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### **\$1 Million in Watershed Restoration Grants Awarded in Anne Arundel County**

*Riva, Maryland* – The Anne Arundel Watershed Protection and Restoration Program and the Chesapeake Bay Trust announce the recipients of five grants for restoration projects in the communities of Arnold, Edgewater, Annapolis area, and Severna Park in the Magothy River and South River watersheds. The grants were awarded to Anne Arundel County nonprofits with individual awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$377,100.

“We continue to make advances in improving water quality in these systems,” said Dr. Jana Davis, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. “The Trust is thrilled to partner with the County to enable local nonprofit organizations to accomplish measurable, visible improvements that improve our waterways and improve our communities.”

Grants totaling just over \$1 million were awarded to support water quality restoration projects that will reduce the amount of pollutants entering Anne Arundel County waterways during and after storm events. Applicants to this grant program proposed diverse project types – from living shorelines to bioretention cells – across four county watersheds. The grantees will work in the Magothy and South River watersheds. These funds support local watershed groups and non-profit organizations to take the lead on the community-driven project, build capacity for future work, and contribute to the County’s water quality goals.

“This time of year, especially for Anne Arundel residents, many of us are thinking about getting on or in or near the water,” said County Executive Steven Schuh. “We are working hard at the County, with our nonprofit partners and so many committed community leaders like these grantees, to meet our goals to restore our rivers and streams.”

Awardees of the Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration Grant Program include:

#### **Bacon Ridge Groundwater Recharge Micro-Best Management Practice (BMP) and Outfall Restoration**

**Grant Amount: \$169,900**

To restore piped outfalls, reduce stream bank erosion, and protect downstream habitat in the South River watershed. (Grantee organization: South River Federation.)

### **Berrywood Community Cattail Creek Restoration**

**Grant Amount: \$355,549**

To reduce stream bank erosion and capture and filter stormwater runoff in a neighborhood in Severna Park, Maryland in the Magothy River Watershed. (Grantee organization: Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy.)

### **Turnbull Estates Bioretention and Living Shoreline Project**

**Grant Amount: \$86,665**

To implement a living shoreline project and capture and filter stormwater runoff in a neighborhood in Edgewater in the South River watershed. (Grantee organization: South River Federation.)

### **Twin Harbors Living Shoreline Project**

**Grant amount: \$377,100**

To implement a living shoreline project and capture and filter stormwater runoff in a neighborhood in Arnold in the Magothy River watershed. (Grantee organization: South River Federation.)

### **United Church of Christ Vegetated Swale and Pond Retrofit**

**Grant Amount: \$30,000**

To restore and enhance an existing stormwater pond and capture and filter stormwater runoff at a faith-based organization in the South River watershed. (Grantee organization: South River Federation.)

#### About the Chesapeake Bay Trust

The Chesapeake Bay Trust ([www.cbtrust.org](http://www.cbtrust.org)) is a nonprofit grant-making organization dedicated to improving the natural resources of Maryland and the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community engagement, and local watershed restoration. The Trust engages hundreds of thousands of individuals annually in projects that have a measurable impact on the waterways and other natural resources of the region. The Trust is supported by the sale of the Treasure the Chesapeake license plate, donations to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland State income tax form, donations from individuals and corporations, and partnerships with private foundations and federal and state agencies. The Trust has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator for fourteen years: 92 percent of the Trust's expenditures are directed to its restoration and education programs.

#### About Anne Arundel County Watershed Protection & Restoration Program

The Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP), part of the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works, is responsible for carrying out the County's stormwater restoration strategies to improve local water quality and ensure it meets both federal and state water quality requirements. For more information about the WPRP visit [www.aarivers.org](http://www.aarivers.org).