



Annual Report

Working to promote
public awareness
and
participation
in the
restoration
and
protection
of the
Chesapeake Bay
and its tributaries



2004

Dear Friends of the Chesapeake Bay,

The year 2004 has laid an exceptional foundation for the Chesapeake Bay Trust's upcoming 20th anniversary. During the past year-our most successful ever-the Trust has awarded almost two million dollars in grants, increased support for hundreds of local-level initiatives, and bolstered more than 500 restoration and education projects across the state.

Throughout 2004, the Trust has continued to grow and respond to the ongoing challenges of those committed organizations involved in the Bay's restoration. The pages of this report will introduce you to many of the exciting ways in which this is happening. For example, we've created more grant programs, targeted to specific issues like nutrient reduction and fisheries habitat. We've opened the opportunity for larger grant awards, and we've awarded our largest single grant ever.

The Trust is also exploring new ways to maximize the impact of every grant dollar. As a result, we are working to increase revenue and build partnerships with other grantmakers. During the past year, we also hosted a series of listening sessions that gathered invaluable feedback from grantees about ways to enhance grant programs, promote model projects, and spread the word about grant opportunities to an even broader audience of Maryland citizens. The Trust also sponsored new award and scholarship programs to honor the amazing contributions that Maryland teachers and students make to the Bay restoration.

January 2004 heralded the most visible change for the Chesapeake Bay Trust in nearly two decades: a new, full-color design for the *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate. Already, the design has received an enthusiastic welcome from Maryland citizens, sparking new interest in the Bay plate and strengthening resources for Trust grant programs. This is exciting news for both the Trust and its partners.

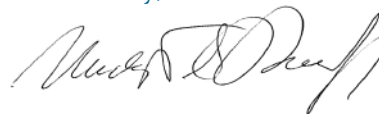
The energy behind these activities comes from the combined talents and resources of the Trust's many partners and our dedicated, enthusiastic Board of Trustees and staff. We present this annual report, with heartfelt thanks, as a showcase of the achievement your support makes possible. Review these pages with an eye to the future, as the Trust continues to reach more communities and puts increasingly more resources to work for the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers.

Sincerely,



Martin Poretsky
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Sincerely,



Midgett S. Parker, Jr.
Incoming Chairman
Board of Trustees





The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization created by the Maryland General Assembly in 1985 to promote public awareness of and participation in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

To accomplish its mission, the Trust receives financial contributions from the general public and the private sector and distributes those contributions as financial grants for hands-on Bay education and on-the-ground Bay restoration projects. Funds for Trust grantmaking are derived primarily from two sources: purchases of the *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate and donations to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland state income tax form. A growing number of corporate and private donations supplement these contributions. Recipients of the Trust's grants include nonprofit organizations, civic and community groups, schools, and public agencies.

The Trust is governed by a nineteen-member Board of Trustees, including five *ex officio* positions consisting of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and leaders of the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment. The remaining fourteen members are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms and represent business, education, and conservation interests; local government; and the general public.

The Trust operates with independent financial and policy-making status. It is not subject to the legislative appropriation process and receives no annual or special appropriations. Through its grantmaking programs, the Trust encourages private citizens and the business community to act as partners with government in restoring the nation's largest estuary and Maryland's most treasured natural resource.

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Welcoming a New Chairman



In the spring of 2004, the Chesapeake Bay Trust announced **Midgett S. Parker, Jr., Esq.**, as the newly elected chairman of its Board of Trustees. Mr. Parker, a partner in the law firm of Linowes & Blocher, LLP, is the sixth chairman in the Trust's twenty-year history and the first African-American to hold the position. The Trust welcomes Mr. Parker's leadership and expresses sincere appreciation to outgoing chairman Martin H. Poretsky, who volunteered his time and talent to take the organization to a new level during his tenure as Trust chairman.

Another Year of Record Grantmaking: Trust Sends \$1.9 Million to Maryland Schools and Communities

In 2004, the Chesapeake Bay Trust awarded \$1,943,939 to support Maryland schools and communities in their efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers. This amount marks an increase of nearly 10 percent from the previous year's record of \$1.84 million, and the fourth consecutive year of increased grant funding. The Board of Trustees reviewed 596 grant requests and responded favorably to 516. The average grant totaled approximately \$3,800.

The actual amounts ranged from \$50 to \$100,000.

Trust Awards Nearly \$200,000 through Pioneer Grants Program



Delegate Maggie McIntosh joins the Trust in presenting the Parks and People Foundation with a Pioneer Grant.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has reconstituted its Pioneer Grants Program to better advance innovative approaches and new technologies that benefit the Bay. In 2004, the Pioneer Grants Program sought creative solutions and new technologies to reduce nutrient pollution from non-point sources, such as urban and agricultural lands. Although the Trust originally set aside \$100,000 for the program, the Board of Trustees felt that two of the proposals submitted reflected the goals of the program so well that it funded both.

Baltimore's Parks & People Foundation received \$92,500 to reduce polluted stormwater runoff in "Watershed 263," an area in which all of the city's waterways are channeled underground before emptying into the Patapsco River. The foundation and its partners will work towards measurable reductions in polluted stormwater runoff by planting trees, creating neighborhood parks, and reducing impervious surfaces.

The Trust also awarded a Pioneer Grant to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for exploring new ways to reduce nutrients leached to the Bay from farm fields. The \$100,000 grant will fund a pilot program to examine a new farming technique called variable rate technology (VRT) for

its effectiveness in the Bay watershed. VRT helps farmers apply more accurate amounts of fertilizer on farm fields, creating the potential to improve water quality, maintain or enhance yield and reduce farming expenses.

Meaningful Bay Experience Grants Enrich Maryland Schools

The Chesapeake Bay Trust continued to expand and enrich Bay educational experiences for Maryland students by awarding a total of \$457,694 through its Meaningful Bay Experience Grants program. This amount is in addition to the Trust's annual support of approximately \$500,000 for school-related projects.

Each grant recipient—a nonprofit organization, environmental education center, or public agency—is working with at least five schools on a comprehensive Bay education program that combines hands-on restoration projects and classroom experiences to connect students with the science of the Bay's ecosystem.

In 2004, the Trust awarded nine Meaningful Bay Experience grants, serving a combined total of 45 schools in Anne Arundel, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Prince George's, and Wicomico Counties, as well as Baltimore City.

Trust and FishAmerica Award \$90,000 for First Fisheries Grants

The Chesapeake Bay Trust and the FishAmerica Foundation awarded the first grants through their combined sponsorship of the Fisheries Grant Program. Joint resources from these foundations provided \$90,917 for five projects that will make important contributions to fish habitat in the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The Anacostia Watershed Society received one of the grants to restore tidal wetlands through a project incorporating classroom instruction and field experiences with local students. The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Maryland Environmental Service, and Magothy River Association each received grants to build and enhance oyster reefs. The Potomac Conservancy was awarded a grant to restore trout habitat to portions of Carroll Creek in Frederick County.

Capacity Building Grants Support Organizational Development



Representatives from community watershed groups learn how the new Capacity Building Grants program can benefit their organizations.

In response to a growing need in the environmental community, the Chesapeake Bay Trust created the Capacity Building Grants program. This new program will provide much-needed organizational support to groups that are dedicated to restoring and protecting the Bay and its rivers. Eligible applicants are Maryland nonprofit organizations that possess a record of completing volunteer-based restoration and protection projects; show organizational stability with board involvement and a membership base; and demonstrate the need for additional funding to grow their capacity and enhance initiatives that engage volunteers. Capacity building grants support activities such as volunteer development, and membership recruitment. Applicants selected for funding the first year are eligible for up to three years of additional support.

Chesapeake Bay Funders Network Connects Regional Grantmakers

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has partnered with a number of grantmakers to form a network of environmental funders that serves the entire Bay watershed. The effort began with the Chesapeake Bay Funders Forum in July 2003, which drew approximately forty participants from private and corporate foundations in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Participants in the forum agreed that a more lasting network would offer valuable opportunities for exploring the science and policies of the Bay restoration, as well as discussing potential partnerships and grantmaking strategies.

The Trust now serves on the steering committee for the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network, which continues to meet throughout the year and includes Abell Foundation, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Oak Hill Fund, Prince Charitable Trusts, Virginia Environmental Endowment, Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program.



Participants in the Chesapeake Bay Funders Network investigate progress and challenges on the South River.



Trust board member Frances Flanigan captures grantee feedback during "Listening Sessions".

Trust Hosts "Listening Sessions" with Grantees and Partners

In 2004, the Chesapeake Bay Trust turned to its grantee organizations and project partners as the best resource for enhancing the quality of its grant programs and administrative processes. Representatives from schools, community organizations, and local governments were among the sixty participants at four "Listening Sessions," facilitated by Trust Board member Frances Flanigan in March 2004.

Participants provided thoughtful feedback on the Trust's many accomplishments, as well as ideas for fine-tuning the grantmaking process, maximizing impact, and addressing the growing needs of grantee organizations. A detailed report of the group's recommendations was completed and adopted by the Board of Trustees. Those recommendations are shaping revisions to the Trust's grant guidelines and administrative processes.

Trust Awards First Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship



Trust Board and staff members gathered at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner in Anne Arundel County to award the first Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship. Left to right: Melanie Teems, assistant director; Peter Byrnes, board member; Senator Arthur Dorman, Trustee Emeritus; Martin Poretsky, chairman; Katherine Cruz, scholarship recipient; David O'Neill, executive director; and the Honorable John Brunner, board member.

The Trust named Howard County student Katherine Maria Cruz as the first recipient of the *Honorable Arthur Dorman Scholarship*. The scholarship is awarded to a Maryland high school senior or college student who combines an intense interest and commitment to the environment and the Chesapeake Bay with an equal commitment to promoting diversity and respect for all individuals. Ms. Cruz's many accomplishments include acting as the student representative on both the Howard County Human Rights Commission and the Howard County Equity Board, and serving as president of Students for Environmental Action.

The Trust established the scholarship in honor of its longtime Board member and past chairman, former Maryland State Senator Arthur Dorman. The scholarship provides \$2,000 for environmental course work of the student's choice.

Ellen Fraites Wagner Award Honors Anne Arundel Volunteer

The Trust presented the 2004 *Ellen Fraites Wagner Award* to Mr. Mel Wilkins at the eighth annual Maryland Tributary Team Conference in recognition of his outstanding volunteer contributions to the Bay restoration.

After retiring from Lockheed Martin in 1999, Mr. Wilkins turned his talents towards spearheading a comprehensive restoration effort in the Spa Creek watershed of Annapolis. His efforts have rallied hundreds of youth and

adult volunteers to correct shoreline erosion problems, restore native habitat, and create community partnerships to remove several acres of invasive grasses. These projects have spawned a newly formed organization, the Spa Creek Conservancy, dedicated to providing stewardship over the entire 13,000-acre watershed.

The *Ellen Fraites Wagner Award* is named in honor of Governor Harry Hughes' staff member who developed the idea for the Chesapeake Bay Trust.



Mel Wilkins of the Spa Creek Conservancy with the 2004 *Ellen Fraites Wagner Award* for outstanding volunteer contributions to the Bay and its rivers.

Carroll County Educator Named First Teacher of the Year



Robert Foor-Hogue, a teacher at South Carroll High in Sykesville, accepts the 2004 *Teacher of the Year Award*.

Mr. Robert Foor-Hogue, a teacher at South Carroll High School in Sykesville, received the first Chesapeake Bay Trust *Teacher of the Year Award*. The *Teacher of the Year Award* celebrates the exceptional contributions that Maryland teachers make to restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

Dubbed the "pied piper of science" by his school's principal, Mr. Foor-Hogue has worked with boundless enthusiasm to engage students in meaningful scientific

work that improves the Bay and its tributaries. The Trust recognized Mr. Foor-Hogue's contributions with a plaque and a \$5,000 award at the annual conference of the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education.

Additional finalists for the 2004 award included Alan Hammond, Allegany High School, Allegany County; Mary Roderick, Hollywood Elementary School, St. Mary's County; Pam Sherfey, Linton Springs Elementary, Carroll County; and Ada Stambaugh, Harford Christian School, Harford County.

Board Chairman Receives Blue Heron Award



Martin H. Poretsky, immediate past chairman of the Trust and recipient of the Blue Heron Award.

lasting impact on the Trust and the thousands of organizations and schools that it serves.

Martin H. Poretsky was the first recipient of the Blue Heron Award, which honors a Board of Trustees member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to enhance the mission of the Trust. Mr. Poretsky, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1997 and served as its chairman from 1999 to 2004, deftly steered the organization through a period of dramatic change that included an 80 percent increase in the grant portfolio and an increase of more than \$1 million per year in revenue. His legacy will have a

Environmental Matters Committee Unveils Chesapeake Bay Exhibit

The Environmental Matters Committee of the Maryland House of Delegates unveiled a new exhibit of Chesapeake Bay photos dedicated to legislative leaders who have helped advance environmental protection in Maryland. Dr. Torrey Brown and Senator Arthur Dorman, both members of the Board of Trustees, were among those honored during the ceremony. The Trust is a proud sponsor of the exhibit, which symbolizes the past work and future challenges of the Bay restoration. Senator Mac Mathias, along with former Board of Trustees member Dick D'Amato and Environmental Matters Committee chair Delegate Maggie McIntosh, opened the event by highlighting the critical role the legislature has played in advancing the Bay restoration effort and the challenges that lie ahead.

Growing the Legacy

Celebrating the New Bay License Plate



Governor Harry Hughes and other dignitaries joined Trust Board members to unveil the new, full-color Treasure the Chesapeake license plate, which features the traditional Trust heron as well as the Maryland blue crab.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust made history this year with the arrival of the new, full-color *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate. The new design, featuring a blue crab and heron on a rich blue background, has re-invigorated public enthusiasm for the plate and enhanced the Trust's grantmaking resources.

Development of the new plate began in the fall of 2002, with a survey of public opinion about changes to the design. The Trust then selected Joe Barsin of JEB Design, Inc., to produce several design options, working with images of blue crabs, herons, and the Maryland flag.

A design combining both the heron and the blue crab won immediate favor from the review team, which included Trust board members, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), and members of the general public. Modifications were made over several months to refine the design and ensure it met state standards.

The Trust unveiled the new Bay plate in December 2003 at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Hundreds of guests from the Trust's grantee organizations, schools, and state partners were on hand to celebrate. Former Governor Harry Hughes, Baltimore high school teacher Joan Johnson, and South River activist John Flood gave personal testimony on the impact that Bay plate proceeds continue to have on community and student involvement in the Bay restoration effort. Generous support from Constellation Energy, Comcast, and *The Baltimore Sun* helped make the event possible and provided continued visibility for the new plate during the months ahead.

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and MVA Chief Deputy Administrator John Kuo, along with Trust board members

Dr. Torrey Brown and Frances Flanigan and executive director David O'Neill, kicked off the opening day of Bay plate sales with a press conference at the Annapolis State House on January 20, 2004. Since then, Maryland citizens have purchased approximately 75,000

new Bay plates and raised more than \$750,000 to support the restoration of the Bay and its rivers.



Partners for Success



Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and Dr. Torrey Brown announce the arrival of the new Bay license plate at MVA offices throughout the state.

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. with the first newly designed Bay license plate. The Trust also held a special reception to update state legislators on the achievement of Trust grant programs, while extending special thanks with Bay plate plaques to Delegates Michael Busch, Maggie McIntosh, and Karen Montgomery, and to Senators John Astle, Brian Frosh, and Senate President, Mike Miller, Jr. Their combined support has allowed the Trust to direct record-breaking funds to Maryland schools and community groups at work for the Bay and its rivers.

From the teachers and volunteers who put projects in motion to the citizens who put a Bay plate on their car, the people of Maryland have made the *Treasure the Chesapeake* license plate an enormous success. The Bay plate program also succeeds because of an invaluable partnership with Maryland government leaders. Their support keeps the Bay plates visible and accessible to the thousands of Marylanders who purchase them.

To honor these contributions, the Trust presented



Delegate Michael Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, is one of the many legislative leaders whose support for the Bay plate has made the Trust's grant programs an extraordinary success.

reviews the selections and recommends those projects his fund would most like to support.

"I am passionate about helping to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay," explains Mr. Nabit. "Since the Trust has a long tradition of Bay-related grant-making, with administrative systems already in place, it makes sense for me to partner with them. It's the most efficient way to support the kinds of projects that are most important to me and to the health of the Chesapeake Bay."

The Nabit Foundation Donor Advised Fund was created using the proceeds from the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim, an annual charity event that Mr. Nabit has organized for fourteen years. Over the past two years, the event has raised \$50,000 for the donor advised fund. Those dollars are currently at work helping organizations, agencies, and schools across the state raise public awareness and take on-the-ground steps to restore the Bay and its rivers.



Charles J. Nabit (right) has established the first donor advised fund at the Chesapeake Bay Trust, launched with proceeds from the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim.

Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration Raises \$52,000

For the sixth year in a row, hosts Tom and Jamie Pumpelly of the Bay Bridge Marina opened the doors of the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club to welcome hundreds of Trust supporters at the annual *Treasure the Chesapeake Celebration*. The 2004 event took place on April 22, featuring keynote speaker Brian Billick, head coach of the Baltimore Ravens, and emcee Wendy Rieger, the Emmy-winning news anchor of NBC-4. More than 400 people joined in the fundraiser, which raised more than \$52,000 for the Trust.

Lead sponsors of the 2004 celebration included: Ocean Yachts; Pintail Point; Chesapeake Bay Beach Club; Chesapeake Bay Bridge Marina; Albemarle; CloseCall America; Constellation Energy; the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim; Linowes and Blocher, LLP; North Atlantic Marine Group; the Poretsky Building Group; Amy and Martin Weinstein; and Willkie Farr and Gallagher.

In total, the Trust's six-year partnership with the Pumpellys and the Bay Bridge Marina has raised more than \$280,000 in generous donations from businesses and individuals.

Charles J. Nabit Foundation Creates the Trust's First Donor Advised Fund

Charles J. Nabit and the Nabit Foundation have created the first donor advised fund at the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Donor advised funds are an excellent option for donors who want to influence the specific use of their charitable dollars, while avoiding administrative burdens on their personal time.

In the case of the donor advised fund for the Nabit Foundation the Trust selects grants from its pool of applicants that fit Mr. Nabit's priorities. Mr. Nabit then

Taxpayers Make Record-Breaking Donations to Bay and Wildlife Fund



The Trust celebrated the program's success with Comptroller William Donald Schaefer, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Assistant Secretary Mike Slattery, and Trust Board members Dr. Torrey Brown and Midgett Parker during a press event at the Chesapeake Children's Museum in Annapolis.

In 2003-2004, the Chesapeake Bay Trust benefited from the generosity of Maryland taxpayers and the record-breaking amount of donations that they made to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the state income tax form.

Contributions to the fund exceeded \$1.57 million. This marks the most successful year in the history of the tax check-off program. Proceeds from the fund are shared equally between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Taxpayers can contribute to the fund simply by entering a dollar amount on the appropriate line of the state tax return.

The donation is then deducted from the refund or added to the payment. It is also tax-deductible for the following tax year.



Allegany County

Allegany High School
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Smith Island with 27 ecology club and environmental science students.
\$1,438

Braddock Run Watershed Association
For a storm water runoff awareness program and 100 storm drain decals for the Braddock Run watershed.
\$789

Parkside Elementary School
For a rain garden planting with 45 fifth-grade students.
\$650

Anne Arundel County

Alliance for Community Education
For promotions and educational materials for a storm water workshop.
\$1,465

Alliance for Community Education
For Living with Water educational materials distributed to community, government, and nonprofit groups.
\$1,000

Alliance for Community Education
For an urban redevelopment scenario promoting sound land use practices in Anne Arundel County.
\$1,000

Annapolis Area Christian School
For a native plant demonstration project and field trip to Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary for 100 ninth- and tenth-

grade students.
\$1,820

Annapolis Environmental Commission
For a Spa Creek Watershed Workshop to identify environmental priorities in Spa Creek.
\$2,000

Annapolis High School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 22 students.
\$176

Annapolis Maritime Museum
For aquariums, a touch tank, an oyster reef, and interpretive materials for outdoor Bay education programs.
\$20,000

Annapolis Middle School
For a BayScape planting with 355 students.
\$1,841

Annapolis Middle School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 69 students.
\$387

Annapolis Middle School
For a meadow Bayscaping project with 175 students.
\$1,994

Annapolis Middle School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes field trip with 23 students.
\$143

Anne Arundel County, Dept. of Public Works
For wetland creation as part of the Cypress Creek Waterway Improvement Project.
\$8,700

Anne Arundel County Government

For the Stewardship Open House highlighting Bay organizations.

\$500

Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center

For 30 rain barrels distributed by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education to support storm water management at schools and outdoor education centers.

\$1,092

Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center

For the Chesapeake Connections program to train teachers in school ground restoration techniques.

\$40,000

Bay Ridge Trust, Inc.

For community outreach describing conservation easement benefits to residents on the Annapolis Neck Peninsula.

\$1,315

Bittersweet Community Association

For native plants to a living shoreline on Aberdeen Creek, a tributary of the South River.

\$2,000

Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation, Inc.

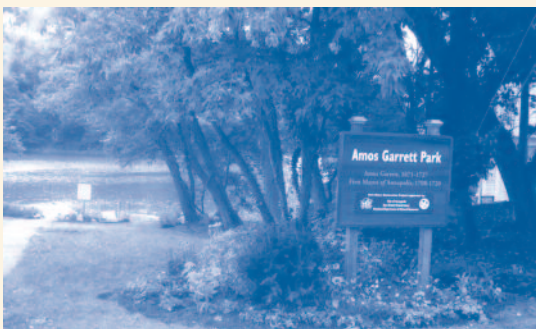
For schoolyard habitat projects and Bay education at Mills-Parole Elementary School, Bates Middle School, and the Adams Academy.

\$26,000

Boy Scout Troop 339

For a riparian forest buffer planting.

\$250

Living Shoreline Revives Waterfront Park

Spa Creek Conservancy led the community partnership that restored a severely eroded shoreline.

Foundation, more than 70 volunteers established a “living shoreline” to stabilize the shoreline and create vital habitat, and they planted a rain garden to intercept polluted runoff from the streets before it enters Spa Creek. Today, the park has new vitality and is serving as an environmental model for the entire city.

A \$25,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust helped restore Amos Garrett Park, a small waterfront park in Annapolis that had deteriorated over the years. Rather than restore the park with conventional shoreline practices and landscaping, the Spa Creek Conservancy, the City of Annapolis, and the Murray Hill Community Association joined forces to apply cutting-edge environmental principles. With technical assistance provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Chesapeake Bay

Boy Scout Troop 835

For a rain barrel and native plant garden at Broadneck High School.

\$575

Broadneck High School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips and a tree planting as part of the Bay Days activities at Sandy Point State Park with 500 students.

\$1,600

Broadneck High School

For a Bay grasses grow-out project with 500 ninth-grade science and social studies students and community volunteers.

\$1,800

Broadneck High School

For Chesapeake Classroom Initiative teacher training for five teachers.

\$1,500

Broadneck High School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Fox Island with 18 outdoor science club students.

\$543

Calvary Chapel Christian Academy

For an erosion-control planting on school grounds along Severn Run.

\$1,988

Center of Applied Technology North

For rain barrels and a native plant garden with 75 elementary school students and 15 high school students.

\$2,000

Chesapeake High School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 23 students.

\$298

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

For wetland and shoreline restoration and BayScaping along the Wicomico River in Salisbury.

\$10,703

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

For a pilot project to demonstrate the effectiveness of variable rate technology (VRT), a new technology for reducing non-point source pollution from farm fields, and to broadly promote the use of the technology in the agricultural community.

\$100,000

Chesapeake Bay Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 10 students.

\$110



Trust grants support student involvement in hands-on restoration projects such as underwater Bay grass plantings.

Chesapeake Connections

For a living shoreline planting and terrapin release program for George Cromwell Elementary School, Germantown Elementary School, Folger McKinsey Elementary School, St. Mary's Elementary School, Old Mill High School, and St. Mary's High School.
\$980

City of Annapolis, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
For Bay interpretive material at the Back Creek Nature Park in Annapolis.
\$1,875

City of Annapolis, Dept. of Transportation
For a no-mow wildflower meadow.
\$1,703

Clay Street Computer Learning Center
For Bay education programs with children from the Clay Street community.
\$2,000

Crofton Woods Elementary School
For a native schoolyard

habitat planting with approximately 100 third-grade students.
\$661

Davidsonville Elementary School
For a native meadow planting with 627 students, from kindergarten through fifth-grade.
\$1,990

Davidsonville Elementary School
For an oyster planting field trip with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 100 fourth-grade students.
\$305

Eastport Yacht Club Foundation - Box of Rain/Youth on the Bay
For an oyster restoration project and water quality testing with 25 children.
\$1,190

Germantown Elementary School
For a schoolyard habitat planting with 415 students.
\$1,997

Gibson Island Country School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting field trip by canoe, with 14 fourth-grade students.
\$140

Glen Burnie High School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips on the Snow Goose with advanced placement students studying environmental science and marine biology.
\$475

The Harbour School
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to the Baltimore Harbor with 20 high school students.
\$110

Interfaith Coalition on the Environment
For training and education to promote the involvement of faith-based groups in environmental action and water conservation issues.
\$6,214

Key School
For a Bay grasses planting at Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area with 45 eighth-grade students.
\$1,500

Key School
For a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center with 96 pre-kindergarten children.
\$557

Key School
For materials to repair marsh boardwalk for a service project at the Elms Environmental Center with 50 eleventh-grade students.
\$663

Lindale Middle School
For a schoolyard habitat project with 180 sixth-grade students.
\$1,913

MacArthur Middle School
For a schoolyard habitat planting with 110 sixth-grade students
\$1,995

Magothy River Association
For water quality testing on the Magothy River.
\$1,664

Magothy River Association
For establishing 85 oyster reef balls at five reef restoration locations on the Magothy River.
\$10,775

Marley Elementary School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 23 fifth-grade students.
\$194

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources - Outdoor Discovery Camp
For skipjack trips on the Martha Lewis, native trees, and water quality testing equipment for 75 third-through tenth-grade campers at Outdoor Discovery Camp.
\$2,300

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources - Tidewater Ecosystem Assessment
For the Bay Grasses in Classes program with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation at 250 elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Maryland.
\$18,350

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Watershed Restoration Division
For shoreline stabilization at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center.
\$280

Maryland Environmental Service
For establishing oyster reef balls at two sites, near Taylor's Island and James Island and near Tilghman and Little Cove Point, and additional site/s to be determined.
\$25,000

Master Gardeners, Maryland Cooperative Extension
For native plants, soil amendments, and soil testing to maintain a BayScapes project at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center.
\$334

Master Gardeners, Maryland Cooperative Extension
For a BayScape planting at the Anne Arundel County Board of Education with 250 students and community volunteers.
\$2,000

Meade Middle School
For a schoolyard habitat planting with 540 sixth-through eighth-grade students.
\$1,978

North County High School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 23 students.
\$125

Odenton Elementary School
For Living Classrooms Foundation field trips with 75 fifth-grade students.
\$1,420

Olde Severna Park Improvement Association, Inc.
For wetland restoration and riparian plantings in Sullivan's Cove.
\$13,310

Organization of Hispanic/Latino Americans of Anne Arundel County, Inc.
For a schoolyard rain garden planting at Mills Parole Elementary School and a bilingual educational brochure on riparian forest buffers.
\$2,232

Overlook Elementary School
For a native plant garden with 90 fourth- and fifth-grade students.
\$1,548

Oyster Recovery Partnership
For recruiting, training, and coordinating volunteers for raising and planting native oysters on sanctuary reefs in the Bay.
\$25,000

Ruth Parker Eason School
For a schoolyard planting with 17 students through the Chesapeake Connections Club.
\$262

Scenic Rivers Land Trust, Inc.
For land conservation outreach in southern Anne Arundel County.
\$2,265

Severn River Association, Inc.
For restoration of a tidal wetland and improving fish passage at Hidden Pond at Brewers Creek on the Severn River.
\$24,300

Severna Park Middle School
For a schoolyard BayScape and rain garden with 428 sixth- and seventh-grade students.
\$4,655

Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, Inc.
For a field trip, native planting, and water quality testing supplies for the Being Bay Neighbors summer camp.
\$891

Town of Highland Beach Reduces Storm Water Runoff



Community volunteers plant grasses as part of a shoreline restoration project.

learning how the gardens help to improve water quality, recharge groundwater, and provide wildlife habitat. As an extension of the community greening project, volunteers helped to create living shoreline habitat along 120 feet of Bay beachfront that suffered damage from Hurricane Isabel.

Supported by a grant of \$22,105 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Town of Highland Beach has installed three rain gardens in prominent public locations that will prevent polluted stormwater runoff from entering the Chesapeake Bay, Black Walnut Creek, and Oyster Creek. Teams of volunteers from area schools and communities helped to install the rain gardens, while

Sherwood Forest Boys and Girls Club

For a Bay ecology program with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 400 campers and adults.
\$1,400

South River Federation

For coordinating projects and volunteers, and building organizational capacity.
\$15,000

Spa Creek Conservancy

For restoration of a rain garden damaged by Hurricane Isabel.
\$1,204

Spa Creek Conservancy

For a bog restoration near Bates Middle School with the Nature Club, Boy Scouts, and Department of Juvenile Justice in Annapolis.
\$1,953

Spa Creek Conservancy

For a living shoreline restoration on Spa Creek in Amos Garrett Park.
\$24,449

Spa Creek Conservancy

For shoreline retention along

Spa Creek.

\$19,857

St. Anne's Day School

For a riparian forest buffer planting with 37 eighth-grade students.
\$927

St. John the Evangelist School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip with 24 seventh- and eighth-grade students.
\$240

St. Martin's In the Field Day School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundations field trips and a schoolyard habitat planting with 37 elementary school students.
\$685

Town of Highland Beach

For a rain garden in the Town of Highland Beach.
\$1,800

Town of Highland Beach

For installation of a living shoreline and for three storm water retention gardens.
\$22,105

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office

For 1,850 "Schoolyard Habitat Project Guides" for Maryland schools.
\$2,000

Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis

For continuing the Grasses for the Masses grow-out project in Weems Creek.
\$700

Walter S. Mills - Parole Elementary School

For two BayScape gardens with 420 students.
\$1,980

West Annapolis Elementary School

For a BayScape demonstration planting at the Anne Arundel County Board of Education with 80 kindergarten and first-grade students.
\$1,252

Baltimore County

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.

For native trees and supplies for restoration projects in the Potomac and Patapsco Rivers watersheds.
\$450

Arbutus Middle School

For a schoolyard reforestation planting with 100 special education students.
\$1,062

Arbutus Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 37 students.
\$215

Ascension School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 20 sixth-grade and 34 eighth-grade students.
\$200

Baltimore County, Dept. of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

For assisting community groups with coordination of watershed stewardship activities at the State of Our Watersheds conference.
\$1,942

Beachwood Estates Home Owners Association

For a riparian buffer planting along Back River with the Beachwood Estates Community Association.
\$787

Beachwood Estates Home Owners Association

For trees and planting materials for a streamside planting.
\$928

Boy Scout Troop 711

For shoreline plantings at the Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area.
\$662

Boy Scout Troop 746

For a raise-and-release project at Fullerton Elementary School.
\$500

Catonsville Elementary School

For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation with 75 fourth-grade students.
\$808



Students throughout Maryland participate in Bay and river education programs supported by Trust grants.

Charlesmont Elementary School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip to Bear Creek with 47 fourth-graders and special-needs students from Battle Monument School. \$440

Charlesmont Elementary School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation Bay Grasses in Classes field trip with 47 fourth-grade students. \$800

Cromwell Valley Elementary School (Regional Magnet School of Technology)

For a riparian forest buffer planting along Minebank Run, field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation, a native wetland planting, and a three-day field trip to Camp Wo-Me-To, involving 70 fifth-grade students. \$5,179

Ecosystem Recovery Institute Inc.

For the Gunpowder Schoolyard Habitats project with Hereford Middle School, Prettyboy Elementary, and Fifth District Elementary. \$7,600

Emmanuel Lutheran School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 22 seventh-grade students. \$145

Emmanuel Lutheran School

For a field trip to Elk Neck State Park and a forest buffer planting on the Elk Neck and Northeast Rivers with 75 middle school students. \$3,000

Emmanuel Lutheran School

For a field trip to the Baltimore Harbor with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 17 eighth-grade students. \$210

Emmanuel Lutheran School

For a field trip to the Karen Noonan Center with 22 sixth-grade students. \$1,000

Emmanuel Lutheran School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip with middle school students. \$310

Franklin Middle School

For a field trip to Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area with 15 sixth through eighth grade students. \$1,225

Franklin Middle School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and materials to construct a nature trail with 450 sixth-grade students. \$5,375

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

For volunteer coordination, riparian buffer plantings, and native gardens at Dulaney Branch, Cromwell Valley Park, Hereford High School, and Towson Presbyterian Church. \$12,005

Hereford Middle School

For a tree and native grass planting with 1,000 students. \$1,245

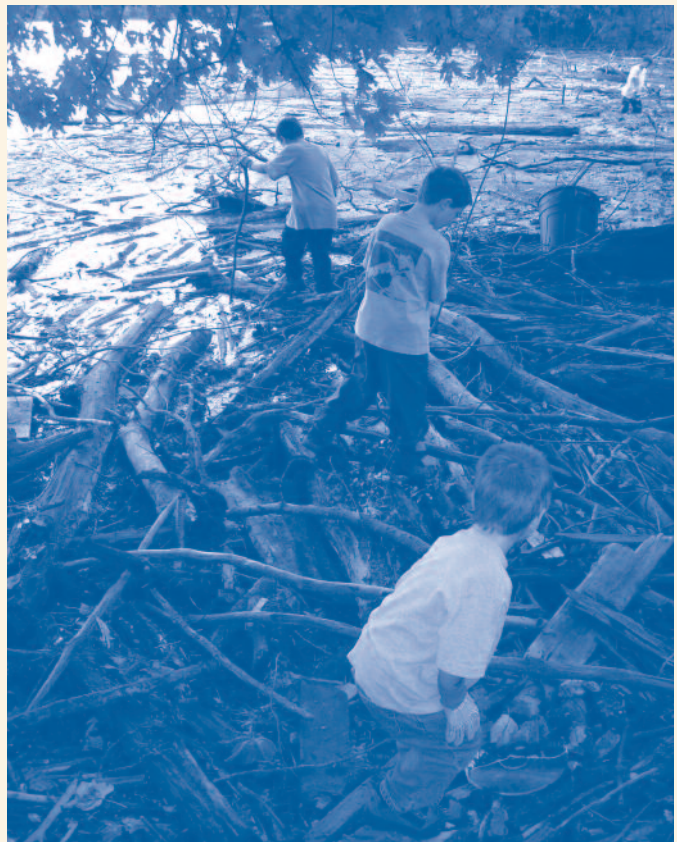
Hereford Middle School

For field trips to the annual Bay Days celebration with 345 students. \$3,558

Hereford Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 20 eighth-grade students. \$305

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy Strengthens Partnerships



Young volunteers comb the shoreline as part of efforts to remove debris from Loch Haven Reservoir.

The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy extended its recent success throughout the Gunpowder River watershed, with the help of a \$10,405 capacity building grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. This grant allowed the Conservancy to complete several on-the-ground projects that restored streamside forest buffers, maintain new buffers at Dulaney Branch, and remove debris from Loch Raven Reservoir. These projects also strengthened community partnerships, with approximately 360 volunteers drawn largely from nearby schools and with donations and technical support from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore County, Friends of Loch Raven, Sam's Club, and other local businesses.

Immaculate Conception School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 72 fifth-grade students.

\$1,265

Isaak Walton League, Sportsmans Chapter

For a riparian planting along

Silver Brook.

\$876

Joppa View Elementary School

For Chesapeake Classroom training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 19 teachers.

\$7,125

Lansdowne Middle School For Chesapeake Bay

Foundation canoe trips and a native tree planting.

\$1,337

Lansdowne Middle School For Chesapeake Bay

Foundation canoe trips and a schoolyard reforestation project with 44 eighth-grade students.

\$712

Logan Elementary School

For a Living Classrooms Foundation field trip with 64 fourth-grade students.

\$1,115

Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics and Communications

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip with 30 students.

\$325

Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics and Communications

For field trips with the Potomac River Program for third-grade students.

\$1,013

Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics and Communications

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 30 students.

\$215

Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics and Communications

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 160 fourth-grade students.

\$1,538

Lutherville Laboratory for Science, Mathematics and Communications

For skipjack trips on the Martha Lewis and field trips on the Schooner Sultana.

\$2,505

Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association

For establishing oyster reef balls on the Memorial Stadium Fishing Reef with elementary school students.

\$925

McCormick Elementary School

For a schoolyard rain garden planting with 20 kindergarten through fourth-grade students and the Rosedale Alternative School.

\$75

Mt. Washington Preservation Trust

For a native planting at the Mt. Washington Arboretum.

\$1,428

Odyssey School

For a field trip to the Karen Noonan Center with 10 eighth-grade students.

\$550

Open Bible Christian Academy

For creating four rain gardens with 21 biology students.

\$1,036

The Park School

For a riparian forest buffer planting along Moore's Branch.

\$2,000

Student-Initiated Grant Reduces Schoolyard Storm Water Runoff



The newly reforested shoreline of Moore's Branch, a tributary to the Jones Falls River in Baltimore County.

On Arbor Day 2004, fifty-two high school students and eight adult volunteers gathered at the Park School in Brooklandville to reforest and restore the shoreline along Moore's Branch of the Jones Falls River. Supported by a grant of \$2,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, much of their efforts aimed to prevent erosion by planting trees, grading excess dirt, and installing wood chips to retain shoreline soil. The next day, it poured. That was just fine with the students, who could see immediate results from the previous day's work: water flowing into the stream was already running more clearly. The school hopes to continue with student-led restoration projects until its grounds along Moore's Branch are fully reforested.

The Park School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 68 sixth-grade students.
\$675

Parkville High School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip on the Snowgoose with 24 environmental science students.
\$267

Pearlstone Conference & Retreat Center

For a riparian forest buffer planting at the center.
\$1,970

Pleasant Plains Elementary School

For a field trip to Cromwell Valley Park with 100 first-grade students.
\$455

Rosedale Center for Alternative Studies

For tree plantings and shoreline restoration through the work of the Students Protecting and Restoring the Environment (SPARE) the BAY Program with 300 at-risk students.
\$10,625

Shady Spring Elementary School

For a rain garden planting with 40 fourth- and fifth-grade students.
\$283

Southwest Academy For Arts & Science

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 23 students.
\$110

St. James Academy

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips to the Arthur Sherwood Study Center with 35 eighth-grade students.
\$711

Therapeutic Recreation Division/Farring-Baybrook Recreation Center

For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 15 students.
\$250

Towson High School

For a streamside forest buffer and rain garden on school grounds with Environmental and Key Club students.
\$2,000

Towson High School

For water quality studies at Gunpowder River, Dundee, and Saltpeter Creeks with 50 eleventh- and twelfth-grade students.
\$410

Towson University

For Chesapeake Classrooms training for 16 students with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and schoolyard habitat projects in Harford County.
\$4,800

Trust for Public Land

For a celebration to create awareness, stewardship, and water quality education in the Prettyboy watershed.
\$1,000

Villa Cresta Elementary School

For watershed studies at Camp Ramblewood with 112 fifth-grade students.
\$2,000

Western School of Technology & Environmental Science

For a schoolyard rain garden with 17 environmental science students.
\$195

Western School of Technology & Environmental Science

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 280 ninth-grade biology students.
\$345

Western School of Technology & Environmental Science

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to release oysters with 59 ninth-grade students.
\$393

Woodlawn High School

For a schoolyard native planting with 55 environmental science and horticulture students.
\$2,000

Baltimore City**Audubon Society**

For a Bay Grasses in Classes program, field guides, and water quality testing supplies for an environmental program at Patterson Park.
\$1,235

Baltimore City College

For Bay studies and a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation.
\$1,000

Baltimore City Public Schools

For teacher training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.
\$1,875

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

For a schoolyard reforestation project with 34 environmental science students.
\$1,440

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland

For a four-day Living Classrooms Foundation field trip with 10 blind high school students in the Winning Independence Now Guarantees Success (WINGS) program.
\$1,540

Civic Works, Inc.

For the B-More Green program to train students in restoration techniques.
\$4,111

Civic Works, Inc.

For a rain garden in Clifton Park.
\$432

Concordia Lutheran School

For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation and for a storm drain stenciling project.
\$611

Experiential Environmental Education, Inc.

For Chesapeake Classrooms training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for nine teachers.
\$1,134

Father Kolbe Elementary School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and a native planting.
\$825

Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park, Inc.
For tree plantings in Jefferson Patterson Park.
\$1,100

Friends School of Baltimore
For a marsh grass planting at the Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area with 65 fifth-grade students.
\$2,000

Gardenville Elementary School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 66 fourth-grade students.
\$728

Harbor City High School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 50 biology students and training through Chesapeake Classrooms, the Bay Immersion program, and the Our City, Our Bay program for two teachers.
\$1,252

Harbor City High School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 10 students.
\$380

Herring Run Watershed Association
For the removal of invasive species in the riparian forest buffers along Herring Run.
\$793

Herring Run Watershed Association
For 10 plantings with six schools and four communities, and five volunteer-based invasive species removal projects.
\$5,625

Herring Run Watershed Association
For a tree grow-out station at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course.
\$2,000

Herring Run Watershed Association
For coordinating Project Clean Stream at 26 sites in the Herring Run watershed.
\$1,085

Herring Run Watershed Association
For an inventory of street trees, educational outreach, and a planting project in the Herring Run watershed with the B-More Green program of Civic Works and local colleges.
\$8,600

John Ruhrah Elementary School
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip on the Snowgoose for 22 fifth-grade students, and for a school-yard tree planting with 60 students.
\$385

Jones Falls Watershed Association
For materials to implement Project Clean Stream at 75 sites in the Jones Falls watershed.
\$7,550

Jones Falls Watershed Association
For community outreach and restoration project planning in the Jones Falls watershed.
\$14,500

Lansdowne Middle School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip to Bear Creek with 20 students.
\$132



Trust grants support oyster restoration projects and tools, such as this 'Flood Bucket', which is used to grow oysters before placing them on reef restoration sites.

Living Classrooms Foundation
For the Schoolyard (Youth Affect Restoration Design) program involving Diggs Johnson, Franklin Square, Stewart Hill, William S. Baer, and the Harbor City Learning Center in partnership with Baltimore City government, Tributary Strategy Teams, and the Baltimore Ecosystem Study.
\$70,000

Maryland State Bar Association, Section of Environmental Law
For a riparian buffer planting at Greenbury Point.
\$1,000

Medfield Heights Elementary School
For a rain garden with 317 kindergarten through fifth-grade students.
\$1,813

Midtown Academy
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Smith Island with 22 students and five adults.
\$1,350

Motor Vehicle Administration - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program
For a BayScapes planting at the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program station on Erdman Avenue.
\$950

National Aquarium in Baltimore
For interactive, educational Discovery Cart materials for the Bay-themed waterfront plaza.
\$15,000

National Aquarium in Baltimore
For aquaculture and native plant grow-out as part of the Schoolyard Spartina Wetland Nursery program with Baltimore City students at Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, in partnership with the Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program.
\$13,015

New Era Academy
For a field trip to the Ft. McHenry wetland for invasive species removal with 65 ninth-grade students.
\$500

New Song Academy
For a rain garden planting with 52 third-grade students.
\$1,999

Parks & People Foundation
For environmental studies and field trips with KidsGrow students at Franklin Square Elementary.
\$4,995

Parks & People Foundation
For a restoration and protection projects for pollution prevention in the Franklin Square neighborhood of Baltimore City, Watershed 263.
\$92,500

Parks & People Foundation
For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation for students in the Green Career Ladder program.
\$225

Patapsco/Back River Tributary Team
For continuation of a tree grow-out station for riparian plantings in the Patapsco River and Back River watersheds.
\$645

Patapsco/Back River Tributary Team
For materials for the first annual Patapsco/Back River Wade-In.
\$185

Rosemont Elementary School
For a rain garden planting with first- through fifth-grade students.
\$1,923

Sinclair Lane Elementary School
For rain garden plantings on school grounds with 66 second-grade students and community volunteers.
\$1,710

St. Ignatius Loyola Academy
For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 26 seventh-grade students.
\$2,000

St. Ignatius Loyola Academy
For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation and an oyster restoration project with 25 seventh-grade students.
\$2,000

Trout Unlimited, Maryland Chapter
For a fishing derby at Leakin Park with Trout Unlimited and Baltimore City Recreation and Parks for 250 students.
\$2,000

Trust for Public Land
For community outreach and education in Middle Branch of the Gwynns Falls Trail.
\$10,000

Villa Nova Community Association
For stream restoration in the Villa Nova community.
\$91

Waldorf School of Baltimore
For a field trip to the Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area, including skipjack and canoe experiences, and for a shoreline

planting with 23 fifth-grade students.
\$888

Washington Village/Pigtown Neighborhood Planning Council
For a riparian forest buffer planting along the Gwynns Falls River.
\$1,710

Waverly Elementary School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 11 fifth- and sixth-grade special education students.
\$120

Waverly Elementary School
For a rain garden planting with 75 sixth-grade students.
\$715

William Pinderhughes Elementary School
For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation with 40 fifth-grade students.
\$580

Woodberry Crossing
For education programs, a tree planting, and water

quality testing for a summer camp program with 300-400 minority students.
\$1,025

Woodhome Elementary/Middle School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 75 fourth-graders.
\$1,020

Calvert County

American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc.
For educational signage along an interpretive trail near Parkers Creek.
\$2,000

Appeal Elementary School
For skipjack trips on the Dee of St. Mary's with 175 fifth-graders.
\$2,000

Beach Elementary School
For a skipjack trips on the Dee of St. Mary's and Bay grass growing supplies for 101 third-grade students and 78 fifth-grade students.
\$2,285



Projects funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust often involve many community partners who assist with restoration projects.



Chesapeake Bay Trust grants support many wetland restoration projects throughout Maryland.

Beach Elementary School
For environmental education activities at Bay Front Park and nature trail maintenance with 86 fourth-grade students.
\$610

CHESPAX – Calvert County Public Schools
For an oyster gardening field trip to Flag Pond Nature Park for 1,400 fourth-grade students.
\$4,200

CHESPAX – Calvert County Public Schools
For training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for seven teachers.
\$875

Dowell Elementary School
For tree plantings on school grounds and at ANSERC on the Patuxent River.
\$418

Dowell Elementary School
For a schoolyard habitat project and a skipjack trip on the Dee of St. Mary's with 144 fifth-grade students.
\$1,505

Mt. Harmony Elementary School
For skipjack trips on the Dee of St. Mary's and a reforestation planting with 12 fourth-grade students.
\$2,000

Northern High School
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip with 25 students.
\$470

Windy Hill Middle School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip to Bear Creek with 16 students.
\$188

Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park, Inc.
To support a renewed community commitment for the restoration of the Patuxent River.
\$2,000

Capital Area

Alice Ferguson Foundation
For volunteer coordination, educational materials, project supplies, and community outreach for the 16th Annual

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.
\$17,550

Living Classrooms Foundation
For the shad and herring raise-and-release program with 16 Montgomery and Prince George's County schools in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, and the Anacostia Watershed Society.
\$18,000

Sidwell Friends School
For field trips to the Karen Noonan Center and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge with 16 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students.
\$1,900

Caroline County

Adkins Arboretum
For the volunteer portion of a meadow restoration project and workshop.
\$2,000

Benedictine School
For a schoolyard reforestation project with the L.I.F.E. Skills cluster.
\$650

Caroline County Public Schools
For field trips on the Schooner Sultana, Chesapeake studies, and a riparian forest buffer planting at Martinak and Tuckahoe State Parks with 385 fourth-grade students.
\$8,251

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Tuckahoe State Park
For riparian forest buffer plantings and water quality testing at Martinak and Tuckahoe State Parks with elementary students for Bay Awareness Days.
\$1,791

Carroll County

Boy Scout Troop 321
For a wet meadow and interpretive signage at Bear Branch Nature Center.
\$1,161

Boy Scouts of America, Venturing Crew 202
For a riparian forest buffer planting at Morgan Run Natural Resource Management Area.
\$25,000

Carroll County Outdoor School
For a rain garden planting at the Schoolyard Habitat workshop with 30 teachers.
\$1,923

Century High School
For an aquaculture system for junior and senior research students.
\$1,991

Century High School
For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation and meadow planting for 11 Learning for Independence students.
\$430

Century High School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.
\$163

Century High School

For watershed education and a streamside testing program with 31 tenth- through twelfth-grade students.
\$673

Friends of Hashawha/Bear Branch

For water quality monitoring supplies for watershed studies with 3,800 elementary school children.
\$1,874

Friends of Hashawha/Bear Branch

For a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab and a skipjack trip on the Dee of St. Mary's.
\$325

Friends of Hashawha/Bear Branch

For removal of invasive species at the Hashawha Outdoor Education Center.
\$995

Liberty High School

For field trips on the Schooner Sultana and a BayScape demonstration planting with 96 tenth-through twelfth-grade ecology and advanced placement biology students.
\$4,587

Linton Springs Elementary School

For native plants for the Bay Windows projects with 512 first- through fifth-grade students.
\$949

Linton Springs Elementary School

For a schoolyard meadow with 390 kindergarten through fifth-grade students.
\$826

Manchester Elementary School

For a tree planting with 123 fourth-grade students.
\$1,261

North Carroll High School

For aquaculture supplies for a raise-and-release program with science research students.
\$434

Shiloh Middle School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips and water quality monitoring supplies for 143 seventh-grade students.
\$1,965

Westminster High School

For aquaculture systems at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center.
\$908

Winters Mill High School

For an aquaculture system and a water quality monitoring kit for a striped bass raise-and-release project for 17 independent research students.
\$798

Cecil County

Bohemia Manor Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Pt. Isobel with 26 eighth-grade students.
\$1,613

Bohemia Manor Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Fox Island with 20 seventh-grade students.
\$1,462

Bohemia Manor Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Port Isobel with 28 eighth-grade students.
\$1,600

Cecil Manor Elementary School

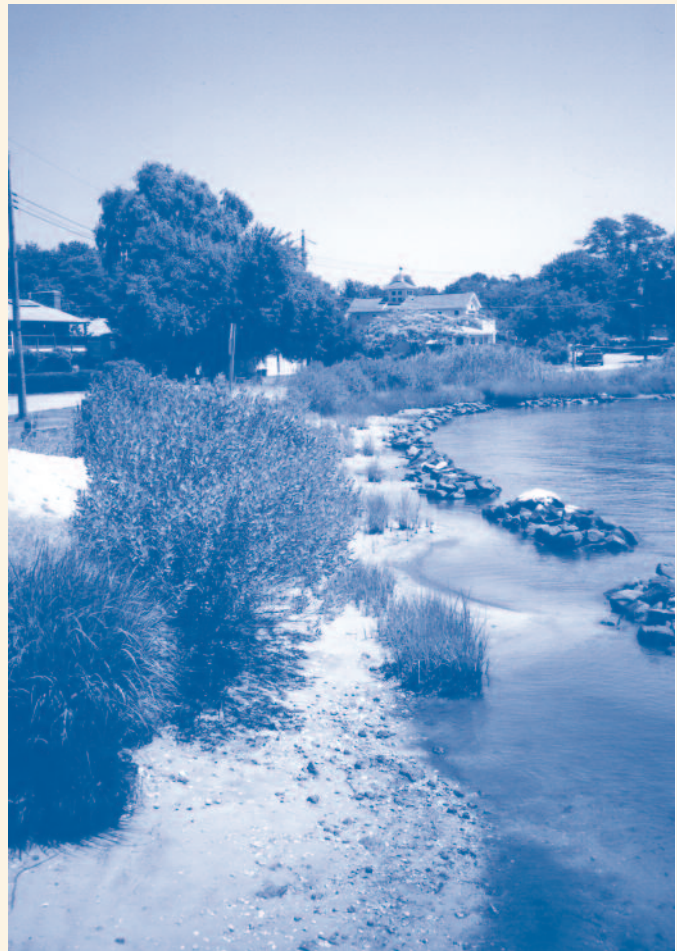
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to the Karen Noonan Center with 17 fifth-grade students in the environmental club.
\$940

Cecil Manor Elementary School

For a skipjack trip on the Martha Lewis with 100 fifth-grade students.
\$1,700

Chesapeake City Elementary School

For a schoolyard rain garden and a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Fox Island with 17 students.
\$1,010



Living Shoreline restoration projects help to reduce erosion and increase habitat areas for wildlife.

Conowingo Elementary School

For skipjack trips on the Martha Lewis and a native tree planting with 85 fifth-grade students.
\$2,000

Elk Neck Elementary School

For a schoolyard habitat planting with 80 third-grade students.
\$1,335

Fair Hill Environmental Foundation, Inc.

For a skipjack trip on the Martha Lewis, a storm drain stenciling project in Elkton, and curriculum materials for The Bay Starts Here! camp with 20 children.
\$515

Motor Vehicle Administration - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

For a BayScapes planting at the Vehicle Emissions

Inspection Program station in Northeast.
\$950

Octoraro Watershed Association

For outreach to farmers to promote best management practices and to convene public officials to discuss areas of concern.
\$6,000

Perryville Middle School

For a stream restoration project with 260 eighth-grade students.
\$730

Rising Sun Elementary School

For a nature trail project with SHOUT club students.
\$250

Thomson Estates Elementary School

For skipjack trips on the Martha Lewis and a storm drain stenciling project with

117 fifth-grade students.
\$2,400

Town of Perryville, Parks and Recreation

For a buffer and erosion control planting at a public boat launch.
\$1,619

West Nottingham Academy

For a skipjack trip on the Martha Lewis and for a riparian forest buffer planting with 24 middle school students.
\$696

Charles County

Benjamin Stoddert Middle School

For a schoolyard habitat planting with seventh-grade students.
\$1,083

College of Southern Maryland

For the Ecology Education and Community Outreach Program with 60 students from Charles County and for the Grasses for the Masses program with Westlake High School.
\$14,718

Gale Bailey Elementary School

For a BayScape planting with 250 second- through fifth-grade students.
\$1,435

J.P. Ryon Elementary School

For a schoolyard planting of native trees with 30 fifth-grade students.
\$228

J.P. Ryon Elementary School

For a field trip with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to St. George Island for 115 fourth-grade students.
\$1,165

John Hanson Middle School

For two BayScape plantings with 344 seventh-grade students.
\$1,508

Milton M. Somers Middle School

For a rain garden and field trips to Hard Bargain Farm with 80 seventh-grade students.
\$1,979

Westlake High School

For benches and wildlife habitat shelters with 70 to 80 ninth-grade students.
\$1,090



Each year, many volunteers plant native plants that, in turn, provide valuable wildlife habitat.

Westlake High School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 20 ninth-grade students.
\$225

Westlake High School

For a field trip to Nanjemoy Creek with 40 ninth-grade students.
\$277

Westlake High School

For a Chesapeake Bay education program with 130 ninth-grade students and local elementary schools.
\$662

Westlake High School

For a Chesapeake Bay service learning project with 500 ninth-grade students.
\$1,185

Dorchester County**Dorchester Soil**

Conservation District
For the Land and Water Connection summer program.
\$1,000

Ecosystem Recovery Institute, Inc.

For the Dorchester County Schoolyard Habitats project with Choptank Elementary School and Warwick Elementary School.
\$5,000

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

For field assessments of four living shoreline techniques.
\$23,960

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

For the Bay Grasses in Classes program at Horn

Community Commons Supports Growth of Bay Stewards

Frederick County students participate in a schoolyard habitat restoration project.

Community Commons and its partners train teachers in ways to integrate Bay studies with the curriculum, provide field experiences for students, and help schools design and plant schoolyard habitats. Since the start of the program, more than 1,000 students and 36 teachers have been exposed to the program and 11 schoolyard habitat projects have been completed.

A Chesapeake Bay Trust grant of \$70,000 is helping Community Commons to conduct a comprehensive Bay education program with nine schools in Frederick County. The project was funded through the Trust's Meaningful Bay Experience grant program and supported by partnerships with the Frederick County School System, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education. The grant is helping

Point Laboratory with 590 students and volunteers.
\$23,400

Frederick County**Community Commons, Inc.**

For restoration projects and Bay education opportunities at nine schools through partnerships with Community Commons, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Frederick County Public Schools.
\$70,000

Linganore High School

For the Monocacy Basin Stream Monitoring project with 95 environmental science students.
\$923

Middletown High School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip on the Snow Goose with 30

tenth-grade students.
\$260

The Potomac Conservancy

For stream stabilization and buffer plantings to improve fish habitat in Carroll Creek in Baker Park, Frederick.
\$16,422

Thorpe Foundation/ThorpeWood

For the Tale of Two Watersheds program involving 120 students at Monocacy Middle and 150 students at Catocin, Middletown, Frederick, and Brunswick High Schools.
\$12,285

Thurmont Elementary School

For field trips to the Fountain Rock Nature Center with 130 fourth-grade students.
\$438

Thurmont Elementary School

For a schoolyard habitat planting with 125 fourth-grade students.
\$209

Volunteer Frederick

For wetlands restoration and other service activities with SummerServe Express youth program.
\$1,098

Garrett County**Grantsville Elementary School**

For a schoolyard habitat planting with 300 students.
\$300

Northern Garrett High School

For schoolyard habitat projects at local elementary schools conducted with 25 high school environmental science students.
\$420



Volunteers install tree tubes around newly planted trees to protect them from deer and promote healthy growth.

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science)

For the Partners in Ecology and Restoration of Schoolyards (PIERS) program, featuring meadow restoration projects, with Dennett Road Elementary, Route 40 School, Kitzmiller Elementary, Yough Glades Elementary, Accident Elementary, and Hickory Environmental Education Center.
\$69,074

Yough Glades Elementary School

For a rain garden demonstration planting with 50 fourth-grade students
\$1,743

Harford County

Bel Air High School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Port Isabel with 25 students.
\$740

C. Milton Wright High School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 23 students.
\$78

Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc.

For water quality monitoring equipment used and educational programs on the Martha Lewis.
\$860

Deerfield Elementary School

For a schoolyard tree planting with 75 first-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students
\$577

Eden Mill Nature Center

For a wetland and riparian forest buffer enhancement project to benefit Deer Creek.
\$4,010

Edgewood High School

For an indoor aquatic ecosystem that demonstrates the Bay's ecology for 75 students.
\$1,702

Emmorton Elementary School

For a reforestation planting and skipjack trips on the Martha Lewis for 120 fourth-grade students.
\$2,825

Forest Hill Elementary School

For a rain garden planting with third-grade students.
\$1,400

Harford Christian School

For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 20 students.
\$350

Harford Glen Environmental Education Center

For hip waders for the Harford Glen Environmental Education Center.
\$650

Harford Glen Environmental Education Center

For a pilot program on best management practices for school grounds and agricultural land use with seventh-grade students at Aberdeen, Bel Air, Edgewood, Havre de Grace, and Magnolia Middle Schools.
\$30,000

Havre de Grace Decoy and Maritime Museums

For BayScape interpretive signage.
\$490

Lower Susquehanna

Heritage Greenway, Inc. To promote volunteer involvement in the Susquehanna River Sweep.
\$1,000

North Bend Elementary School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 40 students.
\$152

North Harford High School

To create an outdoor classroom for students at North Harford High School.
\$1,190

North Harford Middle School

To establish a tree nursery with 425 school students.
\$637

Southampton Middle School

For skipjack trips on the Martha Lewis with 75 seventh-grade students.
\$1,125

Howard County

Atholton Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams Program with 94 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$405

Bellows Spring Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams Program with 112 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$240

Bonnie Branch Middle School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 102 seventh-grade students.
\$1,105

Bonnie Branch Middle School

For storm drain stenciling supplies and Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 137 seventh-grade students.
\$1,275

Boy Scout Troop 62

For a streamside forest buffer planting with the Helping Our Wild Neighbors program.
\$1,900

Boy Scout Troop 72

For a reforestation project with the Helping Our Wild Neighbors program.
\$432

Boy Scout Troop 361

For a riparian forest buffer planting at David Force Park along the Patuxent River.
\$380

Boy Scout Troop 601

For a streamside forest buffer planting with the Helping Our Wild Neighbors program.
\$271

Boy Scout Troop 613

For the Helping Our Wild Neighbors program.
\$500

Centennial Lane Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 118 students and 15 parent volunteers.
\$285

Clarksville Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 119

students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$285

Clemens Crossing Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 126 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$580

Clemens Crossing Elementary School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation with 214 fifth-grade students.
\$2,000

Dasher Green Owen Brown School

For Grasses for the Masses systems and planting trips with four high schools and three middle schools.
\$3,424

Deep Run Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 125 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$560

Forest Ridge Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 125 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$960

Fulton Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 150

students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$500

Guilford Elementary School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 20 fifth-grade students.
\$330

Guilford Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 88 students, teachers, and 15 parent volunteers.
\$250

Hammond Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer at West Friendship Park with the Schools and Streams Program with 111 students and 18 adult chaperones
\$375

Hammond Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 23 sixth-grade students.
\$250

Hollifield Station Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 140 students, teachers, and 20 parent volunteers.
\$800

Howard County, Dept. of Recreation and Parks

For the construction and installation of tree shelters at reforestation sites.
\$4,000

Howard County Conservancy, Inc.

For community outreach and demonstration plantings with Waverly Woods homeowners.
\$5,980

Ilchester Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 97 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$555

Laurel Woods Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 62 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$250

Lisbon Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 126 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$760

Longfellow Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 74 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$230

Manor Woods Elementary School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and for a schoolyard habitat project with 126 fifth-grade students.
\$4,753

Manor Woods Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 126 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$300

Maryland State Highway Administration

For a riparian forest buffer planting at a major highway interchange.
\$1,500

Master Gardeners, Maryland Cooperative Extension

For Schools and Streams: A Bay Education and

Conservation Program, involving citizen volunteers and 2,700 fifth-grade students from 27 elementary schools.
\$10,781

Northfield Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and

Streams program with 116 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$450

Rockburn Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 89 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$450

Chestertown Garden Club Restores Waterfront Native Plant Meadow



A prescribed burn, which removed invasive plant species, was a key first step in restoration of a native warm-season grass meadow.

A community team in Chestertown began the process of removing invasive species from a shoreline park by conducting a controlled burn of the area. A grant of \$18,010 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust enabled the team to convert a shoreline of green turf and invasive species to a half-acre tidal marsh and native warm-season grass meadow in the town's waterfront park. Lead by the Chestertown Garden Club, the project will provide vital habitat for wildlife and educate park visitors about the many ways in which native plants benefit local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. Additional partners in the effort include the Town of Chestertown, Washington College, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Maryland state agencies, Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, South Fork Studio Landscape Architecture, and Halcyon Landscape Design and Planning.

Running Brook Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 50 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$280

Stevens Forest Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 57 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$300

Swansfield Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 86 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$220

Talbott Springs Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 100 students and 15 parent volunteers.
\$330

Thunder Hill Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 70 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$220

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 114 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$405

Waterloo Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 106 students and parent volunteers.
\$630

West Friendship Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 87 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$90

Wilde Lake Middle School

For a field trip to the Howard County Conservancy with 40 eighth-grade gifted and talented science students.
\$756

Wilde Lake Middle School

For transportation and water quality testing tools for after school environmental program with 120 middle and elementary school students.
\$899

Worthington Elementary School

For a riparian forest buffer planting at West Friendship Park through the Schools and Streams program with 111 students, teachers, and parent volunteers.
\$555

Kent County**Chester River Association**

For community outreach and workshops to create Bay-friendly management practices in the Chester River watershed.
\$3,375

Chestertown Garden Club

For a shoreline and tidal marsh restoration and demonstration planting on the Chester River in Philip G. Wilmer Park.
\$18,010

Echo Hill Outdoor School

For a two-year supply of field journals for student programs.
\$1,000

Kent Museum, Inc.

For a riparian forest buffer planting along Turner's Creek on the Bay with students from Rock Hall Middle School.
\$2,666

Kent Ruritan Club

For a riparian forest buffer planting at the Kent County Agricultural Center/4H Park along Tolchester Creek on the Bay.
\$883

Kent School

For two Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with fourth-grade students.
\$1,665

Sultana Projects, Inc.

For printing the Schooner Sultana 1768 - Chesapeake Bay Ecology Unit for classroom teachers.
\$5,000

Washington College

For developing habitat restoration projects at the Radcliffe School, Rock Hall Elementary School, and Worton Elementary School in partnership with the Center for the Environment and Society, the Chester River Association, and McCrone, Inc.
\$6,600

Washington College

For 10 bat boxes to be constructed by students and placed near Turner's Creek.
\$200

Montgomery County**Barnesville School**

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Smith Island with 27 seventh-grade students.
\$1,425

Benjamin Banneker Middle School

For expanding a schoolyard wetland project with 350 sixth-grade students.
\$2,784

Bethany Community Church

For a wetland buffer and BayScape planting in marshes near the church's

community center.
\$881

Brooke Grove Elementary School

For teachers' participation in Bay Grasses in Classes workshops.
\$1,000

Brooke Grove Elementary School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip.
\$709

Burtonsville Elementary School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and for a schoolyard habitat planting with 120 fourth-grade students.
\$3,050

Cabin John Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to the Karen Noonan Center with 20 students.
\$1,159

Cabin John Middle School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips and for a rain garden planting with 63 middle school students.
\$2,195

CASA of Maryland, Inc.

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip, environmental awareness training, and outreach in the Latino community to raise awareness of Bay issues and support for the CASA's Natural program.
\$2,638

Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips to Clagett Farm with 168 sixth-grade students.
\$2,880

Eastern Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip with 28 students.
\$470

Eastern Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 21 middle school students.
\$460

Eastern Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation trip to the Karen Noonan Center with 22 students.
\$1,225

Forest Oak Middle School

For field trips and materials supporting the Bluebird Partner Schools Project, involving five elementary schools and 100 seventh-grade students.
\$6,874

Forest Oak Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Port Isobel, a wetlands restoration project, and water quality testing kits for 300 eighth-grade students.
\$937

Fox Chapel Elementary School

For two field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and for a riparian forest buffer planting at Seneca Creek Park with Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission and 50 fourth-grade students.
\$1,195

Friends of the Potomac
For two workshops for the Potomac River Watershed Green Infrastructure Initiative.
\$2,188

Gaithersburg Middle School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips for sixth and seventh-grade students.
\$414

Gaithersburg Middle School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 40 sixth-grade students.
\$414

Garrett Park Elementary School

For Chesapeake Classrooms training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for nine teachers.
\$1,125

Girl Scout Troop 3267

For the a skipjack trip on the Dee of St. Mary's and a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab with fifth- and sixth-grade girl scouts.
\$250

Glenallan Elementary School

For a field trip with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 80 fourth-grade students.
\$930

Herbert Hoover Middle School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Smith Island.
\$2,000

Highland View Elementary School

For a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center with 45 fourth-grade students.
\$650

Jones Lane Elementary School

For water quality monitoring equipment and planting supplies to support Bay studies with 60 third and fourth-grade students.
\$704

Kemp Mill Elementary School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 22 students.
\$367

Kemp Mill Elementary School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and for a Bay Grasses in Classes project with 94 fourth-grade students.
\$2,438

Kingsview Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 10 students.
\$321

Kingsview Middle School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes workshop.
\$202

Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center

For Grasses for the Masses grow-out equipment, curriculum guides, and supplies for Montgomery County teachers.
\$3,261

Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center

For teacher training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to integrate Chesapeake Bay studies in tenth-grade geography and economics units.
\$500

Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Education Center

For teacher training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 16 sixth-grade teachers.
\$2,000

League of Women Voters of Montgomery County

For a land preservation tour in Montgomery County.
\$1,480

Luxmanor Elementary School

For a field trip, stream monitoring equipment, and material for composting.
\$1,350

Neighbors of the Northwest Branch, Inc.

For a clean-up activities in cooperation with the Potomac Watershed Clean-up.
\$1,834

Northwood High School

For Chesapeake Classrooms training for five teachers.
\$1,875

Northwood High School

For teacher training at the Biodiversity Monitoring Project at the Smithsonian/National Zoological Park Conservation and Research Center for 10 science teachers.
\$4,000



Trust grants supported the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup and Project Clean Stream, two annual cleanups that removed nearly 200 tons of trash from regional streams in 2004.

Oak Chapel Academy
For Chesapeake Classrooms training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for two teachers.
\$750

Oak Chapel School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to the Arthur Sherwood Study Center with 30 fifth- through eighth-grade students.
\$485

Piney Branch Elementary School
For field trips with the Anacostia Watershed Society for 200 fourth-grade students.
\$2,600

Poolesville Middle/Senior High School
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Fox Island with 15 environmental science students.
\$375

Poolesville Elementary School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 48 fourth- and fifth-grade students.
\$400

Poolesville Elementary School
For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation canoe rig field trips with 65 fourth- and fifth-grade science club students.
\$910

Poolesville Elementary School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 66 fourth-grade students.
\$1,868

Ritchie Park Elementary School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and for tree planting supplies for 54 fourth-grade students.
\$1,851

Sligo Creek Elementary School
For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips with 100 fourth-grade students.
\$220

Spark Matsunaga Elementary School
For Chesapeake Classrooms training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for two teachers.
\$750

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School
For a field trip to Flag Pond Nature Park with 125 third- and fourth-grade students.
\$1,044

Washington Christian Academy
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 38 eighth-grade students.
\$283

Westbrook Elementary School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation; field trips with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to Claggett Farm, Patuxent River Park, and Westbrook; Bay Grasses in Classes planting trips; and Aqua Eagle Stream Team activities.
\$2,745

Westbrook Elementary School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and the Echo Hill Outdoor School, and for a Flag Pond horseshoe crab release for 60 fourth-grade and Eco-Defenders Club students.
\$3,540

Whetstone Elementary School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and a field trip to the Montgomery County Recycling Center for 180 fourth-grade students.
\$1,843

Wyngate Elementary School
For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation with 93 fourth-grade students.
\$1,770

Prince George's County

Anacostia Watershed Society
For wetland creation and enhancement with students.
\$13,720

City of Bowie
For community outreach and three Low-Impact Development demonstration projects at Allen Pond Park.
\$13,205

City of College Park
For an Earth Day tree-planting at Lake Artemesia.
\$15,050

City of Greenbelt
For shoreline plantings on Greenbelt Lake.
\$2,000

Cora L. Rice Elementary School
For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 9 sixth-grade students.
\$127

Earth Reports
For the annual Patuxent River Spring Clean-Up.
\$1,630

Hundreds of Volunteers Gather to Plant Lake Artemesia Buffer



A few of the City of College Park volunteers who helped to plant nearly 700 trees in one day.

Collaboration was the name of the game as the City of College Park set out to bring a much needed forest buffer to the shores of Lake Artemesia in Prince George's County. With a grant of \$15,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the city launched energetic efforts to collaborate with local municipalities, civic associations, environmental groups, school students, state agencies, faith-based organizations, and the university community. The city's efforts were rewarded when 500 volunteers arrived on Earth Day to plant 700 trees, backed by additional donations of supplies and

technical expertise. Volunteers also participated in educational activities to learn how the newly planted buffer will benefit wildlife habitat, local water quality, and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

For a water quality monitoring project with 28 school students in the Watershed Integrated Study Program.
\$962

Friends Community School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Claggett Farm and a native tree planting with 19 students.
\$490

Friends Community School

For a riparian forest buffer planting with 102 students.
\$234

Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School

For establishing a no-mow zone with 60 seventh-grade students.
\$1,392

Howard B. Owens Science Center

For a bio-retention area and

curriculum on storm water management for 3,600 Prince George's County students.
\$24,200

Howard B. Owens Science Center

For the installation of 14 rain barrel systems with science center staff and DuVal High School students.
\$2,000

Laurel Elementary School

For two field trips to Hard Bargain Farm with 60 fourth-grade students.
\$750

Mary Harris Mother Jones Elementary School

For a schoolyard planting and two rain gardens with 705 students.
\$1,934

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

For schoolyard habitat projects with Baden Elementary

School, Robert Goddard Middle School, Buck Lodge Middle School, Kettering Middle School, Thomas Stone/Mt. Rainier Elementary School, and Stephen Decatur Middle School with assistance from Patuxent 4-H Center and community partners.
\$63,120

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

For signage along the nature trails and boardwalk at Cheltenham Wetland Park.
\$960

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

For a demonstration planting at Watkins Nature Center.
\$1,400

Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary

For an outdoor seating area for a riparian forest buffer

project along the Patuxent River.
\$440

Motor Vehicle Administration - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

For a BayScapes demonstration planting.
\$950

Patuxent Elementary School

For a native plant garden, courtyard meadow, and butterfly garden.
\$1,717

Prince George's County 4-H

For a Prince George's County 4-H camp for teenagers that focuses on water quality issues and the Chesapeake Bay
\$650

Prince George's County Government

For native plantings, reforestation projects, field trips, and water quality testing that support the Prince George's County Livable Communities Initiative with Brandywine Elementary School, Drew-Freeman Middle School, Dodge Park Elementary School, and High Point High School.
\$6,047

Prince George's County, Dept. of Environmental Resources

For Low-Impact Development demonstration projects at Northwestern High School and Mary Harris "Mother Jones" Elementary School.
\$18,100

Ridgecrest Elementary School

For establishing an outdoor classroom and native plant nursery on the school grounds with 136 fourth-grader students.
\$686

Samuel Ogle Elementary School (Science, Math & Technology Magnet School)

For a terrapin raise-and-release project with 226 fourth- and sixth-grade students.
\$385

Scotchtown Hills Elementary

For a schoolyard reforestation project with community volunteers and students to benefit the Patuxent River.
\$489

St. Mary's Catholic School

For a long-term water quality monitoring program with 89 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students.
\$513

Queen Anne's County**Bayside Condominiums, Inc.**

For a community storm water management pond.
\$1,940

Centreville Middle School

For a rain garden planting with science students.
\$2,000

Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Wildfowl Trust of North America, Inc.

For an oyster reef ball restoration and education project at the Chesapeake

Bay Environmental Center.
\$24,750

Crosswinds at Chews Manor Homeowner's Association

For riparian forest buffer plantings on community property.
\$1,985

Kennard Elementary

For field trips on the Schooner Sultana and for a schoolyard habitat project with 180 third-grade students.
\$2,311

Kennard Elementary

For a field trip on the Schooner Sultana, a field trip to the Chesapeake Environmental Center, and a native planting with 30 third- and fourth-grade students.
\$879

Kent Island High School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip with 18 environmental science students.
\$252

Maryland Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc.

For the County Working Lands Conservation Workshop with local government officials, farm and forestry representatives, land trusts, and environmental organizations.
\$3,595

Motor Vehicle Administration - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

For a BayScapes demonstration planting.
\$950

Pecometh Outdoor School (POS)

For water quality testing, equipment, training, and curriculum to support the Eco-Adventure environmental education pilot program.
\$2,206

Queenstown Community Park Committee

For a BayScape planting in a revitalized community park.
\$769

Student Conservation Association, Inc.

For a shoreline protection planting at Wye Island.
\$1,137

Sudlersville Elementary School

For a field trip to the Chesapeake Environmental Center with 51 fourth-grade students.
\$475

Sudlersville Elementary School

For a horseshoe crab raise-and-release project with fourth-grade students.
\$227

Summer Days Math and Science Camp for Girls

For a Bay studies class and stream clean-up with 30 campers.
\$1,380

University of Maryland

For a train-the-trainer program to involve 20 volunteers in long-term commitments to environmental education at environmental centers.
\$14,750

Wye River Upper School

For a riparian forest buffer planting, shoreline stabiliza-

tion, and wetland planting with 15 students.
\$1,633

Wye River Upper School

For an oyster planting with 52 students and for a tree planting with 32 students.
\$868

Saint Mary's County**Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, Inc.**

For a Bay grasses project with fourth- through fifth-grade students.
\$331

Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, Inc.

For teacher training on Bay education and schoolyard habitat projects with the Chesapeake Bay field lab and the St. Mary's River Project.
\$1,525

Chesapeake Bay Field Lab, Inc.

For Chesapeake Classrooms training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for a volunteer educator.
\$375

Dacey Langston Park, Inc.

For shoreline restoration at Dacey Langston Park.
\$907

Elms Environmental Education Center

For a BayScape planting at the Elms Environmental Education Center with 600 students.
\$2,000

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital

For a skipjack trip, a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay laboratory, and a reforestation planting with 16 girl scouts.

\$1,143

Hollywood Elementary School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Smith Island with 26 third-grade students.

\$915

Hollywood Elementary School

For a Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trip to Claggett Farm and for planting supplies for 50 second-grade students.

\$550

Hollywood Elementary School

For Chesapeake Classroom training for three teachers.

\$1,500

Potomac River Association of St. Mary's County, Inc.

For a Bay grasses grow-out station and restoration project in Breton Bay.

\$405

St. Mary's Soil Conservation District

For an American Liberty Elm planting by students at a new park.

\$950

Somerset County

Carter G. Woodson Middle School

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation and materials for bluebird boxes.

\$1,780

Delmarva Student Environmental Association

For five-days of Chesapeake Classrooms teacher training.

\$1,350

The Lower Shore Land Trust

For community outreach promoting land conservation easements.

\$1,675

Smith Island Foundation

For supplies to support an island-wide clean-up, water quality monitoring equipment and awareness event.

\$1,278

Washington High School

For participation in a terrapin release at Jane's Island State Park with 30 tenth- through eleventh-grade students.

\$300

Statewide

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.

For Restore Corps activities with the Chester River Association, the City of Havre de Grace and Maritime Museum, and the Catoctin Quaker Camp.

\$14,420

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.

For planting materials, equipment, and 20 student scholarships for the 4th Patuxent River Sojourn.

\$5,635

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

For a schoolyard habitat program and two eight-day Chesapeake Classrooms training workshops involving



Native shrubs are often planted among forest buffer trees to provide low-lying wildlife habitat.

30 teachers from five schools and two mentor schools throughout Maryland.

\$54,000

Marine Trades Association of Maryland, Inc.

For a shrink wrap recycling program at marinas in Anne Arundel and Cecil Counties.

\$1,800

Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education

For four regional Green School outreach workshops.

\$1,904

Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education

For the MAEOE annual teachers' conference.

\$6,000

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources - Education, Bay Policy and Growth Management Service

For a statewide Aquatic Resources Education conference for 37 classroom teachers and environmental educators.

\$8,500

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources - Teaching Environmental Awareness in Maryland

For implementing the Maryland Streams program and for 20 restoration projects at elementary and middle schools.

\$5,006

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Wildlife & Heritage Division

For signage to raise awareness about invasive zebra mussels and for introducing prevention techniques to boaters and fishermen.

\$4,000

Master Gardeners, Maryland Cooperative Extension

For distributing Bay-Wise gardening information to homeowners.

\$250

University of Maryland - Sea Grant Extension Program

For the Aquaculture in Action workshop with 10 high school teachers.

\$10,950

Talbot County**Easton High School**

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip to the Jean Ellen duPont Shehan Audubon Sanctuary with 40 students. \$234

Environmental Concern Inc.

For "WOW! Wonders of Wetlands" booklets for 25 teachers participating in the Maryland Aquatic Resources Education Grants Conference. \$250

Environmental Concern Inc.

For the three-day Wetland Plants Know'em and Grow'em workshop with 20 educators. \$1,684

Environmental Concern Inc.

For schoolyard wetland projects with Hammond Elementary School and Burtonsville Elementary School. \$6,750

Friends of Wye Mill, Inc.

For a BayScape planting and interpretive signage at the Wye Grist Mill. \$2,000

Pickering Creek**Environmental Center**

For a streamside restoration project between a nature trail and a wetland at Pickering Creek Audubon Center with 44 second- through sixth-grade students. \$878

Saints Peter and Paul High School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip with 30 students. \$100

Talbot River Protection Association

For increasing the size and circulation of a community outreach newsletter. \$1,750

Washington County**Fairview Outdoor Education Center**

For rain barrel materials. \$704

Highland View Academy

For field trips and for a tree and native garden planting. \$1,835

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Fort Frederick State Park

For a reforestation project. \$1,890

Wicomico County**Bennett Middle School**

For field trips to Horn Point with 150 sixth-grade students. \$1,192

Commissioners of Sharptown

For a living shoreline restoration in Cherry Beach Park on the Nanticoke River. \$3,455

East Salisbury School

For Chesapeake Bay Foundation field trips for an oyster gardening project with 115 third-grade students. \$2,940

Pemberton Elementary School

For two field trips to Horn Point and for a Bay grasses planting trip. \$621

Prince Street Elementary School

For a Bay Grasses in Classes planting trip to Horn Point Laboratory with 21 fifth-grade students. \$98

Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Beautification Committee

For a native BayScape buffer planting along the Wicomico River. \$469

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art

For a schoolyard habitat program for fourth-grade students at Salisbury Middle School, Prince Street Elementary School, Pittsville Elementary/Middle Schools, Pemberton Elementary School, and Williards Elementary School. \$35,500

Wicomico County, Dept. of Recreation & Parks

For a living shoreline stabilization project at Roaring Point County Park at the mouth of the Nanticoke River. \$10,023

Willards Elementary

For a schoolyard reforestation planting with 280 pre-kindergarten through second-grade students. \$1,316

Worcester County**Berlin Intermediate School**

For field trips with the Living Classrooms Foundation for 130 sixth-grade students. \$2,000

Maryland Conservation Corps

For a wetland plants grow-out station at Assateague State Park with 80 ninth- through twelfth-grade students from Snow Hill High School. \$1,985

Snow Hill High School

For transportation and substitute costs for a wetland nursery field trip with 85 biology students. \$615

Stephen Decatur Middle School

For a field trip on the Schooner Sultana and for a stream clean-up with 30 seventh-grade students. \$818



Volunteers haul trees for a forest buffer planting.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has a strong reputation as a valuable, straightforward, and trusted grantmaker for Maryland nonprofit groups, civic organizations, schools, and public agencies. The Trust's grant priorities and programs are summarized below. For a complete description of grant guidelines, application procedures, and current deadlines, please call the Trust at (410) 974-2941 or visit www.chesapeakebaytrust.org.

Grantmaking Priorities

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is committed to advancing the goals of the Chesapeake Bay restoration and protection effort. *Chesapeake 2000*, a regional agreement that outlines restoration and protection goals, guides that effort. The Trust has established its grantmaking priorities, listed below, to coincide with the *Chesapeake 2000* agreement.

- **Living Resource Protection and Restoration:** Projects that protect and restore the finfish, crabs, oysters, and other living resources of the Bay, its rivers, and streams
- **Vital Habitat Protection and Restoration:** Projects that protect and restore habitats, including wetlands, forests,

Bay grasses, streamside forest buffers, and other natural areas

- **Water Quality Restoration and Protection:** Projects that seek to restore and protect water quality to support living resources in the Bay, its rivers, and streams
- **Sound Land Use:** Projects that encourage the protection and stewardship of land resources in order to protect and restore water quality, habitat, and living resources
- **Stewardship and Community Engagement:** Projects that raise the public's awareness of the Bay, its rivers, and streams by involving them in restoration, protection, and educational activities
- **Meaningful Bay Experience:** Projects with students and teachers that investigate Bay and environmental issues through the collection and analysis of information and hands-on restoration and protection projects

The Trust sponsors several grant programs, summarized in the box to the right to address these grantmaking priorities and meet the varied funding needs of grant seekers.



Wetland restoration and protection projects provide important water quality benefits and increase wildlife habitat.

Grant Opportunities at the Chesapeake Bay Trust

- **Mini Grants (up to \$5,000):** for projects that address one or more of the Trust's grantmaking priorities. Most Mini Grants support field experiences for students, small on-the-ground restoration projects, and public awareness initiatives. Applications are invited at any time of the year.
- **Stewardship Grants (\$5,001 and \$25,000):** for projects that address one or more of the Trust's grantmaking priorities. Applications are accepted semi-annually.
- **Fisheries Grants (up to \$25,000):** for projects led by nonprofit organizations to restore and enhance the quality of Maryland fisheries. This is an annual grant program conducted in partnership with the FishAmerica Foundation.
- **Capacity Building Grants (up to \$25,000):** for increasing the ability of smaller nonprofit organizations, such as local watershed groups, community associations, and land trusts, to advance the Bay restoration effort. This is an annual grant program conducted in partnership with the Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment.
- **Living Shorelines Initiative (up to \$50,000):** for projects that create and promote natural shoreline restoration projects, commonly known as "living shorelines," around the Chesapeake Bay. This is an annual grant program conducted in partnership with the NOAA Restoration Center, Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.
- **Pioneer Grants (up to \$100,000):** for developing and implementing innovative, cutting-edge approaches that increase Bay awareness, and/or enhance restoration and protection initiatives. This is an annual grant program.
- **Targeted Watershed Grants (up to \$150,000):** for advancing the Bay restoration through measurable, transferable, on-the-ground actions in a targeted local watershed. This grant program may not be run on an annual basis.

Application Process

Maryland organizations and public agencies can apply for Trust grants. They include: public and private schools and universities; nonprofit organizations; faith-based organizations; youth groups and community organizations; municipal, county, state, and federal agencies; soil and water conservation districts; forestry boards; and resource conservation/development councils.

All applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas with Trust staff before completing an application. *Criteria, deadlines, and application processes vary by grant program, so applicants should be sure to confirm those for the program to which they apply.* For example, the deadline may be quarterly, annual, or on-going. The application process may require an application form, a pre-proposal, or a full proposal.

Proposals are evaluated on the basis of appropriateness, clarity of objectives, plans for achieving the objectives, and qualifications of the organization that will carry out the activities. In addition, the most successful proposals will:

- Demonstrate a direct benefit to the health of the Bay and its rivers
- Target action-oriented projects
- Engage the public, students, and/or volunteers
- Make clear connections to the Trust's grantmaking priorities
- Include project partnerships
- Outline matching funds and in-kind contributions

The Trust does not award grants in support of (a) endowments, (b) individuals, (c) building campaigns, (d) deficit financing, (e) annual giving, or (f) research. The Trust does not provide grants to support lobbying or activities that advocate political solutions.

Recipients will be held accountable for certifying how grant funds have been used and for verification of grant expenditures at project completion.



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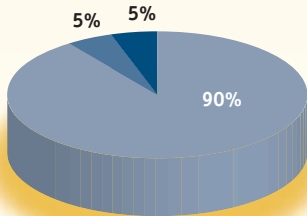
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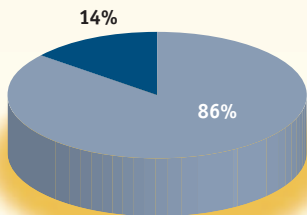
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- Programs: 90%
 - Grants Awarded (\$1,795,856)
 - Grants Administration (\$427,933)
- Management: 5%
- Fundraising: 5%

2004 RESOURCES



- Contributions: 86%
 - Bay License Plate Sales and Renewals (\$1,227,949)
 - Bay and Wildlife Fund Tax Check-off (\$813,763)
 - Other (\$116,906)
- Investment Income: 14%

BALANCE SHEET, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2003)

	2004	2003
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$296,950	\$111,516
Investments	8,414,500	9,035,909
Agency Funds Held for Others, Investments	77,976	110,777
Agency Funds Held for Others, Receivables	39,284	\$0
Contributions Receivable	967,881	769,984
Interest Receivable	81,686	79,833
Fixed Assets, Net	17,687	15,136
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,895,964	\$10,123,155
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$7,550	\$0
Salaries Payable	\$31,746	\$23,643
Grants Payable	354,629	300,168
Deferred Revenue	22,733	23,231
Agency Funds Held For Others	117,260	110,777
Total Liabilities	\$533,918	\$457,819
FUND BALANCES		
Unrestricted	\$4,362,046	\$4,665,336
Board Designated Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total Fund Balances	\$9,362,046	\$9,665,336
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$9,895,964	\$10,123,155

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