



CHESAPEAKE TREE CANOPY UPDATES

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Chesapeake Bay Program
A Watershed Partnership



- DC – Washington Parks and People Green Corps
- National Broadcast – PBS America Reframed April 19 – 90 day free streaming window after
 - Check it out, get the word out, consider hosting a “watch party” with partners/colleagues during free streaming window
- Connections with our urban forestry-environmental justice/Diversity Action Team collaboration

See trailer and more info on film website:
<http://www.cityoftreesfilm.com/>

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- Website under development - aim for June launch
 - Home – featured stories, newsletter signup, map of tree canopy assessments/goals/contacts
 - Why Trees – background
- 1. Know What You Have
 - 2. Plant and Care for Tree
 - 3. Protect your Canopy

Need your help soon (May) on content and ideas for stories and resources to feature!

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- Stories in progress
 - MD - TreeBaltimore – social marketing initiative
 - WV – Tree canopy projects with schools
 - PA – Lancaster – Green Infrastructure/Tree Canopy efforts
 - DC – Youth engagement in PhotoVoice project “If trees could talk”
 - VA – Virginia Tree Stewards
- More to follow, need input and information from partners

WORKPLAN COMMENTS - NEW ACTION: (OUTREACH/EDUCATION)

Develop educational resources that expand the awareness, appreciation, planting and stewardship of fruit and nut trees within educational institutions, under-served communities, parks and other public lands.

Performance targets

1. Include fruit and nut trees and food forests in regional and local tree canopy goals and initiatives
2. Pursue development of K-12 student-centered experiences and curricula that embed orchard ecosystems in STEM programs
3. Plant orchards and orchard ecosystems at K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning
4. Work with neighborhood associations, district planners and other civic groups to create publically accessible and managed orchards

NEXT STEPS

- Plan for a June face to face meeting with tree canopy partners– work on tracking and some planning on other workplan actions
- Exploring use of i-Tree Landscape tool for serving up new CB tree canopy data in 2017
- Seeking partners to pursue various grant opportunities to help with CB workplan actions (NFWF, etc. – contact Julie)

