

visit the areas where the goats graze to learn about this mowing project and see how real-life environmental problems can be resolved through innovative solutions and teamwork.

SHA is in the second of a 2-year, \$10,000 pilot, which proved extremely successful during the inaugural year. The cost of the goats includes delivery to and from the project, supplemental feed and routine veterinary care. SHA has also installed special bog turtle fencing near the northern end of the bypass to deter the turtles from crossing the road

This initiative was developed under Governor Martin O'Malley's Smart, Green & Growing program, which encourages individuals, businesses and State agencies to strengthen Maryland's economy, protect our environment and improve our quality of life while achieving a more sustainable future.

## HELP MARYLAND PLANT VIRTUAL TREES

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking Marylanders to support the Maryland Park Service (MPS) by planting virtual trees. Maryland is competing with all 50 states through Odwalla's plant a tree program, designed to build stewardship, raise awareness and earn money for important reforestation and planting initiatives.

"This is a great opportunity for our State to earn money and raise awareness about the importance of trees," said MPS Superintendent Nita Settina.

As of this printing, Marylanders have planted over 2,500 trees. Marylanders can vote by planting a free virtual tree at [www.odwalla.com/plantatree](http://www.odwalla.com/plantatree). Odwalla will donate one dollar to MPS for each virtual tree that Maryland receives.

The website portion of the Odwalla Plant a Tree program runs through August 15, 2010. Fans of Odwalla on Facebook can also create their own virtual micro-forest by encouraging others to donate trees via the Plant a Tree program.

## MARYLAND LAUNCHES COASTAL ATLAS, JOINS ATLANTIC OFFSHORE WIND CONSORTIUM

On June 8, Governor Martin O'Malley launched Maryland's Coastal Atlas, an online mapping and planning tool that allows users to visually analyze and explore data for coastal and ocean planning activities, including renewable offshore energy exploration.

The Coastal Atlas provides direct access to available information needed for coastal and ocean planning efforts. Whether finding the best location for renewable energy projects, locating sand resources needed for beach replenishment or helping local communities identify areas vulnerable to sea level rise and erosion, the Coastal Atlas will identify potential conflicts so that they can then be avoided early in the planning process.

To help concerned citizens address specific coastal issues, the Coastal Atlas offers mapping applications that examine Maryland's ocean, shorelines, bays and streams. The State will offer training opportunities to help citizens make the most of the data and tools found on the Coastal Atlas.

For questions, additional information or to view Maryland's Coastal Atlas, visit: [www.dnr.maryland.gov/ccp/coastalatlus](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/ccp/coastalatlus).

On the same day, Governor O'Malley also announced Maryland's participation in the newly formed Atlantic Offshore Wind Consortium. Comprised of states along the Atlantic coast and the Department of the Interior (DOI), this coalition will work to manage prominent issues surrounding offshore wind energy in the region with the goal of

developing offshore wind opportunities along the Atlantic outer continental shelf.

Maryland joined the partnership along with the States of Maine, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. This coalition serves as the first

step toward broader collaboration and coordinated effort among the Atlantic states and other relevant federal agencies that are critical to the development of the offshore wind industry in this region.



Offshore wind power

University of Delaware



Jay Baker