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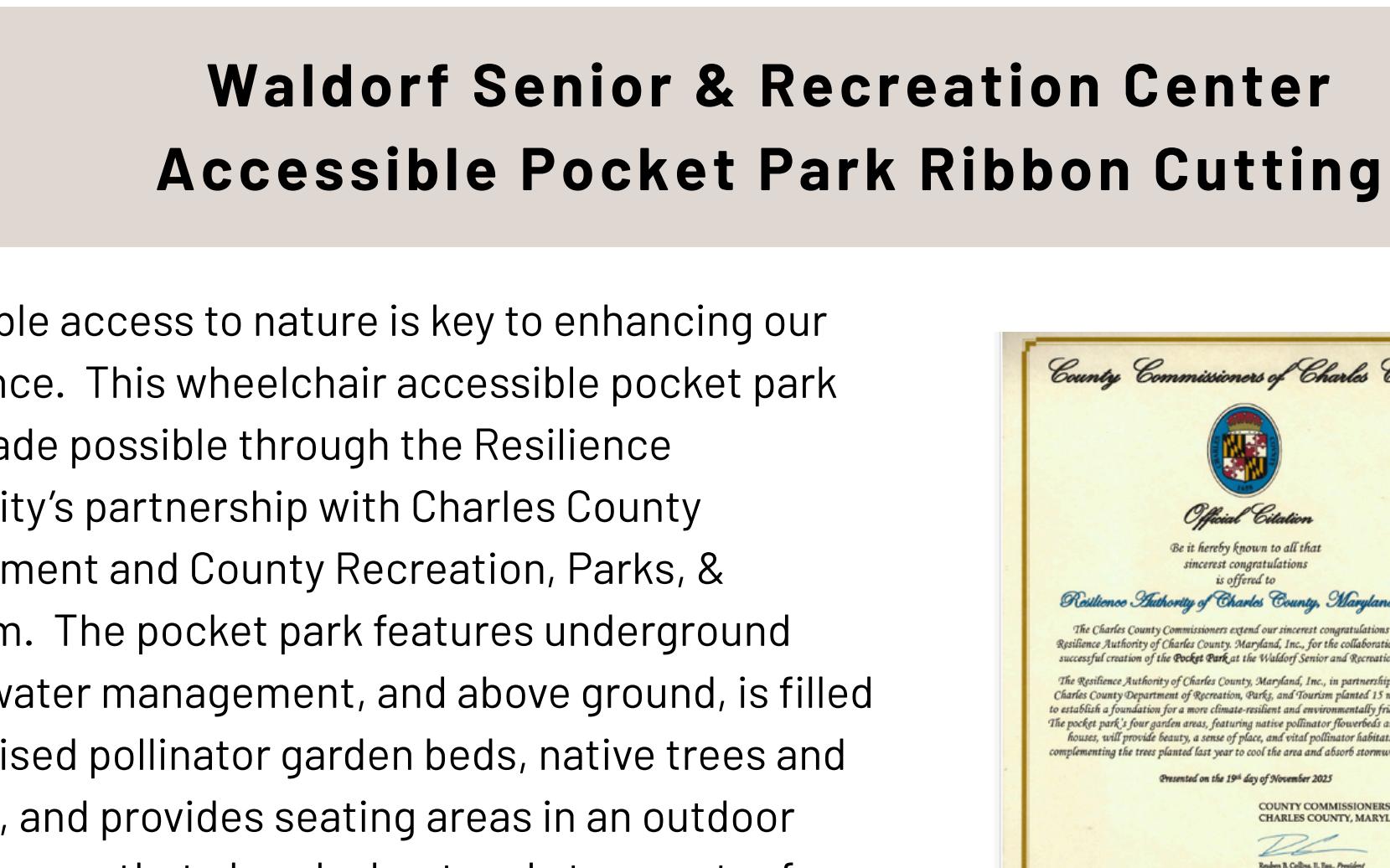
RESILIENCE REPORT

Fall 2025

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.

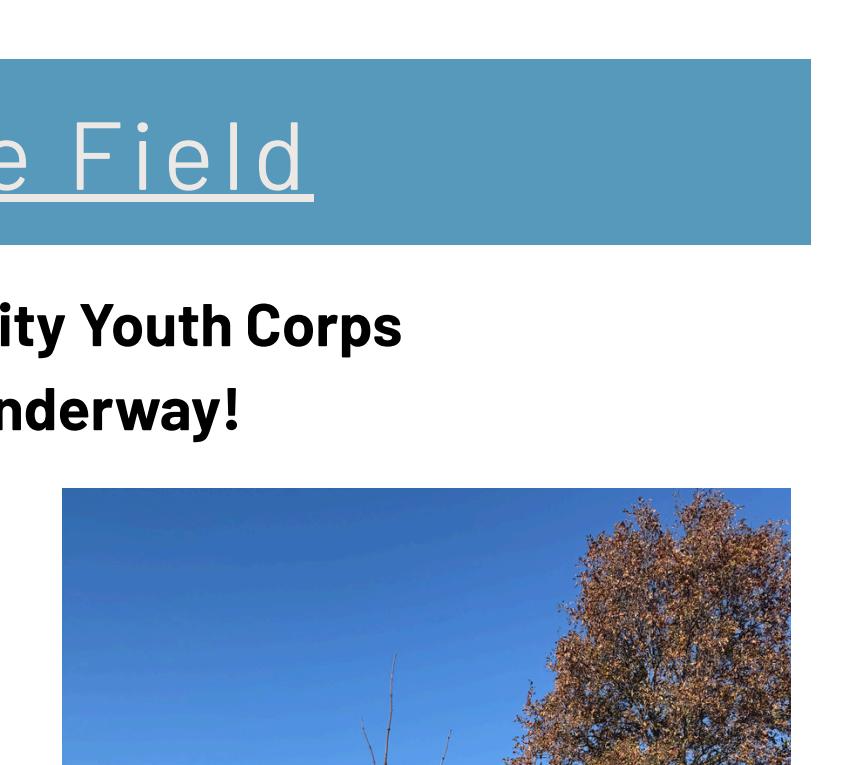
News from the "Concrete to Green" Front

Elite Gymnastics and Recreation Center Stormwater Pocket Park Groundbreaking



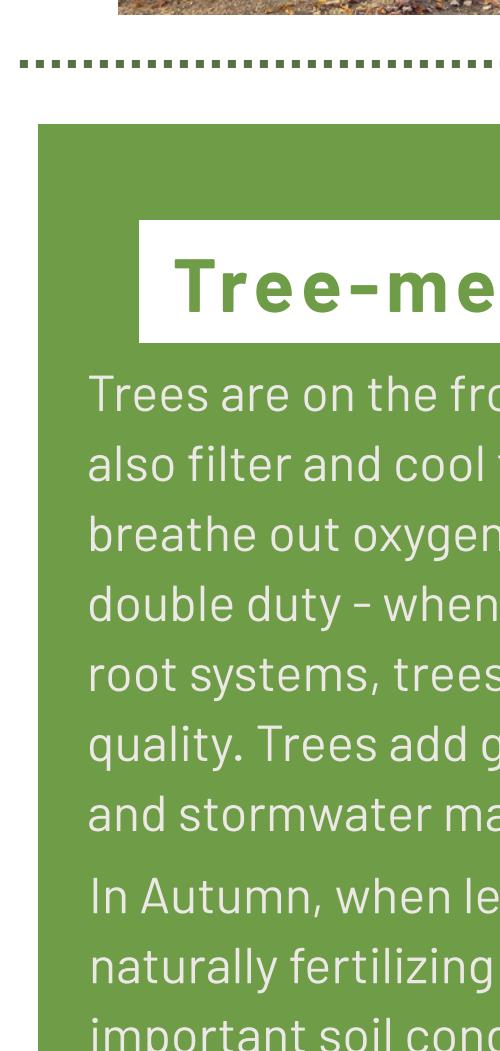
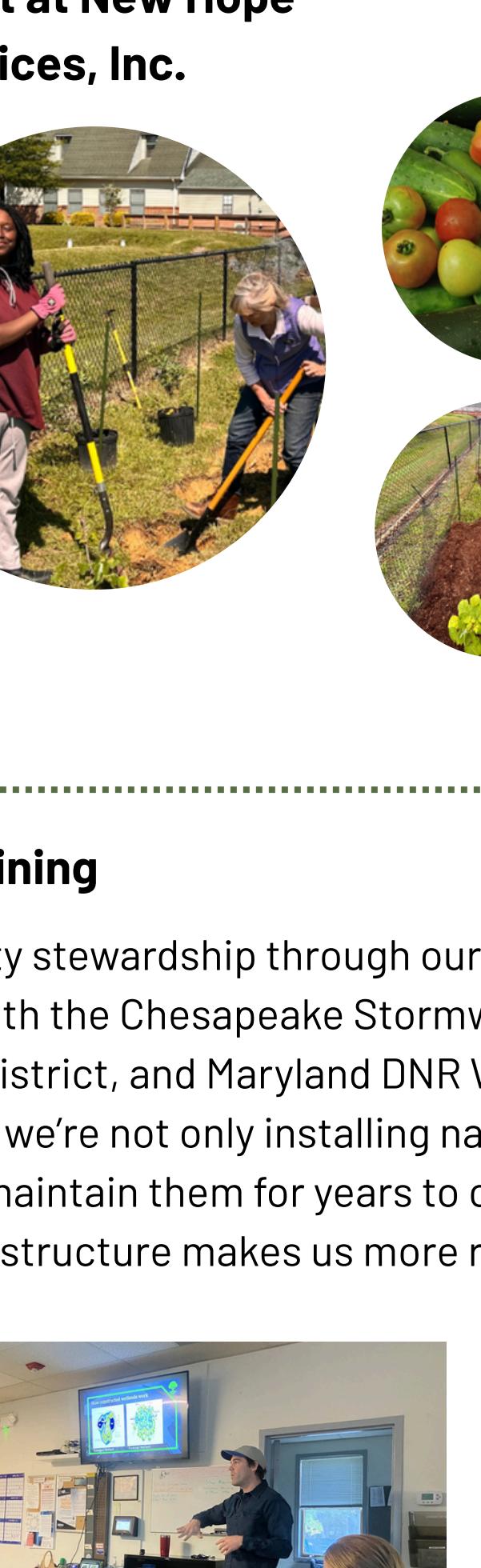
On September 27th, 2025, Community members joined the Charles County Commissioners, the Resilience Authority, and Charles County government leadership to kick off construction of a Stormwater Pocket Park! This project, which received an Official Citation from the Charles County Commissioners, will transform an unused parking lot into a much-needed green space for all ages. Once a source of heat and flooding, this bleak asphalt area will become a shaded green park where children play, families gather, and nature thrives. Beyond its beauty, the park will cool the area and capture and treat stormwater runoff to reduce chronic flooding at the site; improving both air and water quality.

Construction is Underway!



Waldorf Senior & Recreation Center Accessible Pocket Park Ribbon Cutting

Equitable access to nature is key to enhancing our resilience. This wheelchair accessible pocket park was made possible through the Resilience Authority's partnership with Charles County government and County Recreation, Parks, & Tourism. The pocket park features underground stormwater management, and above ground, is filled with raised pollinator garden beds, native trees and shrubs, and provides seating areas in an outdoor public space that absorbs heat and stormwater for a more resilient community gathering space. The Resilience Authority was honored by an Official Citation from the Charles County Commissioners!



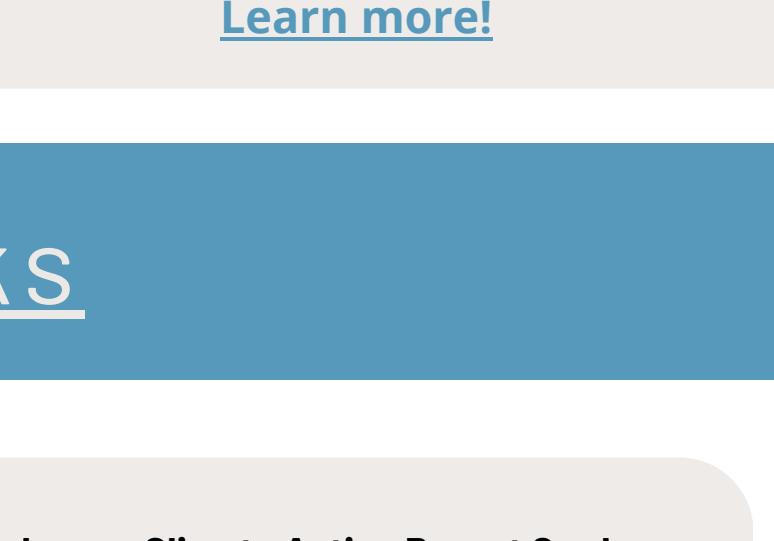
Updates from the Field

The 2025-2026 Resilience Authority Youth Corps School Year Saturdays is Underway!

We're proud to share that the Resilience Authority Youth Corps (RAYC) has entered its third year! Our newest "School Year Saturdays" cohort launched on November 8 with tree planting and care at Charles County Public Schools located in urban heat islands.



Created in partnership with the Student Conservation Association (SCA), the RAYC offers part-time school-year positions and full-time summer opportunities. The program builds equitable access to nature, provides green job pathways, and prepares young people to become environmental stewards.



To learn more or get involved [click here!](#)

Hello, my name is Kennadi Sanders. I am beyond grateful to have received the opportunity to build my county's environment for the better. This organization helped improve my social skills greatly by working with people my age who had the same values as me and gave me a very open community. There were times when I was nervous about working, but when it was hard, I laughed greatly while doing it. This being one of the hottest summers in Maryland, made me strive to maintain and protect the environment. I am so grateful for the experience for us to grow and strengthen as a crew and for SCA offering workers to help others who were overwhelmed or upset. All of the personal growth I obtained during this program could not have been possible without SCA and the other members who were on the crew and for those offering words of encouragement. I am so grateful to have been a part of this crew. Never in my life have I experienced these things before SCA offered them to me. A new world has been opened and as a Charles County resident, I hope my younger siblings will be able to see our inspiration and educate them on the importance of trees I plant on rejoining crews in later winter and summer crews because seeing the impact on making it so rewarding. Thank you SCA!

- Kennadi Sanders

Fall Harvest from the Food Forest: Apples, Kale, Broccoli, and Squash

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