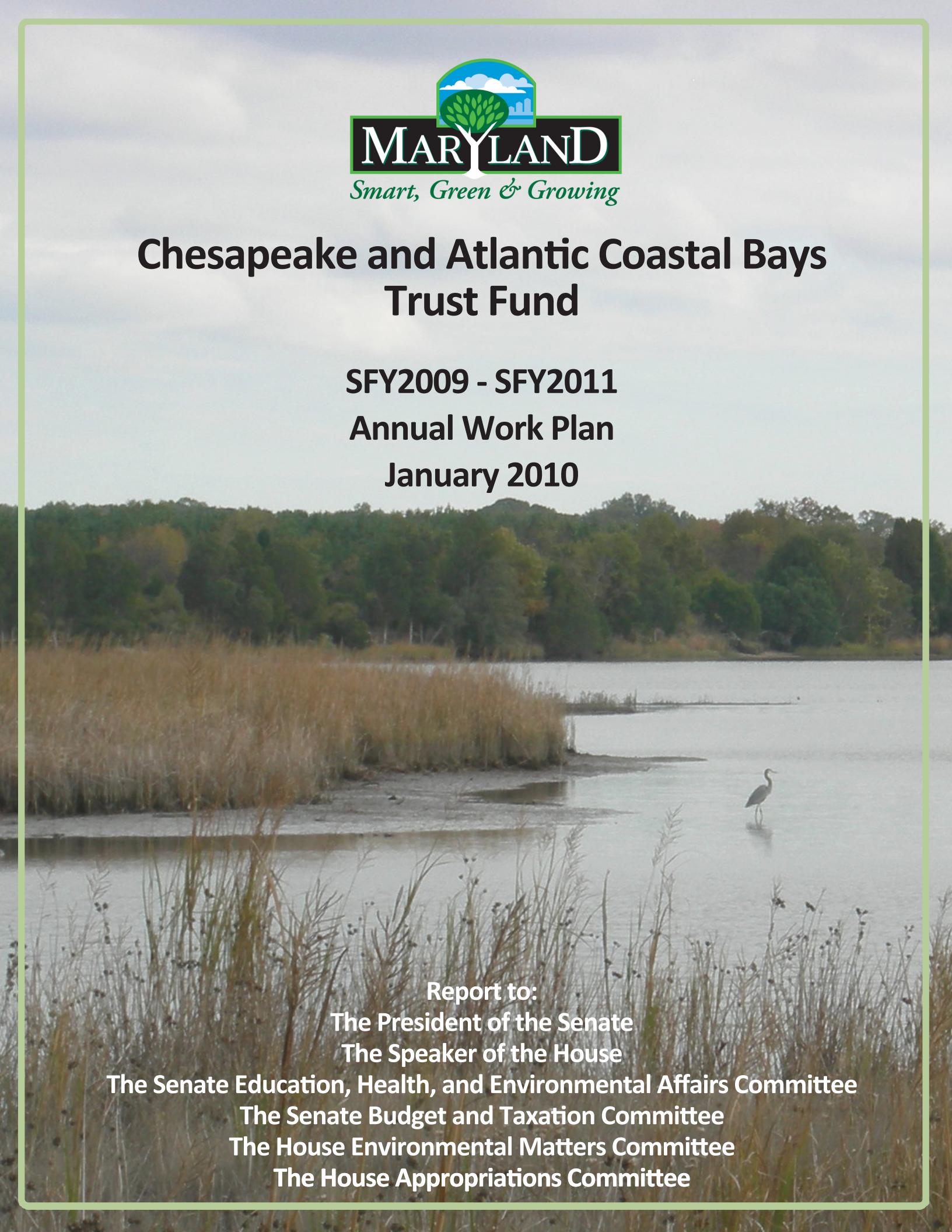




# Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund

**SFY2009 - SFY2011  
Annual Work Plan  
January 2010**

A photograph of a wetland scene. In the foreground, there are tall, dry grasses. Beyond them is a body of water where a single heron stands. The opposite shore is covered in dense green trees and bushes. The sky above is overcast.

**Report to:**

**The President of the Senate  
The Speaker of the House**

**The Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
The Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
The House Environmental Matters Committee  
The House Appropriations Committee**

## **CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS TRUST FUND**

### **SFY 2011 ANNUAL WORK AND EXPENDITURE PLAN**

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

Pursuant to Senate Bill 213 of the Maryland General Assembly, the BayStat Subcabinet submits this Annual Work and Expenditure Plan (Work Plan) for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund (Trust Fund).

#### **CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT**

The SFY 2011 Work Plan contains the accounting of all monies distributed from the Trust Fund in State Fiscal Year 2009 (SFY 09), provides the expenditure plan and progress for State Fiscal Year 2010 (SFY 10) and identifies the planned work to be funded with money from the Trust Fund for 2011 (SFY 11), including annual nutrient and sediment reduction targets, performance measures, and accountability criteria (detailed project descriptions are provided in the Fiscal Year Breakout section of this report). The Work Plan includes a section on “contingencies” to account for any unused or un-appropriated funding that remained in the Trust Fund from the prior fiscal year. The contingency section will also provide details on monies re-directed by BayStat to respond to changing conditions, opportunities, scientific developments and/or project performance that occurred over the course of a project year.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

With the reduction in revenue and actions taken to address the State’s structural deficit, the decision to implement the Trust Fund via the intended process, identified within this report, will begin in SFY 12. As a result, the principles and decisions that were used to identify projects and allocate funds for SFY 09 and SFY 10 funding have been applied to SFY 11. Full implementation of the Trust Fund through the six step process is already underway for SFY 12.

To ensure that Trust Fund grants were put to work quickly in the most effective and efficient manner as possible, the BayStat Agencies agreed to use existing granting mechanisms at MDE, MDA and DNR. With the goal of targeting Trust Fund dollars in areas to achieve the greatest results, the BayStat agencies used High, Medium, and Low priority target areas for agricultural management strategies with the greatest nutrient reduction rates, and to identify projects and proposals received through competitive grant programs. At the time the first competitive Request for Proposals (RFPs) were released, in June 2008, it was expected that the State would be able to dedicate up to \$75 Million (SFY 09 and SFY10) for the implementation of non-point source pollution control projects. The response to this first RFP included 90 proposals and over \$125 Million in identified need. It is proposed to apply SFY 11 funding to continue and complete the priority projects that were prioritized and recommended for funding as part of the original selection process. SFY 09, SFY 10 funding and SFY 11 allocations are summarized in table 1 and are further detailed in the Fiscal Year Breakout Section of this report. The table assumes available Trust Fund revenue of \$20 million for FY11.



## INTRODUCTION

After 25 years of dedicated effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay, it is clear that Maryland and our partners are not achieving our goal. While improvements have been realized in some areas, there is now growing evidence that conditions may be worsening in other areas. Maryland will continue to grow, and growth and development will present increasing water quality challenges on the State's water resources and the Chesapeake Bay. For strategies to be successful, they must meet the needs of current and future generations through the integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.

The Trust Fund allows Maryland to accelerate Bay restoration by focusing limited financial resources on the most effective non-point source

pollution control projects as identified in the State's Tributary Strategies and the 2-Year Milestones. State agencies must work with our local and federal partners to administer funding through new and innovative approaches that leverage the funds to the greatest extent possible, target the funds to the most cost effective locations and practices, engage the community at large, and hold everyone accountable. Essential to success is designing an allocation process that accomplishes the above, and allows for the flexibility necessary to take advantage of the constantly changing conditions, opportunities, and scientific developments.

## APPROACH

The allocation objective of the Trust Fund is to distribute funds through a process that is based on the best available scientific information regarding water quality conditions and cost-effectiveness of nutrient and sediment control measures, is transparent and accountable, and results in the greatest possible benefits to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries via reductions in non-point source nutrient and sediment loadings. To guide this allocation process, the BayStat agencies will use an allocation process that is designed to be focused, flexible, leveraged, competitive, innovative, engaged, accountable, and adaptive.

A six step process has been developed to meet the above objectives:

- Step 1: Target priority areas and practices
- Step 2: Develop initial Work and Expenditure Plans, and issue RFP's
- Step 3: Evaluate proposals and make initial allocation decisions
- Step 4: Legislative Review and approval
- Step 5: Award and Administer Funds
- Step 6: Review, report, and refine.

*"The Bay Trust Fund represents a significant change in our approach to Bay restoration. It will require a large degree of coordination between state agencies, and between the state and local governments. This new and innovative approach will leverage our resources to the greatest extent possible, target the funds to the most cost effective locations and practices, engage the community at large and hold everyone accountable. We will continually review and adapt our approach as we learn from our experiences."*

*- Governor Martin O'Malley*

## **PARTNER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The allocation and implementation of the Trust Fund is a collaborative effort between three partners: the BayStat agencies, the Scientific Advisory Panel, and the Legislature.

**ROLE OF BAYSTAT:** BayStat is a powerful tool to assess, coordinate and target Maryland's Bay restoration programs, and to inform citizens on progress. The BayStat agencies are collectively responsible for the administration of the Trust Fund in a manner consistent with statute. BayStat will direct the administration of the Trust Fund in a manner that applies the best science, holds state agencies and grant recipients accountable for managing the fund, and targets activities in the most cost-effective way possible. BayStat developed an annual Work Plan and Expenditure Plan that identifies work and funding for the next fiscal year, targets Tributary Basins and practices within those basins to generate the greatest possible nutrient reductions per Trust Fund dollar, sets annual implementation goals and expected nutrient and sediment reductions, and establishes performance measures and accountability criteria.

**ROLE OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY PANEL:** A Scientific Advisory Panel will be convened to review and provide scientific guidance to BayStat on 1) the proposed Work Plan for the next fiscal year, 2) distribution of funds from the Trust, 3) categories of grants made in previous fiscal years to assess effectiveness and efficiencies, 4) individual grant applications upon request of BayStat, and 5) any funds awarded non-competitively to assess whether those funds can be awarded competitively in future years.

**ROLE OF THE LEGISLATURE:** The Legislature will have the same review and approval authority over the proposed fund allocation as with any other portion of the Governor's budget. Any changes resulting from that process will be incorporated into the Work and Expenditure plans prior to their finalization and the distribution of funds.

## **SUMMARY OF TRUST FUND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE**

The Trust Fund's first year of spending marked the start of several important initiatives and projects. For SFY 09, all \$9.6M have been obligated and the results of these efforts are highlighted:

- Implementation of Urban/Suburban non-point source pollution control projects and agricultural BMPs resulted in an estimated reduction of **366,746 lbs of Nitrogen, 35,199 lbs of Phosphorus, and 4,538 lbs of Sediment** from local watersheds and the Bay.
- Creation of **14** new Soil Conservation District positions to provide on-the-ground technical assistance for the installation of agricultural best management practices.
- **238,839 acres of cover crops** were certified.
- Development of a Trust Fund monitoring strategy to provide guidance for Trust Fund recipients to effectively monitor implementation activities. This strategy will be finalized in February, 2010 for distribution.

- In response to the Trust Fund, the Watershed Assistance Collaborative was developed to advance and prepare local communities for implementation opportunities by leveraging existing resources.

## **WATERSHED ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE**

In recognition that not all jurisdictions currently have the capacity to implement the anticipated level of funding envisioned with the Trust Fund, Maryland's State Agencies, the Chesapeake Bay Trust, University of Maryland Extension, the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, NOAA and the EPA joined together to provide services and technical assistance to local governments to advance implementation projects. By leveraging resources of existing programs, the Watershed Assistance Collaborative exists to provide coordinated capacity building opportunities to local implementers. Once local capacity is developed through the Collaborative, the jurisdictions are better positioned to compete for Trust Fund, federal and nonprofit funding opportunities. This Program has also allowed Trust Fund dollars to be directed as much as possible to implementation, while still developing capacity through other funding opportunities. First year highlights of the Collaborative include:

Led by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Watershed Assistance Collaborative awarded a total of \$330,000 for planning and design grants awarded to the following communities:

- Sassafras River Association for project development
- West/Rhode River Riverkeeper for project development
- Octararo River Association for project development
- Choptank Riverkeeper for project development
- Severn River Association for project design
- Spa Creek Conservancy for project design
- Caroline County for Choptank River project development
- Baltimore City Watershed 246 (Baltimore Harbor Watershed Association) for project development
- Harford County for Wheel Creek (Bush River) stream restoration design
- Trout Unlimited for Jones Falls stream restoration design

Through the Collaborative's Outreach and Training Program, the UMD Environmental Finance Center and other partners are providing project development, financing strategies and stakeholder development assistance to prepare groups for project implementation. Working with the University of Maryland's SeaGrant Extension, the Watershed Assistance Collaborative is

*"The Sassafras River Association (SRA) has spent the past year developing a scientifically-based Sassafras Watershed Action Plan (SWAP) to serve as the blueprint for restoration efforts. Early on SRA identified key partners and funding through the Watershed Assistance Collaborative to support this effort. SRA could have never completed the SWAP in one year without the support of the Collaborative and our SWAP partners".*

*- Kim Kohl, Executive Director,  
Sassafras River Association*



providing direct assistance to local and county governments and their partners to accelerate nonpoint source pollution reduction efforts with its Watershed Restoration Specialists. These specialists are providing on-going support to Trust Fund Priority Watersheds and other groups to coordinate project implementation, conduct outreach and leverage additional funding opportunities. Over the next year, the Collaborative intends to expand its reach via increased funding support and diversified partnerships including incorporating federal agency assistance.

#### **ALIGNING THE TRUST FUND WITH THE STATE'S BAY RESTORATION PRIORITIES (Maryland's 2 -Year Milestones)**

In June, 2009, Maryland adopted the first set of 2-Year Milestones. These 2-Year Milestones are specific actions that will be completed in the near term - by December 31, 2011 – not general goals to be completed decades in the future, and will put Maryland on pace to reach its Bay restoration goals by 2020. For Maryland, the first 2-Year Milestones consist of a suite of 27 specific and accelerated actions that will result in an additional reduction of 3.75 million pounds of nitrogen and 193,000 pounds of phosphorus from reaching the Bay. This is above and beyond the reductions already being realized through existing programs. Importantly, as these specific actions represent the priority non-point source best management practices, the 2-Year Milestones will play an important role in focusing future Trust Fund work plans. For more information on Maryland's 2-Year Milestones, including progress please visit <http://www.baystat.maryland.gov/>.

#### **SUMMARY OF CONTINGENCIES**

Recognizing that restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay is a complex and constantly changing undertaking, and the demand of the 2-Year Milestones requires the Trust Fund allocation and projects to be re-evaluated continuously to respond to performance, changing conditions, opportunities and scientific development – the need to implement contingencies may occur over the course of the current fiscal year. To ensure transparency, details on contingencies taken and the accounting of all monies distributed from the Trust Fund will be provided as part of the Annual Work Plan submission. In SFY 10, higher than estimated revenue was received late in SFY 09. A total of \$810,000 was allocated proportionally across the approved categories of the SFY 2009 and 2010 Annual Work and Expenditure plan. Details on how these funds were applied are provided in the Fiscal Year 2010 Breakout Section of this report.

#### **LOOKING FORWARD**

SFY 11 will be the final transition year as funding will be focused on continuing and completing the projects identified as part of the SFY 09 and 10 Work Plan. Furthermore, the BayStat agencies have begun to implement the allocation process by the six step approach and to distribute all SFY 12 funds through a competitive process to the greatest extent possible. Regarding the treatment of contingencies that occur in a project year, BayStat's contingency plan is to evaluate the progress on the State's 2 Year Milestones and direct funding to fill Milestone gaps.

A beta version of the Bay Trust Fund Viewer iMap application is complete. Users can view locations of LIG and MDE Trust Fund projects, project status, and funding amounts. This site will be updated as more information becomes available and will provide details on project activities and the status. The Trust Fund project iMap application can be accessed by visiting <http://www.mesgis.com/baytrustviewer/>.

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# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## STRATEGIC MONITORING (DNR)

FISCAL YEAR: SFY09

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

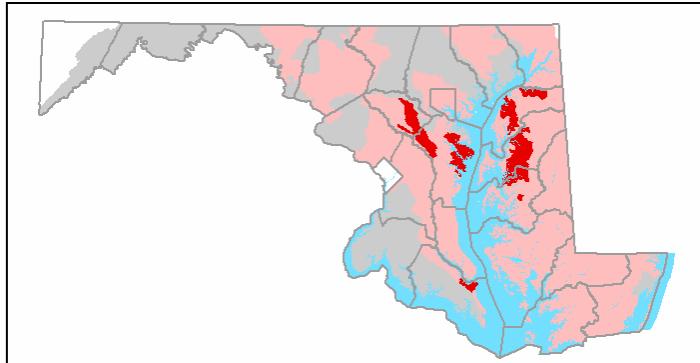
A partnership between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) was formed to develop an effective monitoring strategy to evaluate and communicate the efficacy of the projects funded through the Trust Fund. This partnership, named the Trust Fund Evaluation Workgroup (TFE) also engaged scientists and resource managers from relevant state institutions and agencies in the region to provide guidance on nonpoint source monitoring and assessment methodologies that demonstrate measurable reductions of nutrients and sediments while leveraging resources.

In addition, resources were used to establish baseline monitoring in two Local Implementation Grant (LIG) watersheds (Wheel Creek and Little Patuxent), and begin work on an interactive map site that tracks project and expenditure progress.

The Strategic Monitoring document drafted by the Trust Fund Evaluation Workgroup is complete and will be distributed with all current projects as well as an attachment with the upcoming RFP for 2012. In addition, DNR has and will continue to work with local jurisdictions to ensure that they implement appropriate monitoring methods to assess the effectiveness of various restoration projects. DNR has constructed two monitoring stations, one in Wheel Creek (Bush River) and one in the Red Hill Branch of the Little Patuxent. Flow monitoring data is being collected to provide baseline water quality data for comparison to water quality samples collected after Local Implementation Grant projects have been completed. (*continued on next page*).

### PROJECT LOCATION:

Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)



### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Statewide

**WATERSHED(S):** Statewide

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Statewide

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** DNR  
UMCES  
MES

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW (continued from previous page)

The Maryland Biological Stream Survey has coordinated with Harford County Department of Public Works, Bureau of Water Resources Engineering to monitor the biological health of Wheel Creek as it relates to the restoration activities to be conducted under the Trust Fund. In March of 2009 eight stream sites were selected in Wheel Creek (7) and an adjacent control watershed (1). These sites were sampled once in the spring of 2009 (4/21/09) for water chemistry and benthic macroinvertebrates and once in the summer of 2009(7/6-8/09) for fish, crayfish, freshwater mussels, reptiles and amphibians, and physical stream habitat. Also, summer stream temperature and land use in the upstream catchment were collected for each site. Harford County staff participated in the sampling events. These data have been analyzed and are being compiled into a technical memorandum which will be available at the end of January.

A beta version of the Bay Trust Funding Viewer imap application is completed. Users can view locations of LIG and MDE Trust Fund projects, project status, and funding amounts. This site will be updated as more information becomes available. <http://www.mesgis.com/baytrustviewer/>.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Strategic Monitoring/Trust Fund Evaluation	Flow Monitoring	Trust Fund Mapper
LEAD	UMCES/DNR	DNR	MES
ACTIVITY	Monitoring Document & Guidance	Monitoring	Tracking & Accountability
TRUST FUND \$	\$200,000	\$47,860	\$2,160
MATCH \$	\$0	\$0	\$12,300
TOTAL COST	\$200,000	\$47,860	\$14,460
EST. TN REDUCTION		N/A	
EST. TP REDUCTION		N/A	
EST. TSS REDUCTION		N/A	
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# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (MDA)

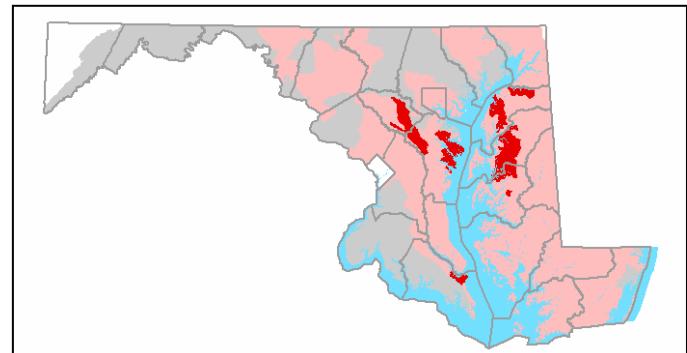
FISCAL YEAR: SFY09

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Maryland's 2 Year Milestones require the acceleration of on the ground implementation of agricultural conservation practices. Achievement of this goal requires, Soil Conservation Districts to provide adequate technical staff capable of engineering practice plan and design and providing construction over site to assist farmers in implementation.

### PROJECT LOCATION:

Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)



### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Statewide

**WATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Soil Conservation Districts

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PROJECT COMPONENT	Soil Conservation Staff Hiring	Training	Implementation Progress												
LEAD	MDA/SCDs	NRCS/MDA/SCDs	MDA/SCDs												
ACTIVITY	Technical Assistance														
LOCATION (Lat/Long) <sup>1</sup>	Statewide														
TRUST FUND \$	\$850,000														
MATCH \$	\$5,875,362														
TOTAL COST	\$6,725,362														
EST. TN REDUCTION	N/A														
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<sup>1</sup> 14 new Soil Conservation District positions were hired with Trust Fund dollars in the following counties: Alleghany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester ,Harford, Howard , Kent, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico











# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## MARYLAND COVER CROP PROGRAM (MDA)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY09

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

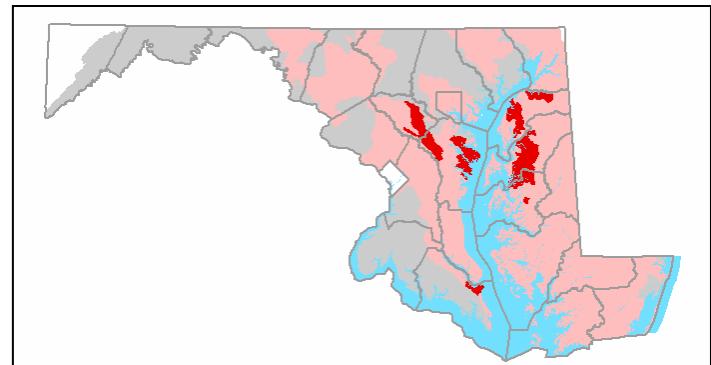
The Cover Crop Program is central to Maryland's current 2 Year Milestone goals of achieving a 3.75 million pound reduction of nitrogen and 193,000 pounds of phosphorus. Although the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund provides a significant and dedicated funding source for this program, additional resources are required to achieve ambitious goals of having cover crops annually established on nearly half of all cropland statewide.

Maryland applied input from the scientific community to incentivize acres where maximum nutrient reductions can be realized. Maryland also contracted with the University of Baltimore, Schaeffer Policy Center to survey both participants and non-participants in the farm community to determine what program adjustments may boost participation.

By and large farmers are supportive of the program but their participation is influenced mostly by the time available after harvest to establish a cover crop, market considerations and weather.



#### PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** State Wide

**WATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Soil Conservation Districts  
Participating agricultural  
producers

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Although MDA designs the program annually based on the best information available in the spring, conditions occurring over the next 4-5 months influence the capacity of farmers to implement cover crops on enrolled acres.







# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## LITTLE PATUXENT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (DNR)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY09

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

In response to the Local Implementation Grant RFP, Howard County, Columbia Association, and General Growth properties joined together to create the Little Patuxent Restoration Partnership (LPRP). LPRP offers solutions to problems such as untreated impervious surfaces, stream erosion, nutrient loads, and sedimentation through implementation of their local watershed restoration plans.

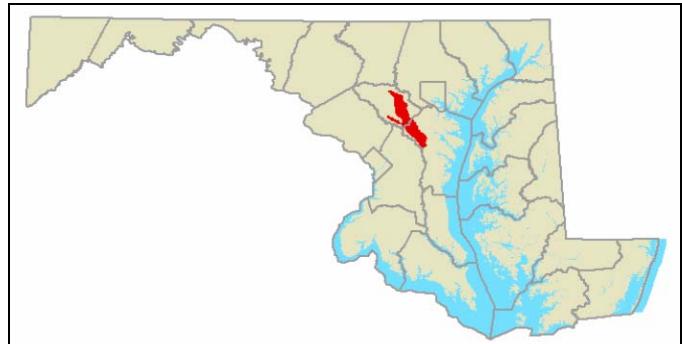
With limited funding in this initial year, Howard County chose to begin baseline monitoring in the Red Hill Branch. This subwatershed was selected by the County to implement a significant number of nonpoint source pollution reduction projects and initiatives in order to show a measurable decrease in nutrients and sediment entering the watershed. Funds will be used for project specific monitoring (Salterforth Pond, Bramhope Lane stream) as well as watershed scale monitoring (Meadowbrook Park). *(continued on next page)*



Photo By Amanda Rockler

Wilde Lake, stream reach C, outfall restoration site. When completed, the restored stream will no longer be a source of sediment and pollutants for the Little Patuxent River. The proposed landscaping will help restore and fortify the existing stream buffer.

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Little Patuxent



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Howard County

**WATERSHED(S):** Little Patuxent

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Red Hill Branch  
Wilde Lake

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Howard County  
Columbia Association

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW *(continued from previous page)*

Accomplishments to date include: development of a refined sampling protocol, permit acquisition for a weir installation for flow monitoring, coordination with DNR to install additional weirs for monitoring, and a Brampton Hills community meeting was conducted (15 attendees) to discuss the current monitoring project as well as upcoming restoration projects in the queue for this area.

Columbia Association has begun work on the Wilde Lake Reach C Stabilization project which will provide water quality benefits and flow attenuation, through vegetative enhancements and channel stability. This project was designed and permitted by Howard County and the State in 2004. A re-permit request has been submitted to the County, Soil Conservation District, and MDE and assuming no delays with the permits, is on track to begin work January, 2010.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Salterforth Pond BMP Retrofit	Bramhope Lane Stream Restoration	Meadowbrook Park	Wilde Lake Reach C
LEAD	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Columbia Association
ACTIVITY	Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring	Stream Stabilization (1700 ft.)
LAT/LONG	39.238485/- 76.809821	39.23549/- 76.823569	39.247018/- 76.823569	39.2236070/- 768789534
TRUST FUND \$	\$140,000			\$200,000
MATCH \$	\$80,000			\$450,000
COST	\$220,000.00			\$650,000
EST. TN REDUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.0 lbs/yr
EST. TP REDUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.0 lbs/yr
EST. TSS REDUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,335.0 lbs.yr
STATUS/% COMPLETE	25%	25%	18%	Permit Phase/ 33%

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY/CONTINGENCY DEVELOPMENT (DNR)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY09

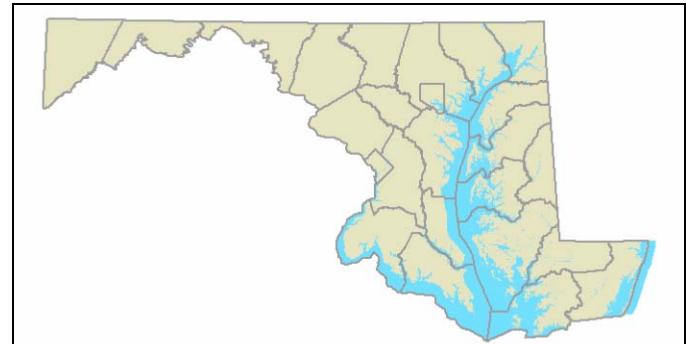
#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

At the 2007 Executive Council Meeting, both the State of Maryland and the EPA agreed to the importance of advancing innovative technology necessary to identify and test environmental technologies to advance Bay restoration. Through the Trust Fund, in partnership with University of Maryland (UMD), Maryland has established a competitive grants program to support this commitment. *(continued on next page)*

PROJECT COMPONENT	SFY09 Innovative Technology
LEAD	UMD/DNR
ACTIVITY	Innovative Technology
LOCATION (Lat/Long)	N/A
TRUST FUND \$	\$250,000
MATCH \$	\$0
TOTAL \$	\$250,000*
EST. TN REDUCTION	N/A
EST. TP REDUCTION	N/A
EST. TSS REDUCTION	N/A
STATUS/% COMPLETE	100%

\* Match provided by EPA

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

COUNTY/CITY:	Statewide
WATERSHED(S):	Multiple
SUBWATERSHED(S):	Multiple
PROJECT PARTNERS:	University of Maryland
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## **PROJECT OVERVIEW** (*continued from previous*)

The Innovative Technology Fund was established with the goal of accelerating Bay restoration through the improvement of water quality in new and innovative ways.

To date:

- Zymetis, Inc, a biotechnology company that has developed breakthrough & enabling enzyme technology for the blossoming biofuels industry; and
- Traffax, Inc, a software company that can impact the reduction of car emissions through better traffic data that allows for route diversion during congestion, as well as improved signal operation in urban networks.

For the Research & Development fund, several projects have begun:

- Avihome, LLC- Plenum Floor Ventilation for Poultry Houses; new flooring will result in a drier fecal product that will concentrate the nitrogen waste from the chicken therefore reducing its potential to pollute the environment in the form of runoff and ammonia emission.
- Proparts, LLC- Proparts' proposed wind turbine technology will reduce greenhouse gases by reducing household electrical demand on coal fired power plants, by producing zero emissions.
- Stancills, LLC- seeks to develop a green roof media that functions well for stormwater management, provides a healthy environment for green roof plant species, capable of withstanding environmental stresses, is made from at least 20% recycled materials to reduce the embodied energy in production and is lighter in weight than other green roof media competitors
- Maryland Environmental Plastics, LLC- MEP is designing a biodegradable aerodynamic seedling "pot" which would allow for more efficient and successful buffer, submerged aquatic vegetation and wetland planting via aerial application.

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PROJECT COMPONENT	Strategic Monitoring/Trust Fund Evaluation	Baseline Monitoring	Trust Fund Mapper Phase II
LEAD	UMCES	DNR	MES
ACTIVITY	Monitoring Document & Guidance	Monitoring	Tracking & Accountability
LOCATION (Lat/Long)	N/A	TBD	N/A
TRUST FUND \$	TBD	TBD	TBD
MATCH \$	TBD	TBD	TBD
TOTAL COST	TBD	TBD	TBD
EST. TN REDUCTION		N/A	
EST. TP REDUCTION		N/A	
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STATUS / % COMPLETE	0%	0%	0%

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (MDA)

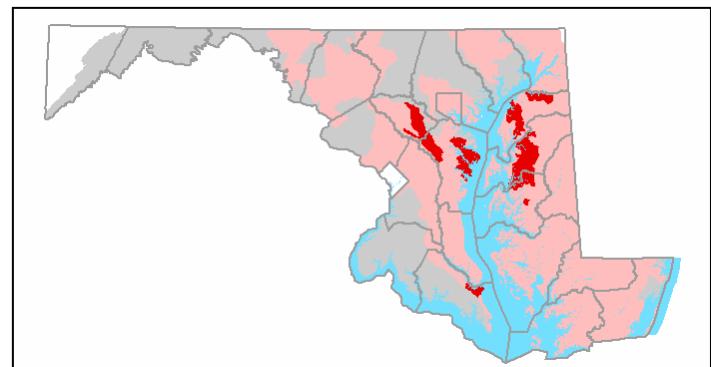
FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Maryland's 2 Year Milestones require the acceleration of on the ground implementation of agricultural conservation practices. Achievement of this goal requires Soil Conservation Districts to provide adequate technical staff capable of engineering, practice plan and designs, and providing construction and construction over site to assist farmers in implementation. Level of effort will continue dependant on funding level in FY11.

### PROJECT LOCATION:

Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)



### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Statewide

**WATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Soil Conservation Districts

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PROJECT COMPONENT	Soil Conservation Staff Hiring	Training	Implementation Progress (3months)												
LEAD	MDA/SCDs	NRCS/MDA/SCDs	MDA/SCDs												
ACTIVITY	Technical Assistance														
LOCATION (Lat/Long)	Statewide														
TRUST FUND \$	\$680,000														
MATCH \$	\$5,672,762														
TOTAL COST	\$6,522,762														
EST. TN REDUCTION	N/A														
EST. TP REDUCTION	N/A														
EST. TSS REDUCTION	N/A														
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# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## MARYLAND COVER CROP PROGRAM (MDA)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

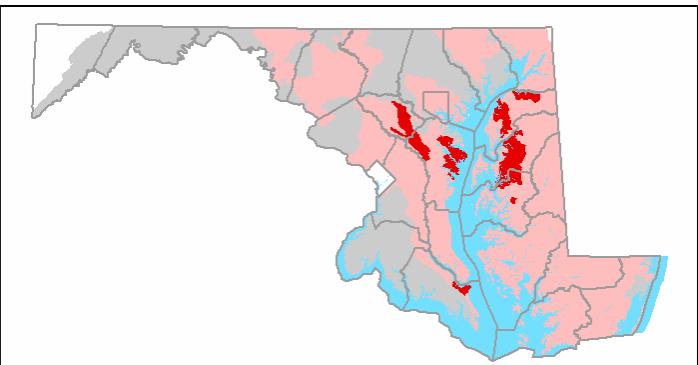
The Cover Crop Program is central to Maryland's current 2 year Milestone goals for achieving 3.75 million pound reduction of nitrogen and 193,000 pounds of phosphorus. Although the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund provides a significant and dedicated funding source for this program, additional resources are required to achieve ambitious goals of having cover crops annually established on nearly half of all cropland statewide.

Maryland applied input from the scientific community to incentivize acres where maximum nutrient reductions can be realized. Maryland has requested that the Chesapeake Bay Program re-examine nutrient reduction efficiencies as applied to targeted management scenarios and also examine efficiencies for commodity small grains that are not fall fertilized.



#### PROJECT LOCATION:

**Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)**



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Statewide

**WATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Soil Conservation Districts  
Participating agricultural  
producers

**PROJECT CONTACT:** Louise Lawrence  
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By and large farmers are supportive of the program but their participation is influenced mostly by the time available after harvest to establish a cover crop, market considerations and weather conditions.

<i>PROJECT COMPONENT</i>	Application	Approvals	Fall Certification	Spring Certification	Process Payments
<i>LEAD</i>	MDA/SCDs	MDA	MDA/SCDs	MDA/SCDs	MDA
<i>ACRES</i>	330,500	330,500	TBD	TBD	N/A
<i>LOCATION (Lat/Long)</i>	Statewide	Statewide	Statewide	Statewide	Statewide
<i>COST</i>	\$16,220,309	\$16,220,309	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>EST. TN REDUCTION</i>			TBD		
<i>EST. TP REDUCTION</i>			TBD		
<i>EST. TSS REDUCTION</i>			N/A		
<i>STATUS/% COMPLETE</i>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

MARYLAND CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM: STATE ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE (MDA)  
FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

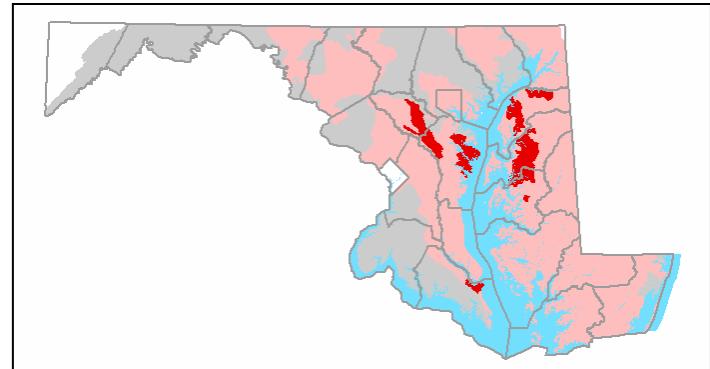
The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is central to Maryland's current 2 year Milestone goals for achieving 3.75 million pound reduction of nitrogen and 193,000 pounds of phosphorus. BMPs targeted include grass and forest streamside buffers, wetlands and permanent stabilization of highly erodible land. Water quality bonds provide the state's share of funding to implement these BMPs. Trust Funds are used to provide the \$100 per acre signing incentive for new and re-enrolled acres.

PROJECT COMPONENT	New Enrollment	Re-enrollment
LEAD	MDA/SCDs	MDA/SCDs
ACRES <sup>1</sup>	408.4	1,435.4
LOCATION (Lat/Long)	Statewide	Statewide
SIGNING BONUS COST	\$40,840	\$143,540
EST. TN REDUCTION		212,027
EST. TP REDUCTION		20,284
EST. TSS REDUCTION		3,688
STATUS/% COMPLETE <sup>2</sup>	100%	100%

<sup>1</sup> FY10 as of 12/31/09

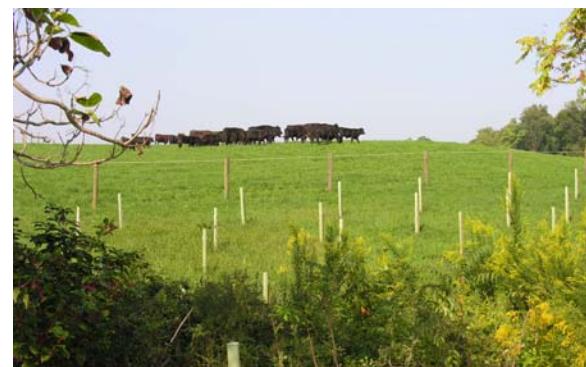
<sup>2</sup> Executed contract, signing incentive processed.

## PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)



## PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

COUNTY/CITY:	Statewide
WATERSHED(S):	Multiple
SUBWATERSHED(S):	Multiple
PROJECT PARTNERS:	Soil Conservation Districts Participating agricultural producers
PROJECT CONTACT:	Louise Lawrence MDA 410-841-5700 lawrenl@mda.state.md.us



**SIGNING BONUS DETAIL- 7/1/09-12/31/09**

COUNTY	NEW ACRES ENROLLED	BONUS PAYMENT	REENROLLED ACRES	BONUS PAYMENT
<i>Caroline</i>	5	\$500	4.4	\$440
<i>Carroll</i>	191.2	\$19,120	132.7	\$13,270
<i>Cecil</i>	0	\$0	546.9	\$54,690
<i>Frederick</i>	77.5	\$7,750	166	\$16,660
<i>Kent</i>	7	\$700	51.4	\$5,140
<i>Montgomery</i>	6.3	\$630	17.1	\$1,710
<i>Queen Anne</i>	26.1	\$2,610	418.9	\$41,890
<i>Talbot</i>	41.9	\$4,190	78.3	\$7,830
<i>Washington</i>	41.6	\$4,160	12.3	\$1,230
<i>Wicomico</i>	\$2.5	\$250	12.3	\$1,230
<i>Worcester</i>	9.3	\$40,840	\$12.3	\$1,230
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>408.4</b>	<b>\$40,840</b>	<b>1435.4</b>	<b>\$143,540</b>

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT (MDA)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

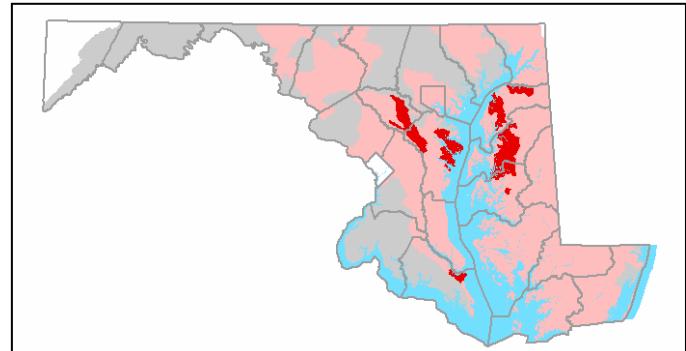
#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Maryland's 2 Year Milestones emphasize the acceleration of BMPs that address animal waste management. Specific BMPs include poultry and livestock animal waste storage, poultry heavy use areas, defined as concrete pads adjacent to waste storage and houses to facilitate clean up and prevent leaching.

<b>PROJECT COMPONENT</b>	Implementation Completed	Implementation Approved/Pending
<i>LEAD</i>	MDA/SCDs	MDA/SCDs
<i>BMPs</i>	0	0
<i>LOCATION (Lat/Long)</i>	Statewide	Statewide
<i>TRUST FUND \$</i>	\$980,000	
<i>MACS \$</i>	\$7,000,000	
<i>TOTAL \$</i>	\$7,980,000	
<i>EST. TN REDUCTION</i>	6,000 lbs/yr <sup>1</sup>	
<i>EST. TP REDUCTION</i>	6,000 lbs/yr <sup>1</sup>	
<i>EST. TSS REDUCTION</i>	N/A	
<i>STATUS/% COMPLETE<sup>4</sup></i>	0%	0%

<sup>1</sup> Calculation based on reduction from BMPs approved/installed with CBTF implementation only

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide (Target Area Emphasis)



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

<b>COUNTY/CITY:</b>	Statewide
<b>WATERSHED(S):</b>	Multiple
<b>SUBWATERSHED(S):</b>	Multiple
<b>PROJECT PARTNERS:</b>	Soil Conservation Districts  Participating agricultural producers
<b>AGENCY CONTACT:</b>	Louise Lawrence MDA 410-841-5700 lawrenl@dma.state.md.us



# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## LITTLE PATUXENT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (DNR)

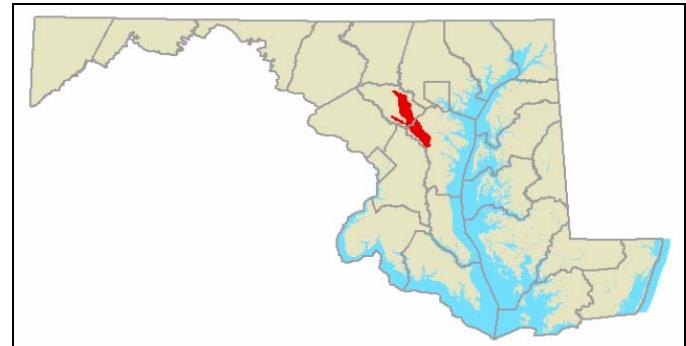
### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Little Patuxent Restoration Partners (LPRP) are working together to implement a multi-year, multi-initiative plan to restore multiple subwatersheds within the Little Patuxent River Watershed. LPRP offers solutions to address problems such as untreated impervious surfaces, stream erosion, nutrient loads, and sedimentation.

With \$595,000 in SFY10 Trust Fund dollars, Howard County has identified eight stormwater projects and a public outreach and education initiative. The County has estimated that the cost of the eight projects and outreach will be \$873,000. The County has \$278,000 earmarked for these projects in its FY10 capital or operating budget, and therefore, is requesting a total Trust Fund grant of \$595,000 for these projects. The current SFY10 Trust Fund request by the County is, therefore, for 68% of the proposed nine new projects. (*continued on next page*)

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Little Patuxent



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Howard County

**WATERSHED(S):** Little Patuxent

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Red Hill Branch  
Wilde Lake

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Howard County  
Columbia Association

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Photo by Amanda Rockler

Atholton Park- The main parking lot and entrance road to Atholton Park does not currently receive water quality treatment. A bioretention facility will pick up most of the untreated impervious areas and pre-treat runoff prior to its discharge to the stream, thus providing water quality treatment that is not currently being available. The facility will also help to reduce the volume of water leaving the site, which will help the stream.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW *(continued from previous)*

Combining the County's FY09 and FY10 requests as well as several projects underway at the time of the Trust Fund award to LPRP, the County has identified 16 projects costing a total of \$3,407,000. \$735,000 from the Trust Fund has been awarded thus far over the two year life of the Trust Fund grant, the County has only requested 22% of the funds needed to perform the 16 projects. Of the \$3,407,000 noted above the County has been able to procure grants from sources other than the Trust Fund of \$1,079,000.

Columbia Association (CA) has identified 18 nonpoint source reduction projects for the \$535,000.00 allocated with SFY10 Trust Fund dollars. These projects are currently being vetted through CA's Board for inclusion in their capital budget. Upon approval (anticipated to be February, 2010), DNR will execute a contract for the construction of these projects. Please note: funding levels and estimated nutrient and sediment reductions for these projects are not included in this fact sheet.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Dorsey Building	Atholton Park	Cedar Lane Park	Font Hill Park	Sewall's Orchard	Brampton Hills	St. Johns Green	Paul Mill Road	Public Outreach & Education		
LEAD	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.	Howard Co.		
ACTIVITY	Bioretention SW retrofit	Bioretention SW retrofit	Bioretention SW retrofit	Floating Wetlands (Innovative practice)	Floating Wetlands (Innovative practice)	Stream Restoration	SW Pond Retrofit	Stream Restoration	Outreach & Education		
LAT/LONG	39.236944/-76.826944	39.186111/-76.865833	39.233611/-76.883611	39.271389/-76.859722	39.198333/-76.825833	39.244444/-76.81	39.294167/-76.843889	39.266389/-76.8475	Red Hill Branch		
TRUST FUND \$	\$74,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$31,000		\$80,000	\$40,000	\$200,000	\$30,000		
MATCH \$	\$46,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$42,000		\$20,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$10,000		
TOTAL \$	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$73,000		\$100,000	\$50,000	\$250,000	\$40,000.		
EST. TN REDUCTION	1,435.0 lbs/yr										
EST. TP REDUCTION	252.0 lbs/yr										
EST. TSS REDUCTION	4,842.0 lbs/yr										
STATUS/% COMPLETE	Design Phase/7%	Design Phase/7%	Design Phase/7%	0%	0%	Permit Phase/8%	Construction/8%	Design Phase/7%	Design Phase/6%		

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## MAGOOTHY LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (DNR)

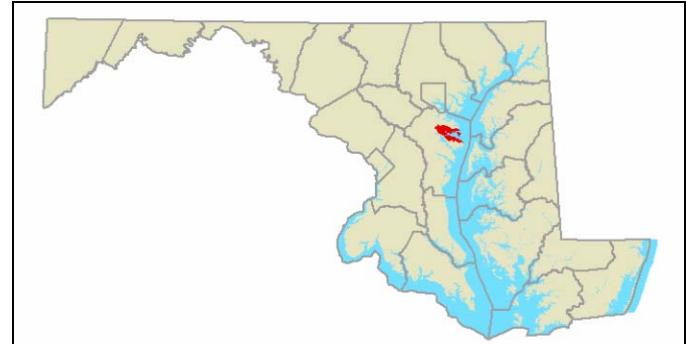
### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Starting with SFY 10 Trust Fund dollars, Anne Arundel County will embark on a multi-year, comprehensive effort to rehabilitate and restore water quality and ecosystem function to three degraded subwatersheds of the Magothy River Watershed (Maryland 8 digit: 02131001). Those subwatersheds, Cypress Creek, Dividing Creek, and Mill Creek, are within the Trust Fund identified priority subwatersheds of the Lower Western Shore Tributary Basin. These subwatersheds contain primarily residential and commercial land cover and exhibit imperviousness ranging from 24 to 31 percent. Much of this land was developed prior to stormwater management measures and, in those developed areas with stormwater management facilities, the facilities are not necessarily designed or functioning to provide water quality benefits.

Anne Arundel County and its partners, the Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group, the Magothy River Association, Anne Arundel Community College, and the University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, will implement projects addressing issues such as untreated impervious surfaces, as well as the sedimentation and nutrient loads associated with stormwater runoff and in-stream erosion. The general approach is to leverage the collective knowledge and influence of the partners to implement specific innovative and cost-effective projects to address and assess the aforementioned problems. *(continued on next page)*

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Magothy



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Anne Arundel

**WATERSHED(S):** Magothy River

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Cypress Creek

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Anne Arundel County  
Greater Severna Park  
Watershed Action Group  
Magothy River Association  
Anne Arundel Community  
College  
UMD- CBL

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW *(continued from previous)*

During this grant implementation year, up to 5 restoration projects within the Cypress Creek subwatershed will be developed. These projects are both innovative and cost-effective, and will address the above mentioned nonpoint source issues. Restoration projects targeted for the Cypress Creek subwatershed include the retrofit of stormwater management facilities to provide water quality as well as quantity management, and implementation of stormwater management at selected locations that are currently unmanaged. The projects will implement a step pool storm conveyance systems (SPSC) in lieu of piped stormwater outfalls to streams, install bioretention practices for unmanaged impervious areas, retrofit a stormwater management pond as a step pool and wetland seepage system, and construct in-stream enhancements to provide for removal of a concrete trapezoidal channel and implementation of a step pool conveyance system.

These projects are designed to maximize water quality and to ameliorate the nutrient and sediment loads currently carried to the tidal Magothy River via nontidal Cypress Creek. Moreover, these projects will provide enhancements to the proposed County project that will restore the North Branch of Cypress Creek. SFY 11 funding will continue with construction of the designed projects as well as other stormwater management projects in other subwatersheds of the Magothy.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Cypress Creek Recreation Area	Dunkeld Manor	Parking Lot Retrofit	County Park & Ride	N. Cypress Creek Retrofit
LEAD	Anne Arundel Co.	Anne Arundel Co.	Anne Arundel Co.	Anne Arundel Co.	Anne Arundel Co.
ACTIVITY	Bioretention SW retrofit	Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance SW retrofit	Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance SW retrofit	Bioretention SW retrofit	Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance SW retrofit
LOCATION (Lat/Long) <sup>1</sup>	39.0716/-76.5430	39.0767/-76.5366	39.0739/-76.5451	39.0796/-76.5465	39.0769/-76.5422
TRUST FUND \$			\$360,000		
MATCH \$			TBD		
TOTAL \$			TBD		
EST. TN REDUCTION			260 lbs/yr		
EST. TP REDUCTION			15 lbs/yr		
EST. TSS REDUCTION			9 lbs/yr		
STATUS/% COMPLETE	Construction/0%	Construction/0%	Design /0%	Design/0%	Design/0%

<sup>1</sup>Lat/Long are approximate

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## WHEEL CREEK (BUSH RIVER) LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (DNR)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

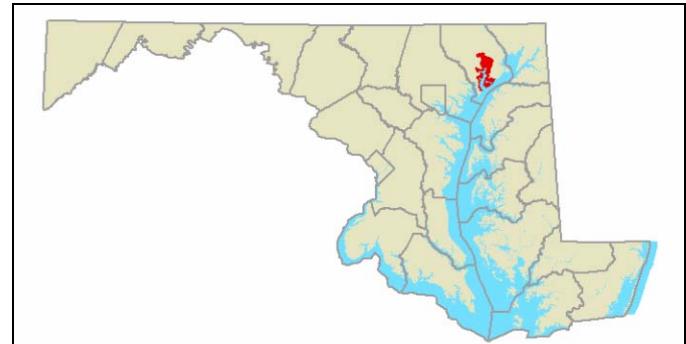
#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Wheel Creek watershed (unofficially named) is centrally located in Harford County, approximately 3 miles south of the Town of Bel Air. It is a second order tributary to Winters Run (MDEDIGIT 02130702) and Atkisson Reservoir (MDE8DIGIT 02130703) in the Bush River watershed (MDE6DIGIT 021307). Wheel Creek is situated along the eastern edge of the Piedmont physiographic province, drains 435 acres, and contains approximately 27% impervious cover. A mixture of commercial and high density residential land uses dominate the headwaters of the watershed. The remainder of the watershed's land use is dominated by medium and low density residential. The Harford Glen Environmental Education Center, which is part of the Harford County Public School system, is predominately forested and is located in the lower reaches of the Wheel Creek watershed. *(continued on next page)*



Photo by: Christine Buckley

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Bush River



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Harford

**WATERSHED(S):** Bush River

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Wheel Creek  
(unofficially named)

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Harford County  
Chesapeake Bay National  
Estuarine Research Reserve  
Regional Watershed  
Restoration Specialist

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW *(continued from previous)*

Changes in the hydrologic and sediment regimes associated with historic cleaning of forests for agriculture and subsequent commercial and residential development have caused Wheel Creek and its tributaries to undergo significant morphological changes throughout the watershed. Changes in hydrology, as well as alterations to the stream and adjacent floodplain to accommodate development, have contributed to unstable channel conditions. The unstable conditions include incision of the streambed, streambank erosion, widening of the channel, lateral migration, and aggradation throughout much of the watershed. These channel adjustments have contributed a significant amount of sediment to downstream reaches and to Atkisson Reservoir which had already lost over 80% of its storage capacity by 1980.

Project components to be implemented in year one include: 1 stormwater retrofit design; 1 degradation stream channel restoration design; stewardship and outreach to the community including 5 to 10 rain garden installations; and biological, physical and chemical monitoring of the area for the life span of the project to demonstrate before and after nutrients and sediments levels.

This project began November 1, 2009 with a Watershed Assistance Grant (\$34,000) through the Chesapeake Bay Trust and DNR has been approved for a stream restoration design grant to augment Local Implementation Grant funding.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Project monitoring	Upper Reach 1 Stream Restoration	Stormwater Retrofit	Stewardship & Rain Garden Projects
LEAD	Harford Co. CBNERRS, DNR	Harford Co.	Harford Co.	CBNERRS & RWS
ACTIVITY	Monitoring	Design	Design	Design & Implementation
TRUST FUND \$	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$55,000
MATCH <sup>1</sup>	\$88,000	\$49,756	\$36,991	\$55,000
TOTAL COST	\$113,000	\$99,756	\$66,991	\$110,000
EST. TN REDUCTION			260 lbs/yr	
EST. TP REDUCTION			15 lbs/yr	
EST. TSS REDUCTION			9 lbs/yr	
STATUS / % COMPLETE	15%	0%	0%	0%

<sup>1</sup> Includes County match & WAGP funding

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## WATERSHED 263 LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (DNR)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Baltimore City, Parks and People Foundation, and their partners are working together to implement a multi-year, multi-initiative plan to restore all sub watersheds located within the Gwynns Falls watershed (Maryland 8 digit: 02130905).

The Watershed 263 Management Plan (referred to as the "Plan") prepared for the City, offers solutions to address problems such as untreated impervious surfaces, nutrient loads, and sedimentation. The general approach of the Plan is to leverage the collective power of the City administration and community groups by implementing specific innovative and cost-effective projects to address the aforementioned problems.

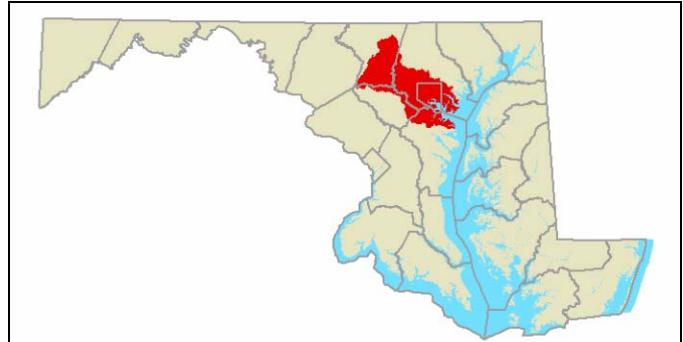
With limited funding available for SFY 10, the City has identified four initial Environmental Site Design ("ESD") projects and will add 2-4 additional projects after site screening is completed (Examples in Appendix D). *(continued on next page)*.



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Treat the storm water between the existing Gwynns Falls Trail bikeway and the existing sidewalk at Bush Street in Watershed 263 (Subshed O). Goal is to construct a series of Right-of-Way bioretention bump-outs. Approximately 50-100 feet in length.

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Patapsco/Back Rivers



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Baltimore City

**WATERSHED(S):** Patapsco/Back

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Gwynns Falls

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Baltimore City DPW  
Parks & People Foundation.

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Photo by: Amanda Rockler

The project will treat the runoff from a 1.3-acre drainage area within Watershed 263 by building a site specific BMP to green/landscape the lot and treat the storm water. (This BMP site is a Baltimore City-owned, vacant lot at the corner of Fayette and Mount Streets).

## PROJECT OVERVIEW (*continued from previous*)

The projects will provide water quality benefits, specifically nutrient removal, and flow attenuation, through vegetative and structural retrofits. The expected benefit is reduced sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen flowing into Baltimore's storm sewer system, which empties into the impaired Gwynns Falls, and then flows into the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River.

The implementation work for this grant is mainly centered around removing imperious surface and creating bioretention and similar stormwater retrofits, including rain gardens. Parks and People Foundation will be providing stakeholder outreach and education, as well as small-scale restoration projects serving as demonstration sites.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Community outreach, Education & bioretention projects	Site 1- Fayette & Mount Streets	Site 2- Fayette & Monroe Streets	Site 3- The Park at Lanvale & Gilmore Sts.	Site 4- Bush St.
LEAD	P&P	Baltimore City DPW	Baltimore City DPW	Baltimore City DPW	Baltimore City DPW
ACTIVITY	Outreach & Education	Design & Construction Bioretention	Design & Construction SW retrofit	Design & Construction Bioretention	Design & Construction SW retrofit
LOCATION (Lat/Long)	Multiple	39.289538/-76.643758	39.289439/-76.647148	39.289439/-76.647148	39.2982/-76.6436
TRUST FUND \$	\$72,000	\$41,244	\$14,000	\$67,977	\$115,480
MATCH \$	\$0	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$80,000
TOTAL COST	\$72,000	\$81,244	\$34,000	\$117,977	\$195,480
EST. TN REDUCTION			2 lbs/yr		
EST. TP REDUCTION			82 lbs/yr		
EST. TSS REDUCTION			2,445 lbs/yr		
STATUS / % COMPLETE	0%	10%	10%	10%	10%

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## MIDDLE CHESTER LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (DNR)

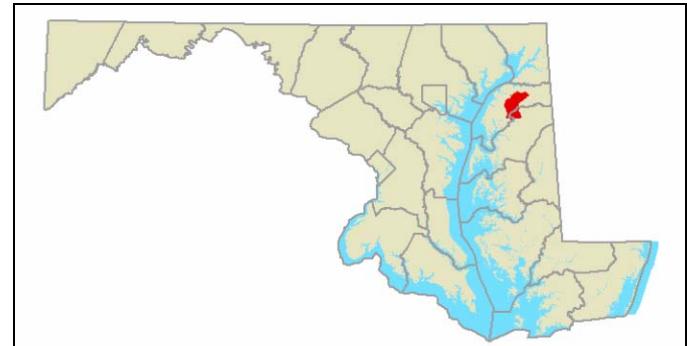
### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Kent County government (KC), Chester River Association (CRA), Kent County Soil and Water Conservation District/NRCS (KSCD), University of Maryland (UMD), MD Department of Agriculture (MDA), Ducks Unlimited (DU), and Washington College (WC) hereafter referred to collectively as the Middle Chester Partners (MCP), are working together to implement a multi-year, multi-initiative plan to restore the Middle Chester watershed (Maryland 8 digit: 02130509). The Middle Chester offers the best current measurement data, an existing Watershed Restoration Action Strategy (WRAS), and the greatest opportunity to leverage other programs and initiatives.

Facilitated by the Environmental Finance Center, the MCP identified 3 focus areas which represent the greatest needs/threats to water quality: septic systems, agriculture, and wetland restoration (see below). Subcommittees were created and priority projects were identified after several meetings. With the assistance of University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension (MDSG), these subcommittees will continue to meet throughout this multi-year grant to identify additional projects, improve processes, and make strategic decisions with limited funding. This scope represents one year of what is expected to be a multi-year initiative. (*continued on next page*)

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Middle Chester



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Kent County

**WATERSHED(S):** Middle Chester River

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Kent County  
Chester River Association  
Ducks Unlimited  
University of Maryland  
MDA

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW (continued from previous page)

The main goals of the initial year of Trust Funding in the Middle Chester:

- Septics: Fully fund repairs of 10 failing septic systems in the Critical Area of the Middle Chester watershed, and facilitate enrollment of these properties in the Bay Restoration Fund for septic system upgrade assistance;
- Wetland Restoration: Spray 30 acres of Morgan Creek to remove phragmites; and restore 2 wetland ponds on agricultural land; and
- Agriculture: Plant 200 acres of switchgrass in buffers and explore innovative uses for switchgrass as a biofuel as well as pilot a precision agriculture project involving Greenseeker technology.

PROJECT COMPONENT	Wetland Restoration 2 Sites	Phragmites Eradication	Repair failing septic	Switchgrass Buffer Planting	Precision Agriculture
LEAD	DU	Kent Co.	Kent Co.	CRA	MDA/CRA
ACTIVITY	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration	Septics	Ag BMP	Ag BMP
TRUST FUND \$	\$66,000	\$3,500	\$106,000	\$68,000	\$108,000
MATCH \$	\$16,000	\$ 0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
TOTAL \$	\$76,000	\$3,500	\$106,000	\$108,000	\$108,000
EST. TN REDUCTION	104 lbs/yr			TBD <sup>1</sup>	
EST. TP REDUCTION	1 lbs/yr			TBD <sup>1</sup>	
EST. TSS REDUCTION	350 lbs/yr			TBD <sup>1</sup>	
STATUS/% COMPLETE	20%	0%	25%	8%	0%

<sup>1</sup> Sites are currently being selected for these initiatives

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

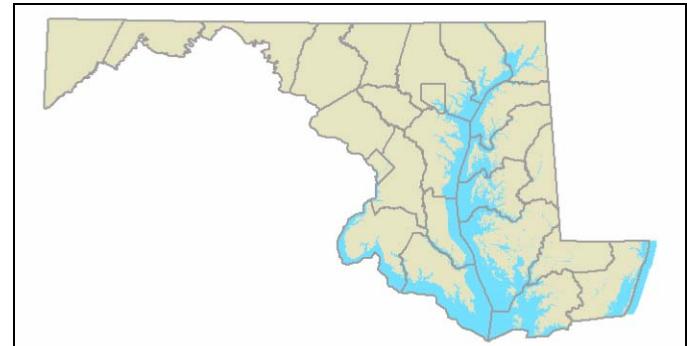
## INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY/CONTINGENCY DEVELOPMENT (DNR)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

At the 2007 Executive Council Meeting, both the State of Maryland and the EPA agreed to the importance of advancing innovative technology necessary to identify and test environmental technologies to advance Bay restoration. Through the Trust Fund, in partnership with University of Maryland (UMD), Maryland has established a competitive grants program to support this commitment. The Innovative Technology Fund was established with the goal of accelerating Bay restoration through the improvement of water quality in new and innovative ways.

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Statewide

**WATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** University of Maryland

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The partners are currently evaluating projects through their review process. With the advent of the 2 Year Milestones, SFY10 funding will be focused on companies that address the milestones.

# TRUST FUND PROJECT REPORT

## NATURAL FILTERS IMPLEMENTATION ON LOCAL PUBLIC LANDS (DNR)

### FISCAL YEAR: SFY10

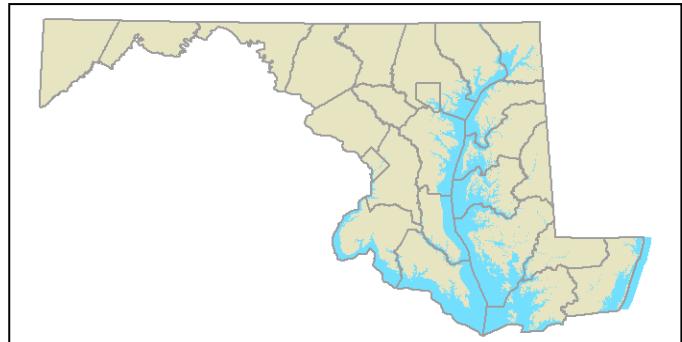
#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project focuses on the installation of vegetative filters on public lands to help achieve the accelerated Bay restoration goals set forth in the 2 year milestones. Projects may include, but are not limited to: forested and/or grass buffers on county or municipal park land; enhancement or conversion of stormwater facilities to wetland function; and school greening projects that include the conversion of asphalt or cement to forested or grass buffers, etc.



Photos By Kristen Fleming

#### PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide



#### PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

**COUNTY/CITY:** Multiple

**WATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**SUBWATERSHED(S):** Multiple

**PROJECT PARTNERS:** Jones Falls Watershed Association  
Gwynns Falls Watershed Association  
Carroll Co. Bureau of Resource Management  
Harford Co. Parks & Rec  
Maryland Nat'l Park & Planning Commission –  
Montgomery Co.,  
Washington Co. SCD

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PROJECT COMPONENT	Essex Farm Park	Sudbrook Park	Leister Park	Bark Hill	Eldersburg Senior Center	Walter's Mill/Deer Creek	Potomac & Patuxent Sites	Smithsburg WWTP	Kirkwood Park
LOCATION	Baltimore County	Baltimore County	Carroll County	Carroll County	Carroll County	Harford County	Montgomery County	Washington County	Town of Hancock
ACTIVITY	Buffer Planting	Buffer Planting	Reforestation	Reforestation	Reforestation	Buffer Planting	Buffer Planting	Buffer Planting	Buffer Planting
TRUST FUND \$	\$225,000								
MATCH \$	\$55,540								
TOTAL \$	\$280,540								
EST. TN REDUCTION	1,058 lbs/yr								
EST. TP REDUCTION	78 lbs/yr								
EST. TSS REDUCTION	14 lbs/yr								
STATUS/ % COMPLETE	10%								

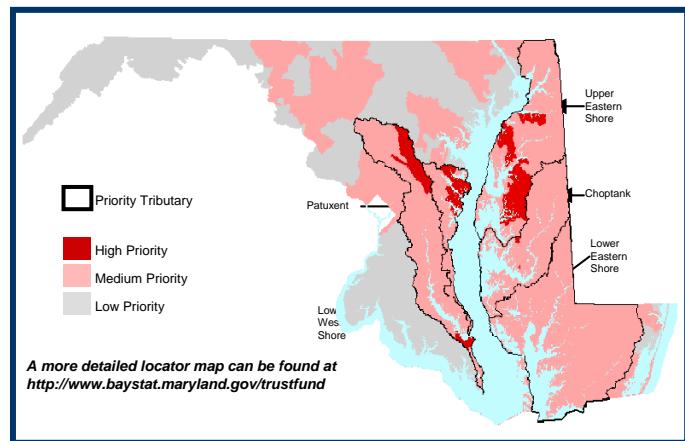
## STATE FISCAL YEAR BREAKOUT SECTIONS

### SFY 11 PLANNED EXPENDITURES

Full implementation of the proposed allocation process required a transitional period, in which case the allocation process was delayed at the beginning of SFY 09. At the time the first competitive Request for Proposals (RFPs) were released, June 2008, for SFY 09 and SFY 10 to identify local implementation opportunities, it was expected that the State would be able to dedicate up to \$75 Million for the implementation of non-point source pollution control projects. The level of response to this first RFP included 90 proposals and over \$125 Million in identified need. The SFY 11 allocation is developed for a \$20 Million budget and will be focused on completing as many of the projects identified in SFY 09 and SFY 10 Work Plan. As the State is honoring their commitment to these local implementation projects and the process used to identify them, the targeting strategy for SFY 11 is consistent with what was used previously.

#### TARGETING STRATEGY:

The BayStat Program developed priority funding areas using information from UMCES' Chesapeake Bay Report Card, the USGS SPARROW model, and best professional judgment. The Chesapeake Bay Report Card is an assessment of the health of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem developed by university, state and federal scientists. The report card combines multiple indicators (regarding water quality and habitat) of an ecosystem's health into a single health score for 15 regions in the Bay. Summary data from the Report Card were used to identify five of Maryland's ten Tributary Basins that had the poorest Chesapeake Bay health scores and are significantly impacted by nonpoint source pollution. High Priority watersheds within the five Tributary Basins were then selected using the U.S. Geological Survey's SPARROW model of surface water quality. SPARROW estimates of delivered nitrogen yields for watersheds within the Patuxent, Lower Western Shore, Upper Eastern Shore, Choptank and Lower Eastern Tributary Basins were compared, and 46 subwatersheds were selected as High Priority. Medium Priority watersheds were selected using three criteria. First, all of the watersheds within the Patuxent, Lower Western Shore, Upper Eastern Shore, Choptank, and Lower Eastern Shore Tributary Strategy basins that were not identified as High Priority watersheds were selected as Medium Priority watersheds. Then, SPARROW data (estimated delivered nitrogen) for all of the remaining watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay drainage area were compared, and the highest loading basins were selected as Medium Priority. And finally, professional judgment was used to select the Anacostia, Chincoteague and Isle of Wight Bay as Medium Priority watersheds. The Anacostia watershed was selected as it "connected" other Medium Priority areas. The Coastal Bay watersheds were selected based on the expertise of scientists in that region. All of the remaining watersheds in the Chesapeake and Coastal Bay watersheds are listed as Low Priorities.



## IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

The SFY 11 Work Plan is based on a \$20 Million allocation. Cover crops would receive \$9.52 million, animal waste management BMPs \$800,000, and \$800,000 for CREP signing bonuses. Urban best management practice projects would receive a total of \$2.10 million in FY 11 for Moore's Run Wetland project in Baltimore City, and Back River Restoration in Baltimore County, which would complete the top ranked proposals received through the urban stormwater RFP released in 2009. DNR would continue funding the Little Patuxent, Magothy, Wheel Creek, Watershed 263, Middle Chester, and begin funding for Tred Avon and the Corsica River local implementation restoration projects. In addition, SFY 11 funding would be used to support the implementation of natural filters (forest and wetlands) on state and county public lands as called for in Maryland's 2 Year Milestone. Strategic Monitoring would receive \$400,000, and \$250,000 would be used to support an innovative technologies grant program to identify and test new technologies necessary to accelerate the development of environmental technologies that can be directly applied to accelerate Bay restoration. \$680,000 will be used to support contract staff at the local soil conservation districts to help implement agricultural best management practices and \$300,000 to cover agency costs for administering Trust Fund grants.

<i>Category</i>		<i>SFY11 Allocation in M</i>	<i>N Red (lbs/yr)</i>
<b>Strategic Monitoring</b>		\$0.40	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	
<b>Agency Direct Costs (1.5%)</b>		\$0.30	
	MDA		
	MDE		
	DNR		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>	
<b>Agency Technical Assistance Costs (MDA)</b>			
	MDA to SCD for BMP Implementation	\$0.68	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.68</b>	
<b>Urban/Suburban Stormwater Projects (MDE)</b>			
	Moore's Run Wetlands	\$1.87	1,213
	Back River Restoration	\$0.23	606
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2.10</b>	
<b>Ag Practices (MDA)</b>			
	Cover Crops	\$9.52	1,415,306
	Forest/Grass Buffers/Wetland Restoration	\$0.80	12,093
	Animal Waste Management	\$0.80	167,364
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11.12</b>	
<b>Targeted Innovative Practices (DNR)</b>			
	Little Patuxent	\$1.30	1,131
	Magothy	\$0.48	325
	Wheel Creek	\$0.37	365
	Tred Avon	\$0.48	2,902
	Watershed 263	\$0.48	267
	Middle Chester	\$0.52	14,213
	Corsica	\$0.52	946
	Innovative Technology	\$0.25	
	Natural Filters	\$1.00	23,225
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5.40</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>1,639,956</b>



*Martin O'Malley, Governor*



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