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Rain garden installed at CBMM

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) has partnered with Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage (CWF) and Adkins Arboretum to build a rain garden on the grounds surrounding its visitor parking lot, funded by a grant from Chesapeake Bay Gateways.

On September 15, volunteers at CBMM and representatives from CWF spent the day installing a variety of plants donated by Adkins Arboretum. The plants are native to the Eastern Shore, benefiting wildlife and water quality, and include Switch-grass, Swamp Milkweed, Joe-Pye Weed, New York Aster, Cardinal flower, and Blue Cardinal flower.

A rain garden is a planted depression that allows rainwater from impervious areas such as parking lots, roofs, driveways, and compacted lawn areas to be absorbed into the ground, helping to reduce stormwater runoff into waterways.

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PHOTOS:



Representatives from Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage helped to install the rain garden at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels. Pictured are Habitat Technician Donnie Crosland, Education and Outreach Director Andi Pupke, and Wildlife Habitat Ecologist Ned Gerber.



CBMM staff and volunteers help to install the Museum's first rain garden. Pictured from left is CBMM's Facilities Manager John Ford, Sam Fairbank, Donna Fairbank, Joe Redman and volunteer Julia Miller.