

## CHESAPEAKE AND COASTAL SERVICE

# RESOURCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



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### About the Chesapeake and Coastal Service

In Maryland, more than 70 percent of the state's population lives in the coastal shoreline counties. With an annual contribution of more than \$200 billion to the economy and support of 1.6 million jobs, the health of Maryland's coasts is inextricably connected to the health of Maryland's future. Maryland's Chesapeake and Coastal Service provides financial and technical services and develop the science based solutions that prepare and position Maryland's coastal communities, economies and ecosystems for a future of economic growth and environmental change. Our work is about helping state and local partners meet their Chesapeake Bay restoration goals; prepare for future storm events, shoreline change, and coastal flooding; protect habitats; improve public access to the coast; foster clean coastal and ocean industries; and develop the next generation of environmental stewards.

### Healthy Chesapeake, Coastal and Ocean Resources

#### Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund

The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 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. **Contact:** Gabe Cohee | gabe.cohee@maryland.gov

#### Innovative Technology Fund

In partnership with the University of Maryland's Maryland Industrial Partnership Program, the State funds research and development projects focused on developing technologies that reduce nutrient and sediment pollution into the Chesapeake Bay. **Contact:** Sarah Lane | sarah.lane@maryland.gov

#### Watershed Assistance Collaborative (Watershed Assistance Grant Program)

In partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the state will offer planning and design grants and technical assistance through the Watershed Assistance Grant Program to meet the needs of local governments and communities preparing to undertake a comprehensive restoration effort. Up to \$75,000 per project (\$200,000 for stream restorations) is available. **Contact:** Phillip Stafford | phillip.stafford@maryland.gov

#### Natural Filters

The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund includes a component of the funding program designated as Natural Filters. This program was created to provide technical and financial assistance for restoration on public lands. Natural Filters projects focus on improving both water quality and habitat through protecting, enhancing and restoring riparian buffers, wetlands, streams and living shorelines. **Contact:** Carrie Decker | carrie.decker@maryland.gov

#### Community Restoration Program

The Community Restoration Program works to strengthen public outreach and engagement in on-the-ground restoration as well as increase locally led restoration projects. Staff provides assistance to local governments, watershed groups and community organizations in aligning restoration efforts with the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) and Watershed Implementation Plan goals. **Contact:** Claudia Donegan | claudia.donegan@maryland.gov

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### Resilient Communities and Economies

#### Community Resiliency Grants

The Chesapeake and Coastal Service offers financial and technical assistance to communities to help address the impacts of hazards, including localized flooding, storm events and sea level rise. Community Resiliency Grants support projects aimed at understanding and planning for coastal hazards as well as projects to pursue the use of green infrastructure to address localized stormwater flooding resulting from more frequent and intense rain events. The Community Resiliency Grant encourages projects that take a watershed-scale planning approach to address both water quantity and quality. **Contact:** Megan Granato | [megan.granato@maryland.gov](mailto:megan.granato@maryland.gov)

#### CoastSmart Communities Program

Maryland's CoastSmart Program is helping local communities identify and implement strategies to protect life and property vulnerable to coastal hazards and climate change. From hands-on training and planning tools to financial resources, CoastSmart is ensuring that local communities have the tools that they need to identify and take the necessary actions to become ready, adaptive and resilient to the impacts of climate change. **Contact:** Sasha Land | [sasha.land@maryland.gov](mailto:sasha.land@maryland.gov)

#### Shoreline Conservation Service

The Shoreline Conservation Service provides technical and financial assistance to Maryland property owners in resolving shoreline and stream bank erosion problems. Assistance is provided through site visits and evaluations, problem assessments and recommended solutions. Technical and financial assistance is available for design and installation of shoreline stabilization and streambank restoration projects. Awards provided to property owners and local governments for non-structural projects.

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#### Aquatic Resources Education Grants Program

This program assists Maryland's public and private schools; provides small grants for classroom, laboratory, and/or field projects for student and teacher training; and enables students to develop an appreciation of aquatic habitats by providing education materials, incentives, training and other opportunities. **Contact:** Christine Hintz | [christine.hintz@maryland.gov](mailto:christine.hintz@maryland.gov)

#### Maryland's Coastal Atlas

The Coastal Atlas is an online mapping and planning tool that allows state and local decision-makers to explore data for coastal and ocean planning activities. The data available through the Coastal Atlas includes physical characteristics, human uses and ecological resources. Through the Coastal Atlas, users are able to visualize, query, map, and analyze available data to better manage our marine and estuarine resources. **Contact:** Nicole Carlozo | [nicole.carlozo@maryland.gov](mailto:nicole.carlozo@maryland.gov)

### Improved Access to Marine Environments

#### Grants for Waterway Improvements

The Waterway Improvement Fund was created in 1966 by Natural Resources Article 8-701 to support the development, use, and enjoyment of all waters of the State of Maryland for the benefit of the general boating public. Revenues for this Fund are obtained primarily from the one-time 5 percent excise tax that is paid to the State of Maryland when a boat is purchased and titled in the State. The Fund provides financial support to local governments, the Department of Natural Resources, and federal agencies in the form of grants and/or loans for a wide variety of capital projects and services for the boating public. **Contact:** Carla Fleming | [carla.fleming@maryland.gov](mailto:carla.fleming@maryland.gov)

#### Working Waterfronts Enhancement Grant

The Working Waterfronts Program provides financial and technical assistance to local governments to promote and assist with the preservation of existing and historic working waterfronts in Maryland. The Working Waterfronts Enhancement Grant solicits proposals from local governments to support revitalization of working waterfront communities and economies throughout Maryland. Ideal project proposals will target: development of new, or modifying existing waterfront and comprehensive plans, maritime zoning, codes, ordinances, visioning workshops, as well as programs and tools dedicated to working waterfront protection and enhancement.

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#### Public Access, Water Trails, and Recreation Planning Program

The Public Access, Water Trails, and Recreation Planning Program works with project partners (including state, local and federal governments, as well as boating and marine related interests) to plan, develop and promote public water access sites and water trails that provide water-based recreation opportunities for people to enjoy. **Contact:** Lisa Gutierrez | [lisa.gutierrez@maryland.gov](mailto:lisa.gutierrez@maryland.gov)

#### The Maryland Clean Marina Initiative

The Maryland Clean Marina Initiative recognizes and promotes marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs of any size that meet legal requirements and voluntarily adopt pollution prevention practices. The department has certified nearly 25 percent of Maryland's estimated 600 marinas as Clean Marinas or Clean Marina Partners and we aim to continue increasing this number moving forward.

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