

Resources



Chesapeake Bay Watershed Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping/Online Native Plant Center Guide



This 83 page guide contains color photos of over 400 plant species native to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, including all states with drainage to the Bay: Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New York. To reach more citizens and organizations, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service envisioned an online version of the guide, the Native Plants Center Chesapeake Region. This expanded online guide includes a geo-locator feature to identify plants suited to your location and a searchable database of the native plants that meet your conditions.

For more information, visit: www.nativeplantcenter.net



Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative

The Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative is a group of leading organizations that provide technical, programmatic, and outreach support in order to integrate volunteer-based and non-traditional water quality and macroinvertebrate monitoring data into the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership. Currently there are many sources of data, including data collected by volunteers, local governments and NGOs, that are not being used to track Bay health. Data contribution by this network of volunteer and non-traditional sources will provide valuable information and create a comprehensive understanding of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, the health of the bay, and the success of restoration efforts.

For more information, visit: www.allianceforthebay.org



Chesapeake Network

The Chesapeake Network is an online community of organizations and individuals working to protect and restore the land and waters of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The website facilitates networking and cooperation among its members by providing tools, resources, and communication avenues to help its members further their efforts.

For more information, visit: www.chesapeakenetwork.org



Coldwater Heritage Partnership Program

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) is a collaborative effort between the PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds and Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. The purpose of the Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) is to provide leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

The two grant opportunities are:

Planning Grant- designed to help develop a conservation plan that identifies the threats to the health of local coldwater ecosystems that have naturally reproducing trout as well as the opportunities for habitat restoration and conservation within those watersheds. The information and analysis can be used as a catalyst for more comprehensive planning or for development of watershed improvements projects. Planning grants average around \$5,000.

Implementation Grant- designed to provide funding for projects recommended in a completed conservation plan or other approved plan such as a Rivers Conservation Plan. Proposed projects must enhance, conserve or protect the coldwater stream for which the coldwater conservation plan or similar document was originally completed. Implementation grants average around \$8,000.

For more information, visit: www.coldwaterheritage.org



Forever Wild Grant

Grants of up to \$1500 will be awarded to eligible PA Trout Unlimited chapters to assist with efforts to protect, conserve, restore and sustain wild brook, brown and rainbow trout populations and/or to carry out education and outreach programs that increase the awareness of and support for coldwater conservation among a non-TU audience.

Eligible Projects:

The following list provides examples of projects eligible for funding:

- In-stream wild trout habitat improvement
- Riparian buffer restoration along wild trout streams
- Streambank stabilization of wild trout waters
- Education and outreach programs and materials focused on coldwater resource conservation, restoration, and conservation, created for and presented to a non-TU audience, in addition to chapter members
- Sampling equipment for specific stream monitoring and survey projects
- Assessment/research projects
- Innovative trainings and leadership development initiatives that increase the internal capacity of the chapter to directly benefit coldwater resources

Who Can Apply:

All TU chapters in good standing are eligible to apply. The deadline for application submission is December 15th, 2017.

For more information, visit: www.patROUT.org or contact Tali MacArthur at c-tmacarth@pa.gov or 841-359-5233.



Invasive Plant Fact Sheets

For help in identification of invasive plants, treatment, and protection suggestions for your property, explore the DCNR fact sheets. DCNR has deemed these trees, shrubs, vines, herbs, and aquatic plants to be invasive on state lands.

For more information, visit:

www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/InvasivePlants/InvasivePlantFactSheets/Pages/default.aspx



Keystone Coldwater Conference February 23-24, 2018 State College, PA

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will host the 13th Keystone Coldwater Conference February 23-24, 2018 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College. The conference is an opportunity for grassroots conservation organizations, environmental professionals, college faculty, staff, and students to share ideas, concepts, and network in order to protect, conserve and restore Pennsylvania's coldwater resources.

For agenda, presentation schedule, registration, lodging and more, visit: www.coldwaterconference.com



PA CREP

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Outreach Program Office was created and is maintained by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD). This website is a resource for current CREP participants as well as potential new ones. It is a clearinghouse for program information, resources and enrollment guidelines for participants and also partners who are also promoting the program.

For more information, visit: www.creppa.org



Project Clean Stream

Every spring, tens of thousands of volunteers come together to pick up trash from local streams, creeks, rivers, parks, and neighborhoods as part of the Alliance's Project Clean Stream. Through Project Clean Stream, the Alliance offers hands-on opportunities for other environmental organizations, local businesses and governments, community groups, houses of worship, schools and universities, and residents to take action to make a true impact and nurture a lasting personal stewardship and commitment to the environment, clean water, and Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration. Through our Project Clean Stream cleanups, volunteers have the opportunity to dig, plant, pick-up trash, and discover how their everyday decisions affect the overall health of their local waterways, and the Bay. The Alliance coordinates local site cleanups, trains site captains, and provides cleanup supplies such as trash bags and gloves and arranges trash removal after the cleanup work is finished.

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