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In The News

Chesapeake Bay Program fueled by science, driven by partnership (Bay Journal)



For 35 years, the Chesapeake Bay Program has been the collaborating force behind Bay restoration.

This December marks 35 years since the signing of the 1983 Chesapeake Bay Agreement. This agreement set up the Chesapeake Bay Program and started the monitoring network that has been at its center for more than three decades. The Bay Program has changed as we've learned more about the Bay watershed, but the fundamentals have stayed the same: We are fueled by science and driven by partnership.

To read the full article by Joan Smedingoff, click [here](#).

Funding Boost for Chesapeake Bay clean up efforts (CBS19 News Charlottesville)



Efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay will soon get a boost in funding.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency said Monday that more than \$13 million in grants are being awarded to bay restoration and conservation programs. The 49 grants, awarded through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund, will generate nearly \$21.9 million in matching contributions for a total conservation impact of nearly \$35 million. The health of the nation's largest estuary is improving after decades of poor health caused by pollution. But the bay still faces challenges when it comes to preventing manure and storm water from flowing into the watershed.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium (Virginia Military Institute)



30th Annual Environment Virginia Symposium
Tuesday-Thursday, 26-28 March 2019
Learn more, visit the Website:

2019 Virginia Environmental Education Conference
(Save the Date)



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
February 7-9, 2019

For more information and to register, see <https://vaeewildapricot.org/conference/>

Grant Opportunities

eco-Tech Grants
(Captain Planet Foundation)



Grants up to \$2,500 are offered to engage children in inquiry-based, STEM-related projects that leverage technology and/or use nature-based design to address environmental problems in local communities. To learn more, see <https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/ecotech/>. Funded with ongoing support from Voya Financial Foundation through Captain Planet Foundation.

Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Grant
(National Fish & Wildlife Foundation)



Full Proposal Due Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others, are soliciting applications for the 2019 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. The Five Star and Urban Waters program will award approximately \$1.7 million in grants.

This grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects may include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Ecological improvements may include wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring and green infrastructure best management practices for managing run-off. Projects should also increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach and implementation.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2019rfp.aspx>

Mini Environmental Education Grant
(Chesapeake Bay Trust)



Funds are available to schools, organizations, and agencies to support educating students about their local environment and how they can become stewards and have an impact in their community. The program funds up to \$5,000 for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) projects. Funds can cover field trips, fieldwork, transportation, substitute fees, supplies for student projects, etc. The next deadline is January 10, 2019. For more information, see <https://cbtrust.org/grants/environmental-education-mini/>.

Director of Stormwater and Resource Protection Division
(James City County)



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and search "stormwater".

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