland College Park, \$30,000 for 5 communities to pursue the Sustainable Maryland Program's Residential Action Framework

Urban Ecosystem Restorations, Inc., \$74,765 for conservation landscaping and a nature play space

Vietnamese American Services, \$49,984 to connect an underserved Silver Spring community to the Anacostia River

Warrior Canine Connection, \$4,500 for an outdoor health and wellness event for veterans and their service dogs

PRINCE GEORGE'S

Accokeek Foundation, \$19,933 for an indigenous values-based habitat management program led by youth

Anacostia Watershed Society, \$22,653 for 500 students to raise and release mussels

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc., \$21,195 for volunteer water quality monitoring with Latino/a/x residents of Edmonston and Riverdale Park

C.A. Lester and Associates, \$4,800 for a Chesapeake Conservation Corps diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice training

Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation, Inc., \$99,990 to plant 210 trees in 8 communities

Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS), \$4,314 for sustainable and equitable food systems workshops

Cheverly American Legion Post 108, \$4,328 for a natural green space for veterans and other community audiences

City of Mount Rainier, \$150,520 for a green street on Arundel Road

Defensores de la Cuenca, \$25,575 for the annual Festival del Río

Defensores de la Cuenca educates the community about safe fishing practices along the Anacostia watershed (photo credit: Chesapeake Bay Program)



Joe's Movement Emporium installs a variety of practices on their campus: a green roof, rain gardens with native species, a mural, and a kinetic water sculpture.



The outdoors and human health: Warrior Canine Connection's outdoor health and wellness event for veterans and their service dogs at Seneca Creek State Park, supported through the Trust's new outdoor veterans' recreation and rehabilitation program

Defensores de la Cuenca, \$29,964 for Spanish-language programs on health, faith and spirituality and the connection to fishing

ECO City Farms, \$1,250 for an after-school program for 4th-6th graders

ecoLatinos, Inc., \$30,000 for management training and a communications plan

End Time Harvest Ministries, \$1,000 for the Port Towns Youth Council graduation

Environmental Leadership Program, \$13,800 for a training program for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps members

Environmental Leadership Program, \$9,800 for Chesapeake Conservation Corps leadership training

Global Health and Education Projects, Inc., \$58,000 to plant 100 trees in underserved communities and engage 6,000 residents

Joe's Movement Emporium/World Arts Focus, \$150,000 for a green roof, vertical rain gardens, signage, and a mural at Joe's Art Center

Joe's Movement Emporium/World Arts Focus, \$64,368 for additional stormwater practices and a kinetic water sculpture

National Marine Educators Association, \$1,250 for a statistics lesson plan for seniors at Gywnn Park High School

National Wildlife Federation, \$30,000 for a "Care for Creation" stormwater program engaging a synagogue, mosque, and African American church

National Wildlife Federation, \$7,000 to help 5 congregations predominantly of color to apply for Trust opportunities

Neighborhood Design Center, \$2,400 for a rain garden in District Heights

Prince George's Audubon Society, \$5,000 for a pollinator garden at Joe's Movement Emporium

Prince George's County, Maryland, \$50,000 for a watershed plan focusing on PCBs for lower Beaverdam Creek

Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program, \$5,500 for an after-school Earth Optimism club with the World Wildlife Fund and the Reginald L. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History

St. Marks Catholic Church, \$4,929 for a creation care program for congregants connecting gardening practices to watershed health

Town of Colmar Manor, \$36,318 for installation of permeable pavement along the Newark Green Street



WHY we do what we do



The Chesapeake Bay Trust believes that healthy natural resources improve the lives of everyone in our watershed. They improve our human mental and physical health, they add to the economy, they add to enjoyment of life, they provide food, they mitigate climate change, and so much more.

We also believe that without individual residents, community-based organizations, and other groups on the ground contributing to environmental restoration, we will not meet our goals. Government and top-down efforts, while imperative, cannot be successful alone.

Our job at the Trust is to bring individuals and communities into the mix – providing them the resources to play a role in watershed restoration. We give them the power, the agency, and the tools to be a part of the solution.

THE URBAN TREES PROGRAM

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly passed the Tree Solutions Now Act, which calls for 5 million trees to be planted in Maryland by 2031, with 500,000 of them targeted to urban underserved areas through grants made by the Trust. Urban trees improve human physical and mental health, reduce energy use, mitigate climate change, absorb polluting stormwater, and have a host of other community benefits.

At the end of Fiscal Year 2022, the Trust identified 33 awards to be made at the start of Fiscal Year 2023 in:

- Anne Arundel County (Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy),
- Baltimore City (Ashburton Area Association, Baltimore Tree Trust, Blue Water Baltimore, Bon Secours Unity Properties, Broadway East Community Development Corporation, Druid Heights Community Development Corporation, Lillie May Carroll Jackson Charter School, Midtown Community Benefits District, Urban Oasis, University of Maryland Medical System, University of Maryland Baltimore, Upton Planning Committee),
- Baltimore County (Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability),
- Frederick County (City of Brunswick),
- Howard County (Howard EcoWorks),
- Prince George's County (Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation, City of New Carrollton, Town of Riverdale Park, Cottage City, Defensores de la Cuenca, Global Health and Education Projects, Joe's Movement Emporium)
- Washington County (Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance, City of Hagerstown), and
- Statewide (Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake).

These awards will be detailed in next year's Annual Report.



HOW we do what we do

While community-based grant-making is the Trust's core strategy in realizing our vision of restored natural resources, at times a particular issue may not be ready for community-based grants. In those cases, we employ strategies to prepare a community for future action.

CONVENING

When a topic is new, consensus on strategy to address the topic may not yet exist. In such cases, organizations may not be ready for grant resources to tackle the issue, or the types of grant investments that should be made are not clear. The Trust then convenes entities to identify solutions. An example is the Trust's Restoration Research Pooled Monitoring Program's annual convening, at which debates about efficacy of certain restoration practices can be tackled.

COLLABORATION AND NETWORK BUILDING

In some cases, agreement exists on a solution to a particular issue, but organizations are not yet working together to distribute tasks and agree on a shared work program. Entities can often be more cost-effective working along the continuum of collaboration, sharing like functions, divvying up duties, expanding ideas, and learning from each other. An example of the Trust's assistance in this realm is the building of five networks to address shared community and natural resources goals in the Shenandoah, Baltimore City, Anacostia, middle Eastern Shore, and southeastern Pennsylvania.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Occasionally, the right entities are working together, but new information about a particular topic has not yet been shared. In those cases, the Trust brings people together to provide this information. An example is the Trust's first ever Behavior Change Social Science Forum in FY23, in which the latest research on the most cost-effective ways to influence practices like the installation of rain barrels, rain gardens, trees, litter reduction and more were shared with those who implement behavior change programs routinely.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Our grantees cannot be successful, and their work cannot be sustainable, if they are not strong. The Trust provides key groups the tools by which to become effective over the long-term. An example is the Trust's Capacity Building Program, which funds the strengthening of aspects of an organization to increase its effectiveness and sustainability, both internally and externally.

GRANT-MAKING

When solutions to a critical issue are known, and when groups to solve that issue exist and have the capacity to address it, often the limiting factor is inadequate financial resources. The Trust's primary function for the past several decades has been to provide grants for work in K-12 environmental education, on-the-ground watershed restoration, community engagement, capacity-building, and science where there are gaps in knowledge. Examples are the hundreds of projects listed in the pages of this Annual Report.

FUNDER COLLABORATION AND POOLING RESOURCES

The Trust has long collaborated with other funders, government and private, who share similar goals. We create pools of funds that have several benefits: Funders can leverage their resources with others, having greater impact. Administrative time for both funders and grantees is diminished with one application process. Cross-pollination of ideas occurs across funders. The Trust manages funds for about 40 other entities with shared goals, increasing the cost-effectiveness by improving efficiency of fund distribution, and those pooled resources have supported the awards listed in this Annual Report.



2021-2022 Grants and Projects



The Town of Edmonston continues its decade-plus history of transforming its streets to green streets to capture and treat stormwater and improve walkability and bikability with three new projects funded this year.

Town of Edmonston, \$1,250 to expand the town's tree canopy

Town of Edmonston, \$1,493 for a community Zen Garden and composting facilities on a community farm

Town of Edmonston, \$131,785 to continue the Hamilton Green Street with additional rain gardens

University Christian Church, \$50,800 to manage flooding with rain gardens, trees, and native plantings

University of Maryland College Park, \$29,975 for 6 communities to participate in Sustainable Maryland's Residential Action Framework

University of Maryland College Park, \$2,000 for the annual Environmental Justice and Health Disparities Symposium

University of Maryland College Park, \$142,325 for work on the Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan financing system

Washington Area Bicyclist Association, \$9,420 for bilingual, ecologically themed bike ride events along the Anacostia Tributary Trail

QUEEN ANNE'S

Forever Maryland Foundation, \$500 for the 2022 Maryland Land and Conservation Conference

Plastic Free QAC, Inc., \$3,346 for a bioswale at Harris Crab House

ShoreRivers, \$39,826 for 500 2nd graders to study pollinators at Adkins Arboretum

Town of Millington, \$9,995 for a green infrastructure and Chester River public access plan

SAINT MARY'S

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, \$110,000 to design a 3,600-lf living shoreline

Friends of St Clements Bay, Inc, \$4,050 to replace turf with conservation landscaping and trees at the Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Activity Center

St. Mary's River Watershed Association, \$10,000 for volunteers to plant 2 million oysters

TALBOT

ShoreRivers, \$72,801 for a stream restoration prioritization plan

ShoreRivers, \$16,117 to teach veterinarians and pet owners about negative health impacts of harmful algal blooms

ShoreRivers, \$20,000 to increase tree canopy cover in historically underserved communities

WASHINGTON

Town of Boonsboro, \$4,960 to plant 500 trees

WICOMICO

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$555 to add natural resources and environmental justice components to signage/interpretation at Pemberton Park

Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, \$14,445 to develop green teams at 5 Salisbury congregations

Lower Shore Land Trust, \$39,557 to support planting a 2680-lf buffer in Salisbury's City Park along the Wicomico River

Preservation Trust of Wicomico, Inc, \$5,000 for a nature trail at the Buffalo Soldier Living History Site

Wicomico Environmental Trust (WET), \$58,774 for a training program with the NAACP for youth to plant 88 trees at Salisbury's Waterside Park

WORCESTER

Maryland Coastal Bays Program, \$1,250 for an environmental retreat for Worcester County Public School 9th-10th graders

The projects in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C., were supported by funding partners and donors in these areas or whose resources are targeted to these areas.

DELAWARE

The Delmarva Community Wellnet Foundation; EDEN Project, \$6,000 for an outdoor classroom at North Georgetown Elementary School

University of Delaware, \$112,000 to quantify denitrification effectiveness of stream and floodplain restoration with stable isotope analysis



The Washington Area Bicyclist Association leads bike rides along the Anacostia Tributary Trail funded by the Trust for students in Washington, D.C. and bilingual ecologically themed rides for adults in Prince George's County



ShoreRivers educates pet owners about the impacts of certain algal blooms on pets and livestock.

2021-2022 Grants and Projects



As part of a multi-pronged experience with the James River Association, Lakemont Elementary School students receive “classroom” (boat) instruction, investigate fish populations in the river, and complete an action project (storm drain stenciling) back at home.

PENNSYLVANIA

Borough of Chambersburg, \$220,000 for infiltration beds, pollinator gardens, and buffer plantings to address flooding and reduce runoff to Conococheague Creek

Chesapeake Conservancy, \$1,200 for conservation interpretive signage at Susquehanna University

Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County, \$29,320 for teacher environmental literacy professional development in three Lancaster County school districts

Conservation Foundation of Lancaster County, \$186,360 for capacity building of the Lancaster Clean Water Partners

Spring Grove Area Senior High School, \$5,000 to enhance access to Dragonfly Falls, the school wetland

Watershed Alliance of York (WAY), Inc., \$20,700 to create a stormwater workshop template to be used with Homeowner’s Association audiences

VIRGINIA

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley, \$200,000 to build a network of organizations working on public health, clean water, and quality of life goals

Belvedere Elementary School, \$4,731 for an environmental education program for 114 5th graders

Beyond Boundaries, \$5,000 for outdoor environmental experiences for special education students at James River High School

Booker T. Washington Middle School, \$4,470 for professional development for teachers at the Ecological School

Booker T. Washington Middle School, \$4,750 for 150 7th graders to grow SAV and paint storm drains

Broadway High School, \$320 for 15 11th and 12th graders to study water quality and invertebrate communities

Charlotte County School Board, \$5,000 for 150 high schoolers to investigate the health of their local waterways

Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge (fiscal sponsor for Jones Gardens), \$5,000 to expand a community garden in Staunton

The Elizabeth River Project, \$5,000 for 3,000 Norfolk Public School 3rd, 9th and 11th graders to study climate change, resiliency, and blue crabs

Fairfax County Park Foundation Inc., \$5,000 for 2,000 4th-5th graders at Title I elementary schools to investigate their watersheds

Friends of the Rappahannock, \$5,000 for teacher professional development and field trip and action project lesson plans

George Washington Carver Agricultural Research Center, Inc., \$21,688 for an agriculture and food security workshop

Green Muslims, \$7,000 for 45 students to participate in native plantings, invasive removals, and trash cleanups

James River Association, \$118,146 for swale project to address flooding in the underserved Lakemont community

James River Association, \$7,000 for a summer river program for 50 7th graders from Hampton City Schools

James River Association, \$5,000 for 65 Lakemont 5th graders to visit Presquile National Wildlife Refuge and stencil storm drains

James River Association, \$5,000 for an environmental education and paddle trip for middle school students

James River Association, \$7,000 for an outdoor summer program for 50 youth from Richmond and Petersburg

Local Concepts LLC, \$100,000 to support networks of organizations working together as part of the Trust’s Capacity Building Initiative

Booker T. Washington Middle School teachers undertake professional development on Presquile Island

Local Concepts LLC, \$70,000 to expand environmental literacy networks in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware

Lynnhaven River NOW, \$9,600 to test substrate types in a volunteer oyster grow out program

National Wildlife Federation, \$500 for the 2022 Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference

Old Dominion University Research Foundation, \$150,000 for a systemic K-12 environmental literacy program

Oyster Seed Holdings, \$10,000 for the commercial hatchery’s public tour materials

Portsmouth Public Schools, \$9,995 for an oyster-focused K-12 education program

Rivanna Conservation Alliance, \$4,903 for 200 6th graders to study stream health and remove invasives

Rogue Oysters LLC, \$10,000 to develop a less cumbersome oyster bottom cage and boat rigging design

Shored Up LLC, \$9,925 for “Oysters make the Bay a better place for business!” kayak tours in Downtown Hampton

Skeo Solutions, Inc., \$19,300 for workshops on green infrastructure options for underserved communities

Skyline High School, \$4,875 for 150 high schoolers to learn about recreational and drinking water



2021-2022 Grants and Projects



Live It Learn It fifth graders are educated about plastic pollution and experience the river.

Sustainability Matters, \$42,627 to plant Fairfax County's I-66 landfill with native pollinator meadows instead of turfgrass

Virginia Conservation Network, \$30,000 for a strategic business plan

Virginia Institute of Marine Science, \$10,000 for oyster aquaculture inventory management technology

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, \$277,185 to identify stream restoration practices that encourage establishment with native species vs invasives

WASHINGTON, D.C.

After-School All-Stars, \$30,000 for 30 middle school students to merge environmental education and visual/performing arts

American University, \$24,750 for reusable to-go containers in the campus dining hall, eliminating 2,571 lbs of waste per semester

Anacostia Watershed Society, \$5,000 for 400 elementary students to restore riparian meadow habitat

Army Distaff Foundation, \$11,855 for reusable containers at a senior living center, which will prevent 8,760 lbs of waste per year

B.Lin Catering, \$9,000 for transition to reusable dishware and a dishwasher, resulting in 1,000 lbs of waste reduction per year

Big Bear Cafe, \$25,000 for reusable foodware and a dishwasher, reducing waste by 60%

Bridges Public Charter School, \$9,350 to expand school gardens for cooking classes and food distribution to Ward 5 communities

Bridges Public Charter School, \$6,089 for a schoolyard native pollinator plant habitat

Casey Trees, \$24,339 for a community forest trail at Langdon Park Recreation Center

Children of Mine, \$9,705 to support an educational Anacostia urban farm

City Blossoms, \$10,000 for the Youth Garden at the Farm at Fort Stanton

Clean Water Fund, \$200,000 to support Ward 7 and 8's Anacostia Park & Community Collaborative (APACC) to connect residents to the park and river

Common Good City Farm, \$8,804 for a pay-what-you-can payment system for a local farm stand

Constituent Services Worldwide Public Benefit Corporation, \$30,000 to create the first registered Green Infrastructure Apprenticeship Program in the United States

Culture Coffee Too LLC, \$5,875 for a reusable take-out program and associated marketing campaign

Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, \$16,721 for equipment to promote healthy eating and reduce food waste

Designgreen LLC, \$30,000 for a green roof implementation and maintenance jobs training program with ecoLatinos and other partners

Designgreen LLC, \$30,000 for stormwater management project to address flooding at an apartment building and faith institution

Elevate, LLC, \$12,000 to help nonprofits new to grant-writing apply to Trust grant programs

Endangered Species Coalition, \$5,000 for Sacred Heart Catholic School teacher environmental education professional development

FishScale Inc, \$11,250 to convert 80% of foodware to reusable

Flywheel Development LLC, \$23,881 to design stormwater practices at a Ward 7 condominium community

Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, \$18,000 for a wellness in the wilderness program focusing on human health through yoga, meditation, and art

Friends of Oxon Run Park, \$5,000 for an environmental park program with Kind Academy

Garfield Terrace Senior Citizens, \$9,882 for a "vertically designed" urban farm to show possibilities in tight spaces

Housing Help Plus, \$10,000 for educational organic/biodynamic grape vineyards in Ward 7 and 8, focusing on elderly and at-risk youth audiences

Lee Montessori PCS, \$9,000 to transition to reusable foodware and start a compost program

Live It Learn It, \$5,000 to provide plastic pollution curriculum to nearly 200 5th graders

The Trust connects issues of urban agriculture and environment: A pay-what-you-can Farmer's Stand through Common Good City Farm



Human health and nature: Participants in Friends of Kenilworth Gardens' "Wellness in the Wilderness" program focus on human health through yoga, meditation, and art. PHOTO CREDIT: Tim Ervin

2021-2022 Grants and Projects



Living Classrooms Foundation of the National Capital Region, \$29,997 for outdoor experiences at Kingman and Heritage Islands for 250 children from communities east of the Anacostia

Lutheran Church of the Reformation, \$5,637 for a dishwasher and reusable dishware, supporting elimination of 3,900 lbs of waste per year

Market 7, \$25,000 for reusable drinkware and infrastructure to achieve 50% waste reduction

Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc., \$3,000 for connecting organizations new to grant-seeking to Trust opportunities

National Wildlife Federation, \$35,000 for native planting projects on congregation grounds

Near Southeast Community Partners, \$30,000 for a stormwater management workforce training program with ecoLatinos

NPB Group LLC, \$15,377 for restaurant infrastructure that will reduce water and energy use by 50% and limit trash production

Payne Elementary School PTSA, \$4,970 for field trips for 360 PreK-5th graders to learn about environment and climate

So What Else, inc, \$5,000 for a community pollinator and food garden

Sovereign EarthWorks, \$10,000 for a decentralized farming operation

Sovereign EarthWorks, \$10,000 for distribution of locally grown produce in marginalized communities

Teaism, \$5,142 for a reusable drinkware program

Temple Micah, \$8,641 for a dishwasher and reusable dishware for a communal kitchen, reducing waste

The Green Scheme, \$29,122 for training of community leaders as water ambassadors and family-oriented watershed activities

The Nicholson Project, \$10,000 to expand the mission of an urban agriculture artist residency to food production for Ward 7

Urban Learning and Teaching Center, \$7,000 for a field experience at the National Arboretum for 80 2nd-8th graders

Valley Brook Tea, \$13,650 for dishes and a dishwasher to reduce disposable foodware by 90%

Washington Area Bicyclist Association, \$22,000 for 160 youth and 60 family members to participate in bicycle watershed explorer camps

Washington DC Asian Food Corp., \$24,700 for reusable take-out containers

WEST VIRGINIA

City of Romney, \$118,555 to retrofit a parking lot with bioswales to filter stormwater runoff

Experience Learning, \$30,000 for a systemic K-12 environmental education program in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties

Wind Dance Farm & Earth Education Center, \$5,000 for field trips for 3rd and 12th graders to learn about watershed habitats

WATERSHED WIDE

River Network, \$1,750 for a Chesapeake Conservation Corps professional development training

River Network, \$3,000 for a Chesapeake Conservation Corps professional development training

T.J. Boyle Associates, LLC, \$15,749 to develop a method of quantifying visual impacts to scenic landscapes

Throw Environmental, \$142,325 to advance the finance strategy of the Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan

The Green Scheme engages 210 residents as part of the Ward 8 Water Watcher program in Oxon Run with nature walks, water monitoring, boat rides, litter clean-ups, gardening, and nature-focused art.



Thank you to the hundreds of businesses, families, and friends who supported our 24th 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 to celebrate this year's honoree: Keith Campbell of The Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment. The Trust has ever-increasing demand for our grant funds, and our Treasure the Chesapeake supporters raised \$130,000 that will go directly to our grantees' hand-on restoration, outreach, and environmental education projects.

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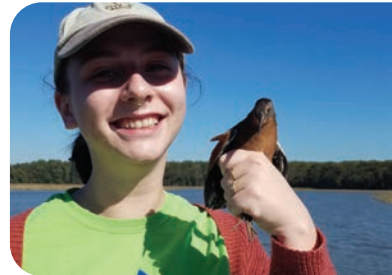
The Chesapeake Conservation Corps provides early career development and green jobs training for a cohort of young people as they tackle important environmental, agricultural, climate and energy projects. This year, 33 Corps members were placed with government and nonprofit host organizations for one-year terms of service, to gain valuable green career skills and experiences.

Throughout the year, Corps members came together monthly for training programs facilitated by the Trust, group service projects, and peer-to-peer networking visits to each other's host sites.

The Chesapeake Conservation Corps has close to 300 alumni, many of whom are environmental leaders throughout the Chesapeake watershed and beyond.



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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.

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Individuals purchasing sportsmen/women's licenses and boating registration through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources can donate online to the Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund or Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund. Learn more at cbtrust.org/mdoutdoors and cbtrust.org/veterans.

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Individuals, foundations, and businesses throughout the region and country entrust their resources to the Trust to administer grants throughout the watershed.

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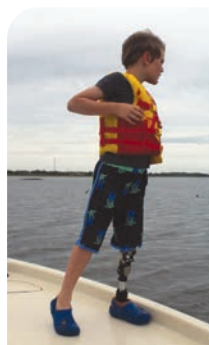
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Investment Income	\$ (1,478,993.00)
Special Events	\$ 196,522.00
Other Income	\$ 5,001.00

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$13,550,695.00

EXPENSE

Program Services

Program Grants & Projects	\$ 11,051,343.00
Program Management	\$ 1,502,419.00
Total Program Services	\$ 12,553,762.00

Support Services

Development & Marketing	\$ 753,484.00
Management & General	\$ 510,675.00
Total Support Services	\$ 1,264,159.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 13,817,921.00

Change in Net Assets \$ (267,226.00)

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Our new logo serves as a visual representation of this shared vision, of the symbiotic relationship between people and nature, and of the work we must do to protect our natural resources.

Many share our vision: faith communities, homeowners' associations, schools and scout troops, small towns and cities, and more all stand ready to do their part. The Trust gives power to these groups to take action and get their hands dirty in their unique share of the work. The Trust ensures we can ALL take on meaningful and measurable roles in restoring these systems, so we can ALL benefit from healthy natural resources. **Our new tagline puts words to this work: Empowering people. Restoring nature.**



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