



# Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Opportunities: Stormwater, Watersheds, and Floodplain Management



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## Where the Money Comes From:

Maryland's Treasure the Chesapeake license plate



Federal, state and corporate partnerships



Individual and private donations



Chesapeake Bay Fund Tax Check-off



## Where the Money Goes:



### Education

Ensuring that students are environmentally literate through K-12 curriculum development, field experiences, and green school development.

### Restoration

Advancing the science and implementation of restoration best management practices that reduce pollution and improve habitat.

### Community Outreach

Engaging citizens and communities to improve the health of local waterways through community clean-ups, tree plantings, and other stewardship practices and projects.





# Grant Programs Overview

## Outreach / Restoration / Engagement

- ✓ Outreach & Restoration Grant
- ✓ Green Street, Green Jobs, Green Towns
- ✓ Restoration Research
- ✓ Nontidal Wetland
- ✓ Mini-grants – Community Engagement & Restoration
- ✓ Pioneer
- ✓ Outdoor Health
- ✓ Watershed Assistance Grant

## Education (K-12)

- ✓ Mini-grants
- ✓ Environmental Education

## County Specific

- ✓ Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate
- ✓ Prince George's County Stormwater Stewardship
- ✓ Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach
- ✓ Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration
- ✓ Anne Arundel County Forestry
- ✓ Charles County Forestry and Stormwater

**Chesapeake Conservation Corps** – young adult job training program

**Capacity Building Initiative** – 3yr support to increase capacity of local orgs



# What do you want to do?

- ❖ Start with a project idea
  - ❖ Problem in your municipality
  - ❖ Need to study or assess
  - ❖ Need technical assistance
- ❖ Select grant program
  - ❖ Review Request for Proposal (RFP)
  - ❖ Call/Email grant manager
- ❖ Help review proposals
- ❖ Volunteer





# Outreach & Restoration Grant Program

## Deadline:

Once a year, December 2, 2015

## Funding Levels:

Outreach Track: Up to \$20,000

Behavior Change Track: Up to \$50,000

Restoration Track: Up to \$25,000 for implementation

Restoration & Outreach: Up to \$75,000

## Eligible Applicants:

Non-profits, public agencies, watershed organizations, schools, etc.



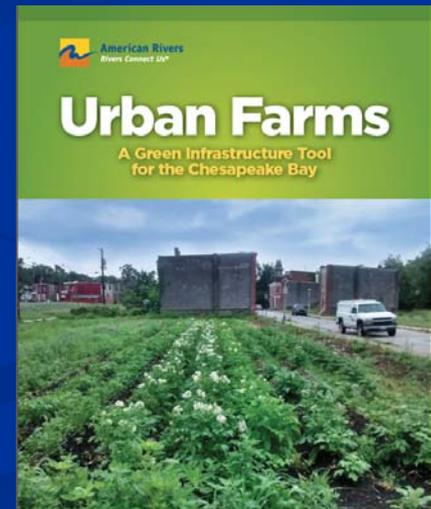
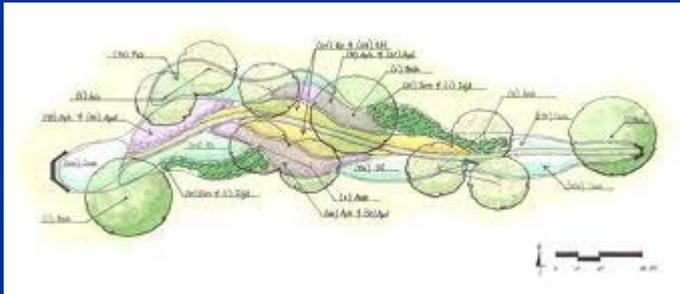


# Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program

**Deadline:** Once a year, March 2016

**Funding Level:** Up to \$250,000

Planning, Design, & Implementation





# Restoration Research Grant Program

**Deadline:** Annual (hopefully), March 2016

**Funding Level:** Literature review projects for up to \$50,000  
Research projects for up to \$800,000

Site visit at the Bonnie Branch pre-con meeting, 10/10/15

“working in the wet”  
research question



[www.cbtrust.org/restorationresearch](http://www.cbtrust.org/restorationresearch)



# Community Engagement and Restoration “Mini” Grant Program

- Deadline:** Rolling
- Funding Levels:** Up to \$5,000
- Eligible Applicants:** Non-profits, public agencies, watershed organizations, etc.





# Nontidal Wetlands

**Deadline:** December 10, 2015

**Funding Level:** Up to \$500,000 for nontidal wetland restoration, creation, enhancement, and preservation



Implement cost-effective wetland projects that provide wetland functions for the Chesapeake Bay, Youghiogheny River, and Atlantic Coastal Bays



# Watershed Assistance Grant Program

**Deadline:**

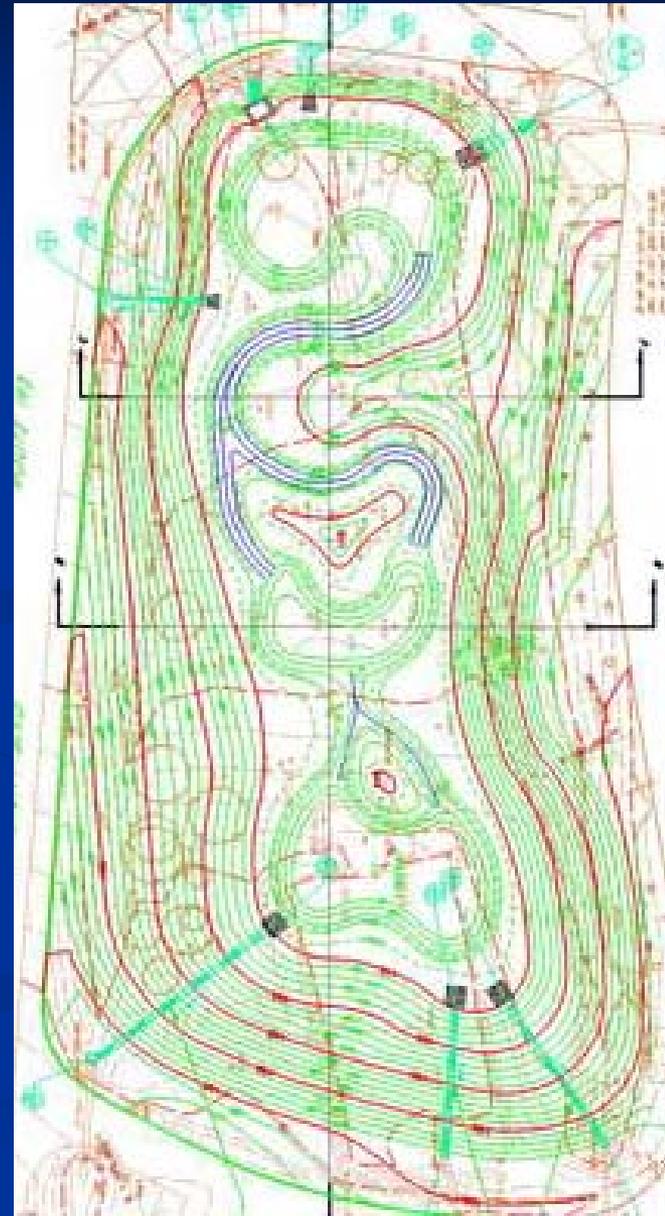
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**Funding Level:**

Up to \$70,000 for  
Planning & Design



Also known as the Local Milestone Program to support County WIP initiatives





# Environmental Education

**Deadline:** December 4, 2015

**Funding Level:** Up to \$35,000 per year  
for up to 3 years max

Expand the Chesapeake Bay  
environmental education programs for  
students in preK to 12<sup>th</sup> grade



## Environmental Education K-12 Mini Grant

**Deadline:** January 16, 2016

**Funding Level:** Up to \$5,000

Supports students AND/OR teacher  
professional development



# County Specific Programs

## Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration

Deadline: December 3, 2015

Funding Level: Up to \$300K

## City of Gaithersburg Watershed Restoration

Deadline: December 4, 2015

Funding Level: Up to \$50K

## Prince George's County Stormwater

Deadline: July, 2016

Funding Level: Up to \$200K

## Montgomery County Watershed Restoration and Outreach

Deadline: TBD

Funding Level: Up to \$50K

## Prince George's County Rain Check Rebate

Deadline: Rolling

Funding Level: \$2K for residential  
& \$2K for commercial

## Charles County Forestry

Deadline: Rolling

Funding Level: Up to \$20K



# County Specific Programs

## Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration



Deadline: December 3, 2015 Funding Level: Up to \$300,000

Funds on-the-ground restoration activities that reduce storm flow and pollutants and engage Anne Arundel residents

[www.cbtrust.org/grants/AnneArundelWR](http://www.cbtrust.org/grants/AnneArundelWR)

## Anne Arundel Community Tree Planting Mini

Deadline: Rolling Funding Level: Up to \$2,500

Community tree planting and invasive species removal



# City Specific Programs

## City of Gaithersburg

Deadline: December 4, 2015

Funding Level: Up to \$50,000



- Funds on-the-ground design and/or build projects
- Can include City of Gaithersburg's Rainscapes Rewards Projects

[www.cbtrust.org/grants/Montgomery](http://www.cbtrust.org/grants/Montgomery)



# County Specific Programs



# Rain Check Program Background



- Gives property owners rebates for stormwater management practice installation



Stormwater is created when rainwater runs across the landscape, picking up pollutants and debris as it travels to local waterways.





# Chesapeake Conservation Corps





# Capacity Building Initiative

**Deadline:** December 4, 2015

**Funding Level:** Annual Organization Capacity Building:  
Up to \$30,000

Annual Collaboration: Up to \$50,000

3 year support to increase capacity of organizations

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# Lifecycle of a Grant

- Advertisement – 3 months
- Grant application – online with firm deadline
- Review by Technical Committee
- Awards announced 2 months after deadline
- Signed award letter and contingencies trigger the award check
- Phased payments with some \$ up front
- Final Report releases last payment
- ANY QUESTIONS, ISSUES – CALL/EMAIL THE GRANT MANAGER



# Tips and Hints for Success!

- ❑ Contact Trust staff early
- ❑ Check deadlines & eligibility criteria
  - Apply early for rolling programs
- ❑ Follow the instructions
- ❑ TMI is good
  - Especially for budget items
- ❑ **Letters of Support are important**
  - Demonstrate success



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# Questions?

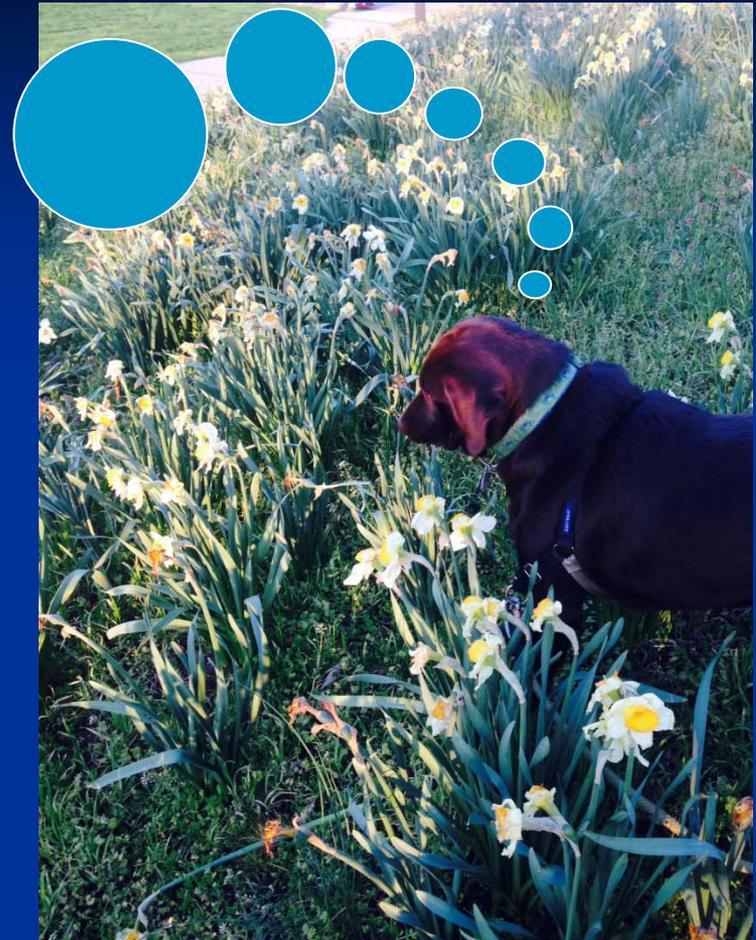
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