

## **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