FAQs for Local Governments

When partnered with the State on a living shoreline project, who holds the contract?

When partnered with the State on a living shoreline project, the property owner ideally holds the contract.

When doing a living shoreline project with the State, how are invoices handled?

When doing a living shoreline project with the State, invoices are handled for in-place completed design deliverables and/or in-place completed construction portions of work only. Upon acceptance of the design deliverables and/or in-place completed construction portions of work, an invoice is attached to a loan draft request for review and acceptance for payment to the owners to pay their contractors.

Is there an administrative fee associated with the cost of a living shorelines project?

There is an administrative fee associated with the cost of a living shorelines project when a loan is applied.

Do living shoreline projects address sea-level rise concerns?

Yes, in fact, living shoreline projects are considered as an adaptation tool by Maryland’s Climate Change Commission.

Who should our constituents contact for living shoreline information?

For living shoreline information, constituents should contact DNR’s Shoreline Conservation Service Program Manager, Bhaskar Subramanian.

What permits are required for living shoreline projects?

Federal permits, State wetlands license, Local permits, and Local approvals are required.

How much does a living shoreline project generally cost?

Depending on factors such as site conditions and existing problems, a living shoreline project generally costs between $200 and $400 per linear foot.

Are there any funding programs available?

There are several organizations or programs that can help alleviate the cost of a living shoreline project:

- Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Shoreline Conservation Service Loan)
• Maryland Department of the Environment (Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund)
  Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund (Grant