



Public Safety Works

Restorative Justice



Sustainability

Oysters

- Inmates all across Maryland have had a hand in replenishing the oyster population in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.
- Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) inmates have made more than 9,000 cages for oyster spat, which allow the young oysters protection in the waterways.
- Both inmates behind the fence (Hagerstown) and pre-release inmates (Eastern Pre-release Unit) have made the oyster spat cages, providing needed jobs and skills for both of these groups.
- This summer inmates from Southern Maryland Pre-release Unit contributed 4,962 man hours at the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Piney Point Aquaculture Center.
- Inmates have moved, graded and washed more than 20,000 bushels of oyster shell.
- Inmates have cut 170,000 feet (31 miles) of shell bag material, producing 42,180 shell bags.
- Inmates have cleaned and prepared 77 culture tanks for oyster setting.
- Inmates have loaded and positioned 31,680 shell bags in 36 oyster setting tanks.
- Inmates have unloaded tanks, transported and loaded 25,740 shell bags with spat onto 39 planting boats.
- Thanks largely to this unique DPSCS-DNR partnership, 25 million spat have been planted in the St. Mary's Co. Sanctuary and Charles Co. Reserve in the Wicomico River.



Trees

- Announcing a partnership with Governor O'Malley's Smart Green and Growing and Marylanders Plant Trees initiatives two years ago, DPSCS pledged that inmates would plant one million trees in four years.
- As of fall 2010, DPSCS inmates had planted more than 645,000 (550,000 in partnership with DNR) trees in all corners of the state, from mountainsides in Western Maryland to parklands on the Eastern Shore.

