

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT:

Patapsco and Back River Watershed Water Quality Improvement and Restoration Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND

Due to alleged unauthorized discharge of pollutants from the Patapsco and Back River Wastewater Treatment Plants and as part of a consent decree, the City of Baltimore agreed to pay a portion of a civil penalty through the Patapsco and Back River Watershed Water Quality Improvement and Restoration Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP).

A SEP is an environmentally beneficial project or activity that protects and/or improves the environment and/or reduces risks to public health. For this SEP there will be a total of \$1,900,000 to support water quality improvement and restoration projects in the Patapsco and Back River watersheds. The Chesapeake Bay Trust was named to administer the funds using our grant management processes to support the SEP.

WHAT ARE THE OVERARCHING GOALS AND ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES?

The Patapsco and Back River SEP aims to award competitive grants that:

1. Implement water quality and environmental restoration projects;
2. Improve water quality and aquatic and land habitats in the Patapsco River and Back River watersheds;
3. Reduce impacts from pollution in these waterways;
4. Improve public education/transparency about water quality; and
5. Provide mitigation or remediation benefits for harms to water quality and the aquatic environment.

Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, upland, aquatic, and wetlands restoration, and protection projects or best managements practices.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Organizations located in the Patapsco and Back River watersheds and near/around the Back River and Patapsco River Wastewater Treatment Plants.

