



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
October 20, 2025

Submitted by:
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Item Title: 03-2026 | A Resolution of Support for Watershed Assistance Grant Program with the Chesapeake Bay Trust for up to \$100,000 for the design of Watershed restoration projects in the Town of Bladensburg.

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Documentation Attached:
Resolution

Recommended Action:

Approval for the Town Administrator to apply for grants for Town Projects

Summary: The Town is working on grant applications for projects that will help reduce flooding and plans the design of the restoration projects.

What does CBT fund? This grant program funds on-the-ground restoration activities that improve water quality, support the County's Climate Action Plan, and engage Prince George's County residents in the restoration and protection of the local rivers and streams of Prince George's County.

Overview: The Watershed Assistance Grant Program is a partnership between the Chesapeake Bay Trust (Trust), the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and the West Virginia's Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP).

This program provides support for watershed restoration project designs and permitting and for watershed planning and programmatic development. The ultimate goal of the projects funded through this opportunity will be to improve water quality in:

- The entire State of Maryland
- The West Virginia portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- The State of Pennsylvania (within the Octoraro Creek and Conowingo Creek watersheds in the Chester and Lancaster Counties)

By funding the earliest phases of watershed restoration projects and planning, the funding partners aim to provide local governments and non-profit organizations the ability to position themselves to quickly advance implementation work. The funding partners hope the products of grants funded under this opportunity will enable grantees to:

Leverage resulting designs, plans, or projects to craft future proposals for implementation funding to the Maryland Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, grant programs at the Chesapeake Bay Trust, or other sources of support;

- Develop deliverables that will support local planning efforts such as Financial Assurance Plans (FAPs), Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plans, county-wide Green Infrastructure Plans, watershed action plans, and State of Maryland Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) strategies and associated State Two-year Milestones.

What this funds: This grant program welcomes applications for the following project types.

Type 1: Project Design

- Generally, requests are up to \$100,000 for the design of best management practices (BMPs), including the following:
- Bioretention cells and large-scale rain gardens;
- Stormwater management practices that include low-impact development (LID) techniques, green infrastructure (GI), water quality BMPs, and environmental site design (ESD),
- Submerged gravel wetlands

Application Deadline: November 7, 2025

This resolution authorizes the application for funding. If funded, grant projects will occur in FY 2026.

Staff will be available to answer any questions about this matter.

Budgeted Item: Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Budgeted Amount: \$ NA One-Time Cost: NA Ongoing Cost:	Continued Date:
Council Priority: Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Approved Date: