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Prince George's County, Maryland

County Offers Green Grants for Environmental Projects

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Grant awards range from \$2,000 up to \$200,000 for urban watershed restoration projects

LARGO, MD – The Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) and the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) recently announced that applications are being accepted for two funding programs under the County's Rain Check Program. The funding programs provide grants for environmental projects that improve, restore or protect local waterways. Both are open to the general public, but are restricted to funding in the County.

"When it comes to keeping our County clean, green and healthy, we are all in it together. These grants support our efforts to partner with the community and we will give you the money to do so," says DoE Director Adam Ortiz. "I encourage municipalities, schools, nonprofits, community, faith-based and civic groups to apply to support their local water infrastructure."

The Prince George's County Rain Check Program includes a Stormwater Stewardship Grant designed to reduce runoff pollution to the County's waterways, while engaging residents in stormwater issues. The grant is open to nonprofit, community, faith-based organizations and other groups. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$200,000 for water quality projects and \$5,000 to \$50,000 for citizen engagement and behavior change projects. All projects must be conducted in the County, excluding the City of Bowie. The deadline to apply is September 18, 2014 at 5 p.m.

The second part of the program is the County's Rain Check Rebate Program, which is now administered by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The program offers incentives to homeowners, businesses and others to install practices that will improve stormwater runoff quality, reduce runoff quantity and improve local streams and rivers. Eligible applicants have the opportunity to receive rebates for installing approved stormwater management practices covered by the program. Grant awards range from \$2,000 for residential property owners; \$20,000 for commercial properties, multi-family dwellings, nonprofit, and not-for-profit groups. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For more information on the Rain Check Stormwater Stewardship Grant Program, contact Grant Manager Sadie Drescher at 410-974-2941, ext. 103 or [click here](#).

For more information on the Rain Check Rebate Program, contact Grant Manager Natalia Sanchez at 410-974-2941, ext. 114 or [click here](#).

For more information on the County's Clean Water Programs, [click here](#).

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