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Great blue heron

OVERVIEW

The Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund seeks to protect and enhance the water quality and habitats of the Chesapeake Bay by helping local communities clean up and restore their polluted rivers and streams. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) advances cost-effective and creative solutions with financial and technical assistance.

The Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund will identify priority subwatersheds to simultaneously achieve measurable water quality improvements, fish and wildlife habitat enhancements, and benefit threatened freshwater and marine fish species. The fund includes two distinct grant programs: the Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants program and the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants program. Through these two programs, the fund is awarding 44 grants that address three key strategies for the Chesapeake Bay watershed:

- Targeted river and watershed restoration
- Green infrastructure in urban landscapes
- Innovation on cross-cutting issues

The grant slate represents a total award amount of \$12.64 million, which will be leveraged by \$17.71 million in grantee matching contributions for a total on-the-ground conservation impact of \$30.35 million.

CHESAPEAKE BAY INNOVATIVE NUTRIENT AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION GRANTS

This program supports projects that expand the collective knowledge about the most effective and sustainable approaches to dramatically reduce or eliminate nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores our nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, NFWF directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds. Learn more at www.nfwf.org

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Partnership for Accelerated Water Quality Efforts in Lancaster County (PA)

Farmland, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

a public-private partnership to accelerate nutrient loading reduction in Lancaster County's waters, the region contributing to Pennsylvania's highest nutrient loading in the Chesapeake Bay. The project will create a focused, concentrated and accelerated effort to address water quality in Lancaster County by bringing partners and programs into collaboration – resulting in a county collaborative with enhanced efforts, resources and framework resulting in a greater impact on water quality.

Restoring Broad Creek While Advancing the Science of Urban Ditch "Re-Plumbing" (VA)

| Grantee: The Elizabeth River Project |
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| CBSF Award: \$500,000 |
| Matching Funds: \$535,009 |
| Total Project:\$1,035,009 |
| The Elizabeth River Project will improve stormwater |
| management and coastal community resiliency by |
| implementing innovative drainage management solutions |
| in Norfolk's Ingleside community. The project will result |
| in an annual pollution reduction of about 27 pounds of |
| phosphorus, 98 pounds of nitrogen and 7,090 pounds of |
| sediment. |
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Partnering for Accelerated Agricultural Best Management Practices in South-Central Pennsylvania (PA)

Grantee: Stroud Water Research Center

| CBSF Award: |
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| Matching Funds: \$1,911,417 |
| Total Project:\$2,661,417 |
| Stroud Water Research Center will partner with major |
| nongovermental organizations and the private agricultural |
| services sector to deliver agricultural best management |
| practices in south-central Pennsylvania, prioritizing |
| subwatersheds in Lancaster and Chester counties, in order |
| to improve local and Chesapeake Bay water quality. The |
| project will result in 24 farms installing nearly 200 best |
| management practices, including 14.6 acres of forested |
| buffers. |
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Long-term Pollution Reduction via Permanent Protection of Farmland and Conservation Practices (PA)

Grantee: Lancaster Farmland Trust

Cost-Share and Technical Assistance for Installation of Stormwater Best Management Practices (VA)

Grantee: Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Matching Funds:\$750,000 Total Project: \$1,500,000 Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will advance a financial costshare and technical assistance program for voluntary installation of stormwater best management practices that address water quality concerns on land where no other costshare program is available within Virginia's 30 conservation districts that are wholly or partially in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The project will lead to the installation of approximately 135 stormwater best management practice projects on residential, commercial, industrial and municipal properties.

Stream ReLeaf: Reinvigorating the Replanting of Pennsylvania's Streamsides

Grantee: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources CBSF Award:\$750,000 Matching Funds: \$2,144,550 Total Project: \$2,894,550 The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will formalize the Riparian Forest Buffer Advisory Committee, a collaborative effort of over 40 organizations in Pennsylvania, in order to realize efficiencies in riparian forest buffer outreach, technical assistance and implementation. These efforts will dramatically increase the implementation of riparian forest buffers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed region of Pennsylvania, resulting in significant reductions of nutrient and sediment pollution flowing from Pennsylvania into the Chesapeake Bay.

Reducing Local Impacts on the Chesapeake Bay through Riverside Park's Stream Restoration (VA) Grantee: City of Hopewell

Agricultural Non-Point Source Restoration through a Conservation Drainage Program (MD)





Natural Lands: Installing Buffers and Restoring Wetlands to Reduce Non-Point Source Runoff (MD) Grantee: The Washington College

Center for Environment and Society

 CBSF Award:
 \$499,956

 Matching Funds:
 \$801,798

 Total Project:
 \$1,301,754

The Washington College Center for Environment and Society will install native warm season grass buffers for the benefit of bobwhite quail and restore wetlands to reduce non-point source nutrient and sediment runoff from agricultural lands in the identified high priority zones of the upper and middle Eastern Shore of Maryland. The project will establish 28.5 acres of 100-foot minimum native grass buffers and 16 acres of wetlands.

Healthy Waters Round Table: Improved Water Quality through Rural Regional Collaboration (MD)

Grantee: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

| CBSF Award: |
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| Matching Funds: \$347,707 |
| Total Project: \$663,711 |
| Chesapeake Bay Foundation will assist local governments |
| on Maryland's rural Eastern Shore to develop increased |
| stormwater management capacity and implement best |

Chesapeake Bay | Credit: NASA

management practices that help meet mandated goals for improved water quality. The project will facilitate a collaborative regional structure among county and municipal representatives who will invest in shared technical support staff and services that aid in the planning, prioritization and streamlined delivery of restoration projects.

Integrated Watershed Approach for Improved Headwaters Water Quality (NY, PA)



Strengthening the Impact of Riparian Forest Buffers on Water and Habitat Quality (MD, PA, VA, WV)

CHESAPEAKE BAY SMALL WATERSHED GRANTS

This program supports projects that promote communitybased efforts to protect and restore the diverse natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams.

Aquatic Connectivity and Nonpoint Source Pollution at Road-Stream Crossings (PA)

Grantee: Trout Unlimited

| CBSF Award: \$195,419 |
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| Matching Funds: |
| Total Project: |
| Trout Unlimited will collaborate among partnering agencies |
| and organizations to successfully and cost-effectively increase |
| aquatic connectivity for eastern brook trout and reduce |
| sediment pollution and road-stream crossings across the |
| Chesapeake Bay watershed in Pennsylvania. The project will |
| replace three culverts and thereby open 15 miles of brook |
| trout habitat. |
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One-on-One Farm Stewardship Program for Increased Agricultural Best Management Practices (MD, WV)

Grantee: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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| CBSF Award: \$200,000 |
| Matching Funds: \$141,859 |
| Total Project: |
| Chesapeake Bay Foundation will work one-on-one with |
| Upper Potomac watershed farmers in Maryland and West |
| Virginia to provide technical assistance and support to |
| increase the adoption of agricultural best management |
| practices that improve water quality, increase productivity |
| of farming operations and enhance wildlife habitat. The |
| project will install forested riparian buffers and stream |
| exclusion fencing, stabilize streambanks, restore pastures |
| and wetlands, and convert cornfields to grazing pastures. |
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Shore Protection Planning and Living Shoreline on Pamunkey River (VA)

Restoration Practices for Water Quality and Habitat Improvements on the Nanticoke River (DE)

Oyster Restoration in the Lafayette River (VA)

Linville Creek Stream Restoration: Reducing Sediment Transport (VA)

| Grantee: Town of Broadway |
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| CBSF Award: \$200,000 |
| Matching Funds: \$237,225 |
| Total Project: \$437,225 |
| The Town of Broadway will reduce sediment and nutrient |
| pollution and improve instream and riparian habitat in |
| Linville Creek Stream by restoring approximately 1,150 |
| linear feet of Linville Creek and 210 linear feet of an |
| unnamed tributary. The project will result in a total of |
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Eastern Brook Trout

1,360 linear feet of restoration using natural channel design techniques and 1.6 acres of riparian planting.

Plum Creek Initiative: Restoring the Impaired Headwaters of a High-Quality Trout Stream (PA)

Grantee: The Trust for Tomorrow

Rappahannock Headwater Stream Buffer Implementation and Conservation Initiative (VA)

volunteer engagement, and community outreach and education. The project will provide technical assitance, materials and labor to property owners to establish riparian buffers on their property, resulting in approximately 15 acres of mature riparian buffer conservation and 20 acres of new riparian buffers.

| Increased Implementation of Comprehensive Riparian Buffer Models in the Juniata River Basin (PA) |
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| Grantee: Mifflin County Conservation District |
| CBSF Award: \$173,971 |
| Matching Funds: \$59,259 |
| Total Project: \$233,230 |
| Mifflin County Conservation District install riparian specific |
| Best Management Practices through innovative methods |
| and a diversity of programs to improve water quality in the |
| Juniata River Basin. The project will reach new audiences |
| to implement 2.5 miles of riparian restoration through |
| livestock exclusions fencing, instream habitat restoration |
| and riparian forest buffer installations. |

Restoring Eastern Brook Trout Habitat at Bolton Branch (VA)



buffers, and collaborate with private landowners and a range of nonprofit public partners to enhance eastern brook trout passage on Boldon Branch, a Blue Ridge headwater stream near Shenandoah National Park.

Envision the Choptank: Coordinating Efforts for a Healthy Choptank River (MD)

Grantee: Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Town of Glasgow Stormwater Retrofit for Decreased Nutrient, Sediment, and Stormwater Volume (VA)

Grantee: Town of Glasgow

Permanent Protection of Critical Habitat and

Water Quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (PA)

Grantee: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

| CBSF Award: \$199,174 |
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| Matching Funds: \$769,420 |
| Total Project: |
| Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will permanently protect |
| a minimum of 750 acres of land to protect critical habitat |
| and water quality through conservation easements and |
| fee acquisitions within the Chesapeake Bay watershed in |
| Pennsylvania, an impaired area due to agricultural operations. |
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Installing Urban Rain Gardens and Training

| Stormwater Stewards for Stormwater Management (MD) |
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| Grantee: Civic Works |
| CBSF Award: \$196,622 |
| Matching Funds: \$190,000 |
| Total Project: \$386,622 |

Civic Works will install rain gardens that impact 3 acres of urban surfaces in community spaces, train Stormwater Stewards to maintain the spaces, and provide ongoing training, stipends, support and resources to increase community engagement in Baltimore City stormwater management, thereby increasing water quality of local waters running to the Chesapeake Bay.

Mobilizing Communities to Enhance Stream Restoration Projects for Stormwater Treatment (MD)

| CBSF Award:\$200,000Matching Funds:\$591,837Total Project:\$791,837Gunpowder Valley Conservancy will install stormwater bestmanagement practices including rain barrels, rain gardens, |
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| micro-bioretention practices, conservation landscaping and |
| forest buffers. The project will mobilize communities to |
| reduce nutrient and sediment runoff, manage stormwater, |
| and restore forests and streams in the Middle River, |
| Tidal Gunpowder, Bird River and Lower Gunpowder Falls |
| watersheds. |

Rivanna River Renaissance: Abating the Impacts of Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation (VA)

Pennsylvania Subsurface Application of Manure Initiative: Reducing Nutrient Runoff

| Grantee: Sustainable Chesapeake |
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| CBSF Award: \$199,032 |
| Matching Funds: |
| Total Project: \$466,939 |
| Sustainable Chesapeake will demonstrate an innovative |
| financing strategy that incentivizes custom applicators to |
| invest in new equipment and encourage manure injection |
| to reduce nutrient loss to streams in the Chesapeake Bay |
| watershed in the south central Susquehanna Basin. |
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Eastern Oyster Restoration in the Lafayette River (VA)

| Grantee: Chesapeake Bay Foundation |
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| CBSF Award: \$199,665 |
| Matching Funds: \$299,062 |
| Total Project: \$498,727 |



The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will establish 3.25 acres of new oyster reef within the Elizabeth River tributary system in the Lafayette River of Norfolk, Virginia. The project will enhance the population of native Eastern oysters and engage the watershed community in oyster restoration projects.

Rhode to Restoration: Collaboration to Restore Rhode River's Water Quality (MD)

Grantee: Smithsonian Institution

| CBSF Award: \$199,521 |
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| Matching Funds: \$65,842 |
| Total Project: |
| The Smithsonian Institution will restore the water |
| quality and habitat of the degraded Rhode River through |
| catalyzing a new collaborative network of stakeholders to |
| identify and carry out solutions. The project will construct |
| 2 acres of restored oyster reef in the Rhode River and |
| increase citizen participation and education in restoration |
| efforts. |
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Manure de Force: Reducing Pollutants to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through Manure Management (WV)

Grantee: Eastern Panhandle

Planning and Development Council

Advancing Green Infrastructure in Fauquier County for Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Gains (VA)

of green infrastructure in Fauquier County to increase local and Chesapeake Bay water quality by addressing barriers to adoption and kick-starting implementation with demonstration projects. The project will install a stormwater wetland, ultimately preventing about 42 pounds of nitrogen, 6 pounds of phosphorus and 2,960 pounds of sediment from entering local waters.

Targeting Conservation Lands on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore for Improved Bay Health

Increasing Resilience of Transitional Tidal Marsh for Enhanced Wintering Waterfowl Bird Habitat (MD) Grantee: National Audubon Society

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| CBSF Award: \$149,266 |
| Matching Funds: \$249,711 |
| Total Project: |
| The National Audubon Society will extend the head of a |
| small tidal creek in order to alleviate chronic waterlogging, |
| halt and reverse marsh erosion in 100 acres of high marsh, |
| and enhance tidal exchange and ecosystem function in newly |
| transitioned marsh. These efforts will bring back lost habitat |
| for birds like the American black duck at Farm Creek Marsh, |
| a tributary of Fishing Bay. |
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Kettle Creek Sediment Reduction and Riparian Reforestation for Healthy Brook Trout Habitat (PA) Grantee: Kettle Creek Watershed Association

| CBSF Award: | \$43,662 |
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| Matching Funds: | \$62,380 |
| Total Project: | 5106,042 |
| The Kettle Creek Watershed Association will constr | uct two |

streambank stabilization projects and one riparian planting project along Kettle Creek to provide additional stability, increase water quality and enhance habitat for native brook trout in the streambanks. The project will achieve an annual reduction of 43,940 pounds of nonpoint source sediment pollution to the watershed and restore a minimum of 1.1 acres of riparian corridor along Kettle Creek.

Bringing Back Eastern Brook Trout to Canoe Camp Creek Watershed through Bank Stabilizations (PA)

| Grantee: Tioga County Conservation District |
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| CBSF Award: |
| Matching Funds: \$28,110 |
| Total Project: \$112,440 |



Tioga County Conservation District will implement bank stabilization projects for a minimum of 2,000 feet and install a minimum of 2 acres of riparian buffer to reduce sediment and nutrient transport downstream of the Canoe Camp Creek, leading to the recolonization of the eastern brook trout.

Reducing Pollution Loads to Improve Water Quality and Aquatic Habitat in Spring Creek Watershed (PA)

Replacing Impervious Surfaces on Washington Boulevard for Improved Stormwater Management (MD) Grantee: Pigtown Main Street

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| CBSF Award: \$149,894 |
| Matching Funds: \$238,700 |
| Total Project: \$388,594 |
| Pigtown Main Street will conduct workshops, community |
| events and interpretive signage, and install two vegetative |
| curb extension stormwater bumpouts to reduce stormwater |
| runoff from entering the Chesapeake Bay by over 572 cubic |
| feet per precipitation event along Washington Boulevard in |
| Pigtown, a neighborhood of Baltimore, Maryland. |
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Improving Oyster Restoration Siting to Maximize Available Habitat and Environmental Benefits (MD)

Soak It Up: Reducing

| Stormwater | Runoff in | Ellicott | City (MD) |
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| Grantee: Howard EcoWorks | |
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| CBSF Award: | \$153,762 |
| Matching Funds: | \$120,422 |
| Total Project: | \$274,184 |



Oyster bed, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland

Howard EcoWorks will engage up to 500 residents and businesses to implement up to 66 best management practices, and construct 8,550 square feet of rain garden, 32,500 square feet of conservation landscape, and 1,000 linear feet of forest buffer to reduce stormwater runoff in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Incorporating Green Infrastructure into Urban Agriculture Programs (DC)

Women for the Land: Voices for Soil and Water Conservation in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (PA, VA) Grantee: American Farmland Trust