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## Watershed Groups Deliver “30 Events for 30 Years” to Mark Three Decades of Chesapeake Bay Restoration

*Conservation events will celebrate the volunteer work that secures the Bay’s future*

[Annapolis, MD] This fall, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Choose Clean Water Coalition, is bringing watershed groups together to commemorate three decades of Chesapeake Bay restoration and express gratitude to those countless volunteers who have made conservation possible. The “30 Events for 30 Years: Planting Seeds for the Future” initiative links tree plantings, rain garden installations and other restoration events across the watershed to encourage people to reflect on the Bay’s past and take positive steps toward securing its future.

Indeed, this year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the first Chesapeake Bay Agreement, which in 1983 established the Chesapeake Bay Program and formalized the interstate effort to restore and protect the watershed. The time is right to look back on progress and accomplishments and thank citizens, educators, officials and others who have been part of restoration efforts over three decades.

More than a dozen organizations have joined the campaign, with more than 30 restoration events scheduled for October and November. Among them? An urban tree planting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; a creek-side tree planting in Berkley Springs, West Virginia; a new tree buffer on a church campus in Annapolis, and a rain garden installation in Baltimore, Maryland.

Volunteer efforts like these are essential to the restoring the health of the Bay. “Since the beginning, ordinary citizens, motivated by love of nature and a sense of personal stewardship, have volunteered their time and resources in so many ways,” said Al Todd, executive director of the Alliance. “Picking up trash, planting trees, restoring streams, and monitoring water quality are just some of the ways that volunteers can ensure the health of our rivers and streams. Each step is a step toward securing the Bay’s future.”

Find a restoration event near you with this interactive map: <https://allianceforthebay.org/2013/10/30-trees-for-30-years/>

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