



**Chesapeake  
Bay Trust**

## Supplemental Environment Project

Patapsco and Back River Watershed  
Restoration Projects

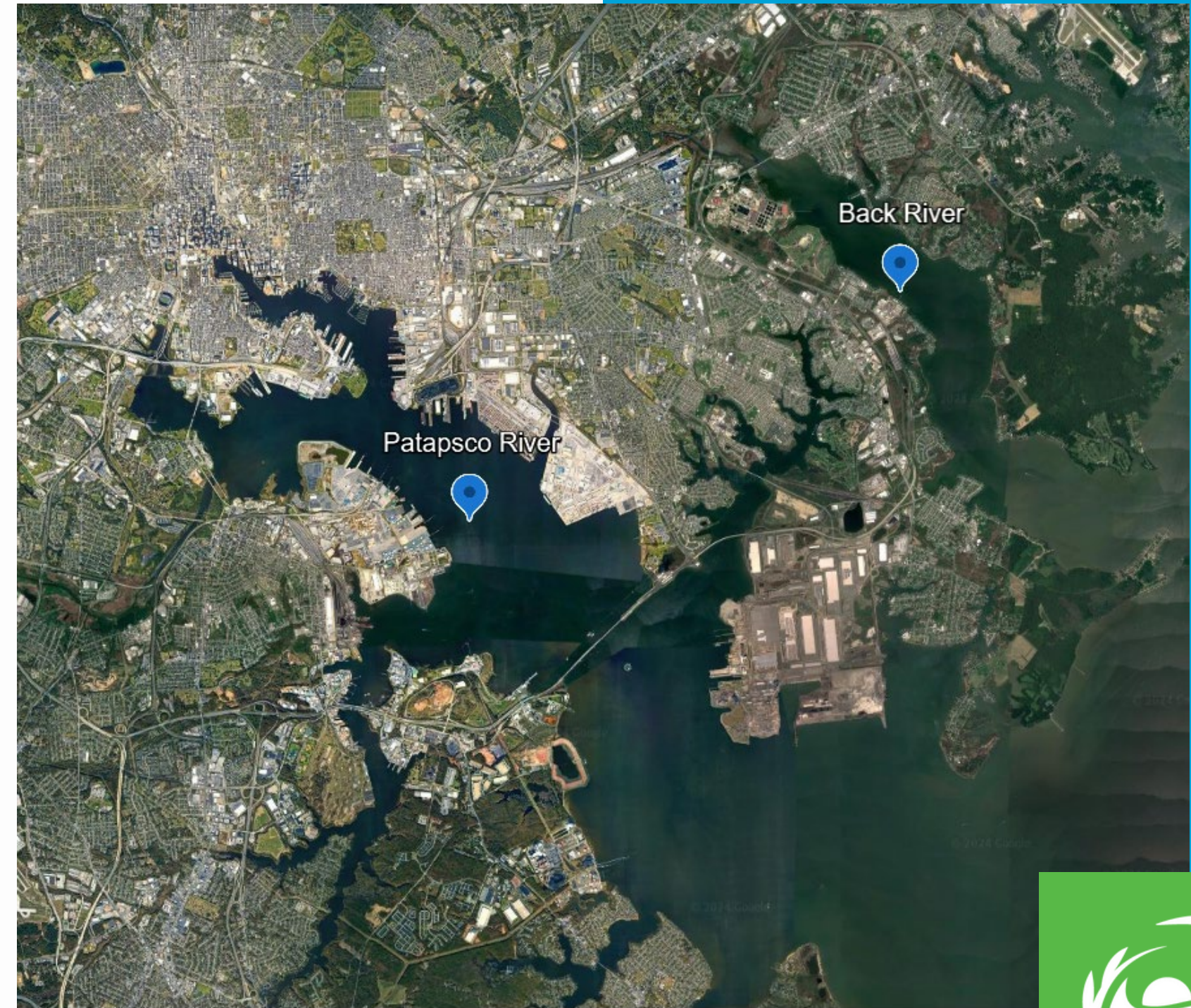
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# Agenda

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1. Welcome, Meeting Objectives, and Agenda Overview (5 minutes)
2. Introductions (5 minutes)
3. Overview of the Settlement and Supplemental Environment Project (SEP) (5 minutes)
4. Input from you – What would you like to see happen with these funds? What ideas do you have? What questions do you have for us? (35 minutes)
5. Recap on Discussion (5 minutes)
6. Action Items and Next Steps (5 minutes)



# Introductions





The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit organization that empowers diverse groups to take actions that enrich natural resources and local communities in the Chesapeake Bay region.

<https://cbtrust.org/>



# Overview of the Settlement

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- Due to alleged unauthorized discharge of pollutants from the Patapsco and Back River Wastewater Treatment Plants, Maryland Department of the Environment and Blue Water Baltimore filed a civil lawsuit against Baltimore City.

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- As a result of the lawsuit and consent decree, a portion of the civil penalty was put towards the Supplemental Environment Project Fund for the Patapsco and Back River watersheds – totaling \$1.9 million.
  - The Maryland Office of the Attorney General has named the Chesapeake Bay Trust to administer these funds.

# Curtis Bay SEP

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has also been named by the Maryland Office of the Attorney General to administer a second Supplemental Environment Project. This SEP will support environmental education and restoration projects in Curtis Bay and surrounding communities.

If you would like to find out more about this body of work, please join us for a listening session on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, virtually or in person.

**Virtual:** [bit.ly/curtisbaylistening](https://bit.ly/curtisbaylistening)

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**In Person:** Curtis Bay Recreational Center,  
1630 Filbert Street, Baltimore, MD 21226



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# Patapsco and Back River SEP Overview

## What is a Supplemental Environment Project (SEP)?

- An environmentally beneficial project or activity that protects and/or improves the environment and/or reduces risks to public health

## What is the purpose of this SEP?

- The purpose is to implement water quality and environmental restoration projects that will improve the water quality and aquatic and land habitats in the two watersheds.

## What amount of funding is available?

- For this SEP, there will be a total of \$1,900,000 available over the course of a seven-year period.

## Potential Eligible Applicants (including but not limited to)

- Eligible applicants include non-profits organizations; community and homeowner's associations; faith-based organizations; service, civic, and youth groups; state and local governments; and academic institutions.

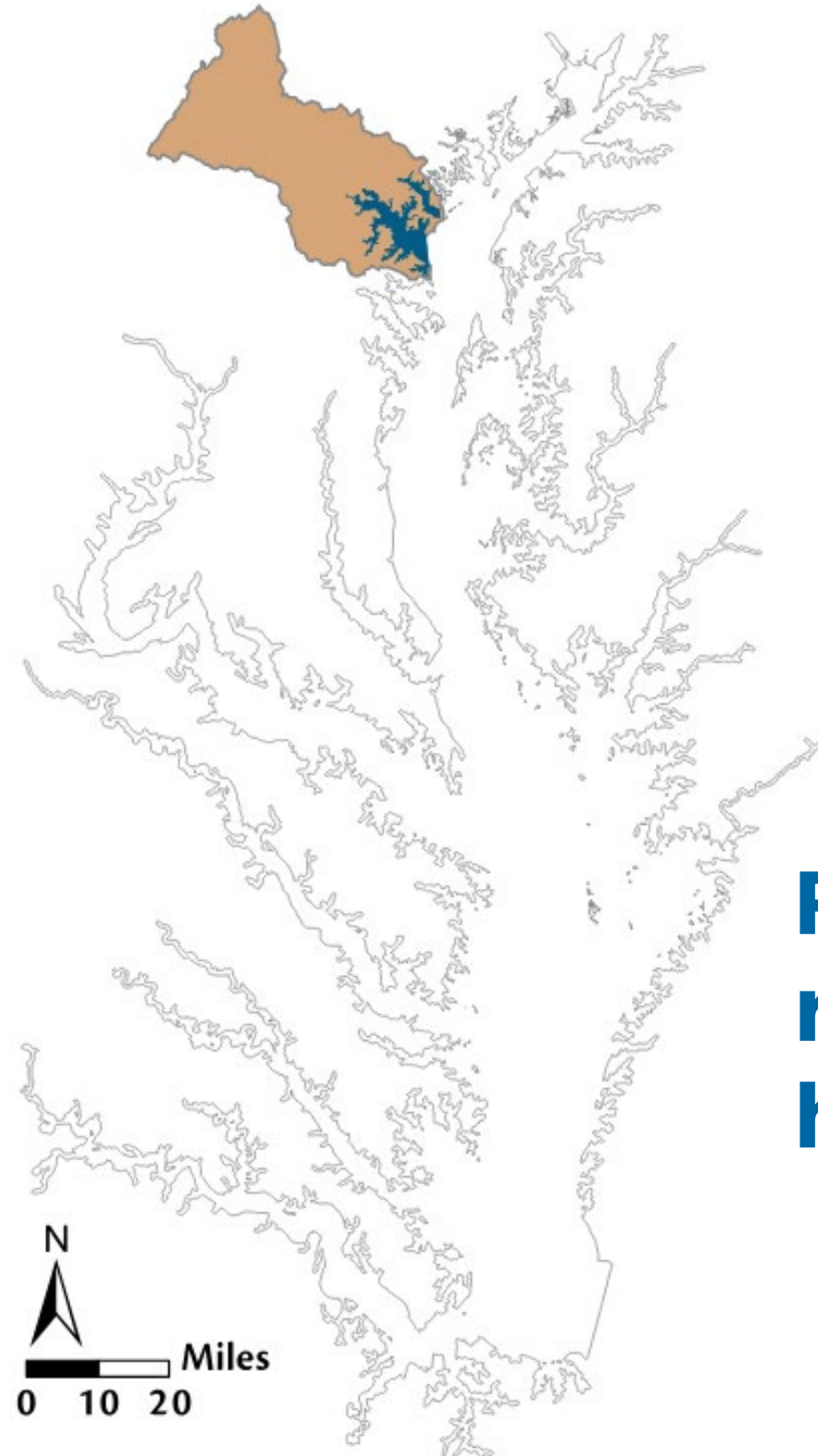
# Eligible Project Goals (including but not limited to)



**Implement water quality and restoration projects**

**Improve water-quality and aquatic and land habitats**

**Reduce impacts from pollution**



**Improve education and transparency on water quality**

**Provide mitigation or remediation benefits for harms to water quality**

# Ground Rules

Thank you all for being here this evening, we value each of your time and look forward to hearing from you. As a gentle reminder:

- We are here to discuss the future of this funding and how best we can implement it back into your communities.
- Please be mindful and respectful of other as we work through this discussion, as we'd like to hear from as many of you as possible.



# We Want to Hear from YOU!

We'll take the next 30 minutes to have a group discussion and hear ideas for what you want to see happen with the available funds, hear what you think is possible, discuss what success looks like and more.

What would you like to see happen with these funds?

What ideas do you have?

What are some of the project ideas you think can be made possible with this funding?

What does success look like to you?

What questions do you have for us?



# Recap on the Discussion

## Goals for funding

- Review the groups' thoughts on what you would like to see happen with the funding.

## Project Ideas

- Review the project ideas that came up as part of our discussion.

## What does success look like?

- Review the groups thoughts on what success looks like for this SEP



# Action Items and Next Steps



## Information Collection and Implementation

- We'll take the information we heard today and use it to help shape this upcoming body of work.

## Anticipated Timeline

- We anticipate releasing the Request for Proposal in next few months and it will remain open for about three months.
- Once it is open, more information will be posted on our website, sent out in our newsletter, and we'll be conducting advertisement.

## How Can You Stay Involved?

- Provide your Name and Email Address – we'll include you in any updates we have for the community
- Call or email Delaney with any questions as they arise.
- Sign-up for our Grantee Newsletter



Thank you for attending this listening session for the Patapsco and Back River Watershed Supplemental Environment Project!

Please reach out to Delaney Samons with any questions, or for additional information.

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Thank You!

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