



# MAEOE Maryland Green Schools Newsletter

Happy New Year! Welcome to the January 2012 MAEOE Green Schools Newsletter. Hope that your Holidays were a nice break and Green Projects are back in full swing!

Winter 2012

## Updates to Note:

### Questions?

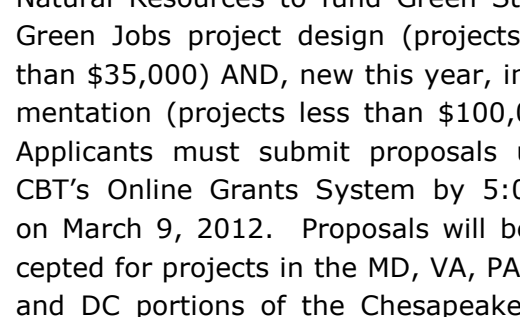
### Comments?

Contact MAEOE at:  
www.maeoe.org  
7761 Waterloo Rd  
Jessup, MD 20794  
443-733-1220

Laura Johnson Collard  
Executive Director  
director@maeoe.org

Joanne Schmader  
MD Green School Program  
Coordinator  
greenschools@maeoe.org

Stacy Bond  
MD Green Schools Organizer & Internship Coordinator  
mdgsorganizer@maeoe.org



### Intent to Apply/Recertify

Is it time to recertify? Were you originally certified in 2004 or 2008? Be sure to submit your intent to re-apply (or apply if this is your first year) by February 1. To pay the \$25 fee and submit your intent, follow this link: <https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=maeoe>. Pre-recorded Webinars on the recertification changes are available on the MAEOE Homepage.

### National Green Ribbon Awards

Maryland has decided to participate in the National Green Ribbon Awards and the application is now available [here](#) as well as on the MAEOE homepage.

### 27th Annual MAEOE Conference

It is not too late to register for the 27th Annual MAEOE Conference! The conference will take place February 9 to 12 at the Clarion Fontainebleau Resort in Ocean City, MD. The conference counts towards your 10% Environmental Education Professional Development needed for MAEOE Green School Certification.

The Final Conference Program and Schedule are posted on the MAEOE homepage as well as Room Share and Carpool signups on <http://maeoe2012.wikispaces.com/>

# Upcoming Grants

### Green Streets Green Jobs Grant Program:

The Chesapeake Bay Trust announced the second year of partnership with the U.S. EPA and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to fund Green Streets Green Jobs project design (projects less than \$35,000) AND, new this year, implementation (projects less than \$100,000). Applicants must submit proposals using CBT's Online Grants System by 5:00pm on March 9, 2012. Proposals will be accepted for projects in the MD, VA, PA, DE, and DC portions of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### Watershed Assistance Grant Program:

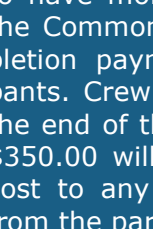
The Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and U.S. EPA partners welcome applications for water quality restoration project design and watershed planning proposals for Maryland projects. Applicants must submit proposals using our Online Grants System by 5:00pm on March 9, 2012. Projects will generally be less than \$35,000.

### Living Shoreline Grant Program:

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, NOAA Restoration Center, and Maryland Department of the Environment have a new, easier application process and a new partner, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in the Living Shoreline Grant Program. Applicants no longer need a completed design to apply. Applicants with ideas for living shoreline sites, both eroding sites in need of shoreline protection and currently armored sites to be retrofitted with living shorelines, are encouraged to contact the Trust to discuss the application process. Applicants must submit pre-proposals using our Online Grants System by 5:00pm on February 17, 2012. Proposals will be accepted for Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C. projects. Both design and implementation requests will be considered. Projects will generally be less than \$100,000.

### Pioneer Grant Program:

The Chesapeake Bay Trust seeks projects to advance innovative ideas to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay. Ideas in all areas – agriculture, storm water, septic, and more – will be considered. Projects can focus on development of new ideas, evaluation of best management practices, demonstration-scale evaluation of new ideas, economic analysis of new ideas, or delivery of new ideas to users. Applicants must submit proposals using our Online Grants System by 5:00pm on March 16, 2012. Awards will generally be less than \$100,000.

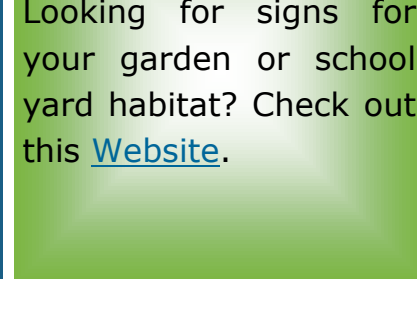


# MAEOE

Maryland Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education

### New Mobile Game from ARKive

"Survival" is a free, quick-fire mobile game to raise awareness about the world's most endangered animals. Immersive, interactive, and educational, "Survival" is a great way to encourage children's curiosity for the natural world. At home, in the classroom or on-the-go, kids and adults alike will have a whale of a time as they race against the clock to tap, pinch, drag, scroll, and swipe their way through a series of mini-games whilst learning about the world's endangered species.



### MAEOE Youth Summit

Mark your calendars for the 2012 MAEOE Youth Summit on June 1, 2012 from 9-3pm at Sandy Point State Park.

The free event will host 50 exhibitors, Youth Leadership, Olympic Themed Obstacle Courses and Games and an expected visit from Governor Martin O'Malley. All Maryland schools are invited to attend and bring one bus load of students per school. All schools must register to attend—online registration will open March 1, 2012.



### TIP OF THE MONTH:

Looking for signs for your garden or school yard habitat? Check out this [Website](#).

<http://www.arkive.org/apps/survival>

### Virginia State Parks Youth Corps (VSPYC)

Recruitment for the VSPYC began the first of the year. Youth crews will consist of approximately 10 young people, ages 14-17 from diverse backgrounds, and three crew supervisors, college-age or older. This team of young people will live in the park in a structured program of work and learning closely supervised by professional park staff and committed adult volunteers. By day, the crews carry out priority park development and environmental/cultural projects, and after hours they take part in planned environmental education, team-building, work life or job readiness training and recreational activities. In short, to have more involved and dedicated citizens in the Commonwealth. We provide a program completion payment of \$500 for the youth participants. Crew Supervisors will receive a \$1,800 at the end of the three weeks program. A set fee of \$350.00 will be provided to cover transportation cost to any required training and travel to and from the park(s) of assignment.

Please visit: <http://bit.ly/vspyc> to apply. All applicants will need the e-mail address of two professional references.

Please contact the designated Youth Conservation Corps coordinator, Mr. Gaston Rouse Jr. at (703) 583-5497 fax (703) 583-2514, Cell (703) 901-1004 or

Email: [vspyc@dcv.virginia.gov](mailto:vspyc@dcv.virginia.gov) for further information.

Web: <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks/ycc.htm>