



Resilience Authority
of Charles County, Maryland, Inc.

Resilience Report Winter Wrap-Up 2026

The Resilience Authority of Charles County, Inc. tackles the impacts of climate change through equitable, nature-based solutions. We partner with Charles County government to fund and implement projects on public lands such as County Recreation Centers, Parks, and Public Schools that reduce stormwater flooding, coastal erosion, and urban heat. Prioritizing communities hurt first and worst, the Resilience Authority aims to be a national model of climate resilience grounded in environmental justice.

News from the "Concrete to Green" Front

Elite Gymnastics Recreation Center Stormwater Pocket Park Construction

Before



In Process



As highlighted in our Fall Newsletter, construction to transform an unused parking lot into much-needed green space for all ages began in October 2025, and we're excited to report that the earth-moving phase of construction is now complete! What was once a bleak asphalt area and source of heat and chronic flooding has been reshaped and prepared for its green transformation.

The next phase is now underway - site preparation for planting has begun! The site will soon be home to:

- 38 native canopy trees
- 10 native understory trees
- 86 native shrubs
- 550 herbaceous plugs

As these native plants take root, the park will come to life, creating shaded areas where children can play, families can gather, and nature can thrive. Beyond its beauty, the Stormwater Pocket Park will help cool the surrounding area, capture and treat stormwater runoff, and reduce flooding at the site—improving both air and water quality for the community.

Ribbon Cutting and an Earth Day Celebration at the Elite Stormwater Pocket Park is planned for April 25th - more details to come!

The Resilience Authority funded and is implementing this project through Chesapeake Bay Trust's Watershed Assistance Program and Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, in close collaboration with Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Green Infrastructure Training

The Resilience Authority is expanding its Green Infrastructure Training Program to include the Resilience Authority Youth Corps and community workshops—growing long-term stewardship across Charles County.

In partnership with the Chesapeake Stormwater Network, Bartlett Tree Experts, the Charles Soil Conservation District, and the Maryland DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service, the program includes five sessions focused on understanding, installing, and maintaining green infrastructure—ensuring these nature-based solutions remain effective and resilient for years to come.



Join us: Make an Impact

The Resilience Authority Youth Corps is Hiring

The Resilience Authority Youth Corps is now hiring for multiple seasonal positions and looking for motivated individuals ready to make a difference in our community!

These hands-on roles focus on environmental restoration, green infrastructure, and community resilience projects throughout the county. Participants gain valuable leadership experience, workforce skills, and the chance to work outdoors while contributing to meaningful climate and conservation initiatives.



Summer Field Leader

Summer Crew Member

Summer Assistant Leader

Spring Field Leader

Spring Crew Member

The Green Scoop

Stop Right There!!

A warm day in late winter can make it tempting to head outside and start cutting back plants or clearing leaves. However, what may look like yard debris is actually important winter habitat for many beneficial species.

Native bee queens often hibernate inside hollow stems, while butterflies and moths may be overwintering as chrysalises attached to dried plant material. Fallen leaves can hold the eggs of beneficial insects such as lacewings and natural pest controllers that help keep gardens healthy.

Cleaning up too early can unintentionally disrupt these species before they've had the chance to emerge in spring. To support pollinators and other helpful wildlife, consider waiting until nighttime temperatures consistently remain **above 50°F for about a week**, which in many regions occurs between late April and mid-May.

By giving your garden a little more time to wake up, you help create a healthier habitat for pollinators, wildlife, and the ecosystems we all depend on.



Grant Spotlight

We are proud to share that we have successfully secured three new grants in support of our ongoing work. This funding represents both a vote of confidence in our mission and a meaningful investment in the impact we strive to create.

1. Chesapeake Bay Trust Adaptive Capacity Grant
2. Chesapeake Bay Trust Charles County Tree Grant
3. Chesapeake Bay Trust Outreach and Restoration Grant

Thank you to our funders!



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