



UPCOMING WATERSHED OPPORTUNITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Funding Opportunities

DOEE Green Stormwater Infrastructure Signage Program

DOEE seeks eligible entities to implement a comprehensive planning and design process for identification and interpretative signage, and produce designs and specifications, for the District's green stormwater infrastructure (GSI). The grantee will also test prototypes and develop a user's manual of signage for future fabrication and installation. The amount available for the project is approximately \$300,000.

The deadline for application submissions is May 6, 2022. To obtain a copy of the RFA, head to the attachments section of our website [here](#).

For additional information regarding this RFA, write to: 2022gsisigns.grants@dc.gov.

Ditch the Disposable: Awards to Reduce Waste Program

DOEE is proud to announce the brand new **DITCH THE DISPOSABLES** program! Created by the Zero Waste Act, this program will fund selected projects at food-serving entities in the District to transition from disposable to reusable foodware. The grant program is administered through Chesapeake Bay Trust. Please check the links below for more information on who is eligible for the grant and what types of projects can be funded, and for upcoming information about application workshops.

Applications are NOW OPEN and are due by **Friday, May 6, 2022 at 6 PM**.

For more information on the program: <https://doee.dc.gov/disposables>

For the full Request for Applications (RFA) and to apply: <https://cbtrust.org/grants/district-of-columbia-ditch-the-disposables/>

Questions? Contact Lindsay Brubaker, Program Assistant, lbrubaker@cbtrust.org or by phone at (410) 974-2941 x112

Outreach and Technical Assistance: Connector Group and Grant Writing Support for the District of Columbia Community Stormwater Solutions Award Program

In partnership with DOEE, The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks qualified contractors for two scopes of work, the first (Scope 1: Connector Group) to increase awareness of and engagement in the [District DOEE Community Stormwater Solutions Awards Program](#) with small, new, and/or historically excluded (SNHE) organizations and with assistance from the Trust and DOEE identify organizations who need and are ready for additional technical assistance, and the second (Scope 2: Grant Writing Technical Assistance) to provide grant writing technical assistance and training for four (4) organizations identified through the first scope.

The deadline for application submissions is April 14, 2022. To obtain a copy of the RFP, visit the Trust's website [here](#).

The Chesapeake Bay Trust EPA GIT Funding Program

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, with support from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, seeks services for technical assistance to support key Chesapeake Bay Program goals and outcomes through twelve (12) separate Scopes of Work.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be downloaded from the Trust's website at <https://cbtrust.org/grants/git/>

For more information, please see the RFP for descriptions of the twelve scopes of work and qualifications for bidders. Details on how to apply are described in the RFP. Offerors can bid on one or more of the individual Scopes of Work but must clearly separate their bids and budgets for each submission.

Proposals are due by 4:00pm EST on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Upcoming! DOEE Community Stormwater Solutions Program

In partnership with DOEE, the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#) anticipates releasing the next Community Stormwater Solutions Request for Applications in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out!

The [Community Stormwater Solutions](#) grant provides funding for innovative and community centered projects with the goal of improving our waterways in the District. This program supports community-oriented and inspired projects that are designed to increase knowledge and lead to behavior change as it relates to watershed and stormwater-related issues.

Publications & Resources

The Evolving Practice of Ecological Restoration Along the Nation's "Other" River

By Amy Nelson with Joe Berg

Coinciding with the earth's biorhythms, [Biohabitats' Leaf Litter](#) is published at the Spring Equinox, Summer Solstice, Fall Equinox, and Winter Solstice. Its mission is to generate discourse, new thinking, and action on key issues pertaining to conservation planning, ecological restoration, and regenerative design.

In this spring's issue, [Ecological Restoration: Where it has Been and Where it is Going](#), author Amy Nelson explores the evolution of ecological restoration approaches on the Anacostia River in Washington DC. In [The Evolving Practice of Ecological Restoration along the Nation's "Other" River](#), Nelson and Joe Berg examine how things have changed.

Native Plant Nursery

The native plant nursery at Bona Terra is open to the public and contractors. Plants are sustainably and locally grown without pesticides or herbicides and are grown with organic or compost-based fertilizer. Many of our plants are local eco-types, and we are working to convert our entire plant list to local eco-types only. Check out our website at www.bonateradec.com for more information and to see our current plant list.

Job Opportunities & Training

DOEE River Corps Program

RiverCorps is recruiting! The River Corps Program engages District residents, ages 18–24, through classroom education and field-based experiences to gain technical skills needed to install, inspect, and maintain Green Infrastructure, and learn critical skills to secure employment. Trainees are paid a bi-weekly stipend of \$650, an average of 25 hours/week, with opportunities for additional incentives during a 5-month duration. Learn more about the program and how to apply at <https://doee.dc.gov/service/river-corps>.

Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification Training

Registration is now open for Summer session of Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional (CBLP) Level 1 training and certification. Discounts are available for companies or organizations sending three or more employees to Level 1. Dates and details online: <https://cblpro.org/training-calendar/>

New for this session we will offer the course in both a fully in-person format, and a hybrid, online/field format. Both options balance highly interactive course content with a field day. Field days are offered across the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

CBLP is a voluntary, regional credential for professionals who design, install, and maintain sustainable landscapes in the Bay watershed. CBLP's active learning engages participants to develop critical thinking, problem solving, and collaborative practice skills. We focus on the unique ecology and regulatory environment of the Bay region, but all are welcome to attend. CBLP course attendees may earn continuing education credits from numerous professional organizations- see the full list on our website.

Events

Anacostia Watershed Society's 2022 Earth Day Cleanup

Join family and friends at one of the numerous cleanup sites throughout the Anacostia watershed on Saturday, April 23rd.

Visit <https://earthday.anacostiaws.org/earthday2022/> for more information.

City Nature Challenge

Join residents throughout DC to observe plants, animals, and fungi that make their home in the watershed. We'll be documenting area wildlife with [iNaturalist](#) for the [City Nature Challenge](#), a global citizen science event taking place April 29th - May 8th. You can participate individually or as part of an organized event. Participants will be looking for signs of life in area neighborhoods, parks, back yards, and creeks. Your observations will help scientists understand what species share our urban environment - and it's a great reason to get outside! Learn more about how you can participate at one of these trainings and on the local Challenge [website](#).

For more information contact stella@capitalnature.org.

- [Introduction to iNaturalist and the City Nature Challenge](#) April 12th
- [Introduction to iNaturalist and the City Nature Challenge](#) April 20th

Earth Day River Cleanup at Oxon Cove

Join Potomac Riverkeeper Network and Friends of Oxon Run on Saturday, April 23rd as we bring our communities together to celebrate Earth Day by giving back! We welcome volunteers of all ages to help remove single-use plastics that has accumulated along the shoreline of Oxon Cove and Oxon Run.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Shepherd Parkway Community Cleanup

Join Ward 8 Woods Conservancy every second Saturday of the month as we remove trash and invasive plants from the largest wooded area in Ward 8. Upcoming dates: May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13

Click [HERE](#) to register!

For more information contact Nathan Harrington at nathan@ward8woods.org or 202-520-2742

Ft. Stanton Park Volunteer Day

Join Ward 8 Woods Conservancy on the first Saturday of every month to bring much-needed TLC to Fort Stanton Park in the heart of Ward 8. Upcoming dates: April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6

Click [HERE](#) to register.

For more information contact Nathan Harrington at nathan@ward8woods.org or 202-520-2742

Beavers are Back!

The [Springhouse Run stream restoration project](#), located in the US National Arboretum, is now the home to beavers! The return of beavers is a sign of a healthy ecosystem. Beavers are instrumental in creating habitats for many aquatic organisms, maintaining the water table at an appropriate level and controlling flooding and erosion, all by building dams!

It is magnificent that beavers are showing back up in our streams! One of the objectives of our stream restoration program is to create natural habitat; if we build it, they will come. We aren't surprised they are there; this is a result that we were hoping for. Beavers are the original stormwater engineers and it's good to see that they view Springhouse Run as a stream once again!

- Cecilia Lane, Environmental Protection Specialist, DOEE



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