



# Chesapeake Bay Trust



Anne Arundel County  
Bureau of Watershed  
**Protection  
& Restoration**



## **Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration & Forestry Grant Program**

# **Information Session**

January 6, 2026



# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Grant Program Overview
- Eligibility
- Project Tracks
- Additional Guidelines
- Application Review Process
- Q&A Session
- Thank you and Closing Remarks





# About the Chesapeake Bay Trust

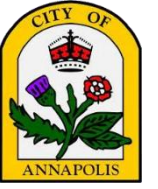


- Non-profit, environmental grantmaking organization created in 1985 based in Annapolis
- Seek to **engage and empower diverse groups to take actions that enrich natural resources and local communities of the Chesapeake Bay watershed region**





# Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration & Forestry Grant Program Overview



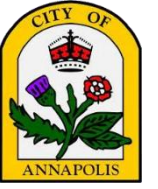
- **Supports the reduction of water pollutants flowing into local waterways through restoration design and implementation, implement cost-effective reforestation and greening efforts, and increase protected forested land**

*This program is a combination of the previously separate Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration and Anne Arundel County Forestry and Forested Land Protection Grant Programs!*





# Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration & Forestry Grant Program Overview

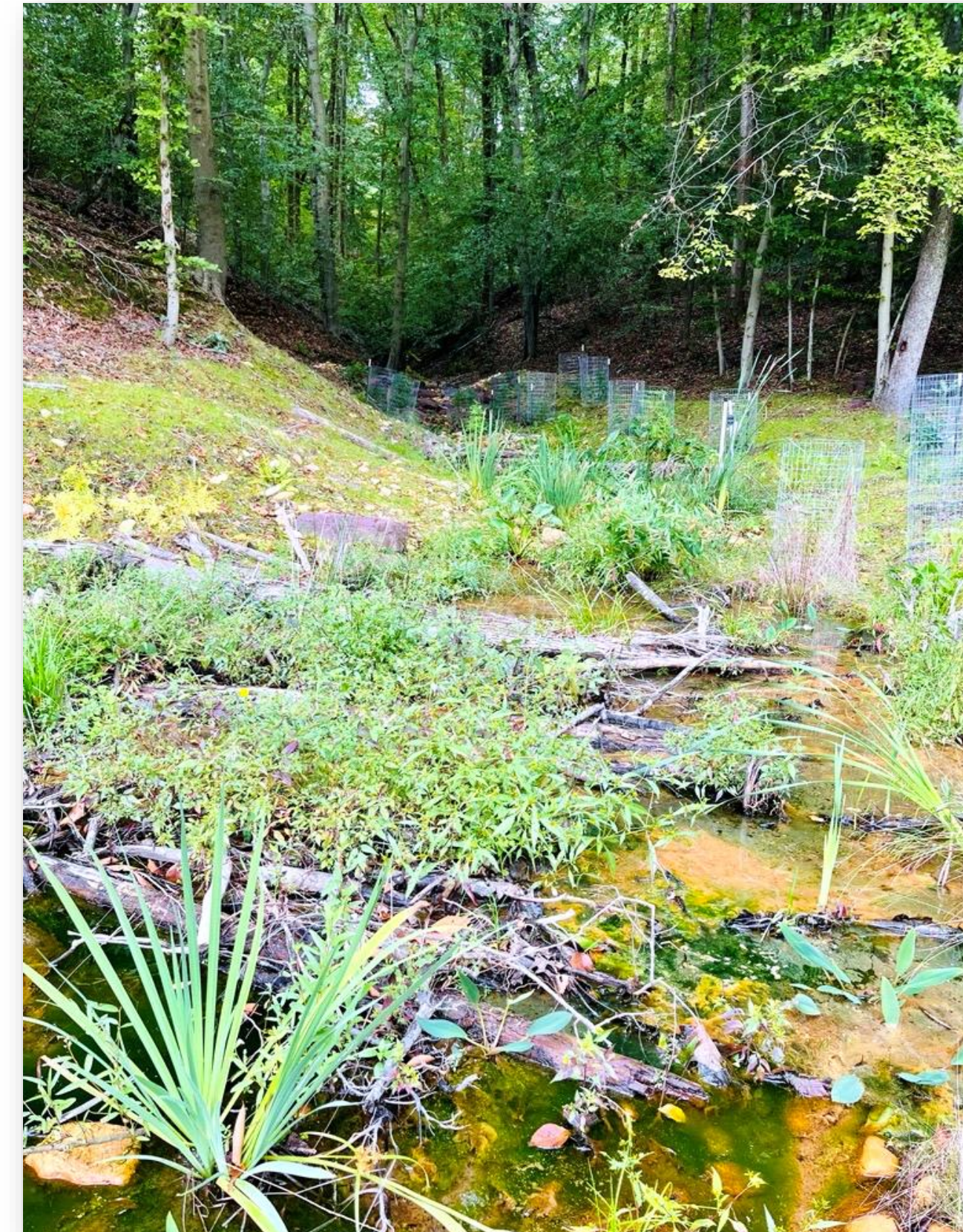


The funding partners anticipate:

- 💧 **\$1,213,000** available for watershed restoration projects in Anne Arundel County
- 💧 **\$588,000** available for watershed restoration projects in the City of Annapolis\*
  - \*\$180,000 of the funding available in the City is designated for projects in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area

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- 🌳 **\$472,000** available for forestry and land protection projects in Anne Arundel County
  - \*Additional funds available for projects located in Chesapeake Bay Critical Area
- 🌳 **\$45,000** available for forestry and land protection projects in the City of Annapolis



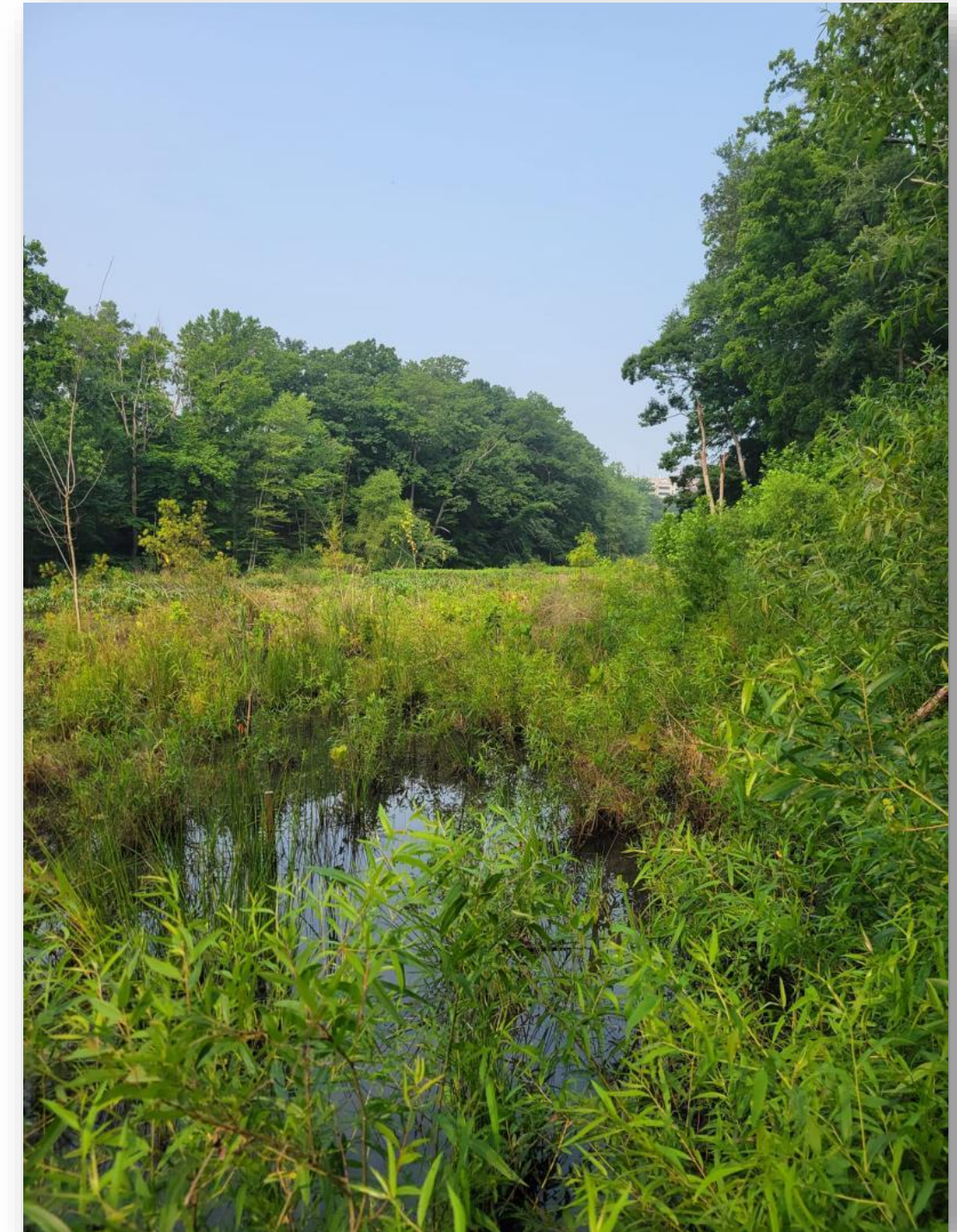


# Eligible Applicants

We welcome requests from:

- Local Watershed Groups
- Community and Homeowner Associations
- Service, Youth, and Civic Groups
- Faith-based Organizations
- Land trusts
- Public agencies
- Public and independent higher educational institutions

***Applicants of Tracks 1, 2, 3, and 6 must include at least one partner that represents a stakeholder group based in Anne Arundel County AND must be a certified 501© non-profit organization, except for homeowners or community associations located in the City of Annapolis.***





# Eligible Project Locations

- Projects can be located anywhere in Anne Arundel County\*, including the City of Annapolis
- Non-profit, private, or public/school properties are eligible to locations, as long as there is landowner support of the project
  - *Note: Living shoreline projects may not be proposed on individual private properties*



*\*Only projects located in the City of Annapolis are eligible for Track 1: Watershed Planning*



# Watershed Planning Projects (Track 1)

**Track 1 projects are eligible only in the City of Annapolis.**

## Types of Projects

- proposals for both watershed planning and assessment projects.

## Final Products

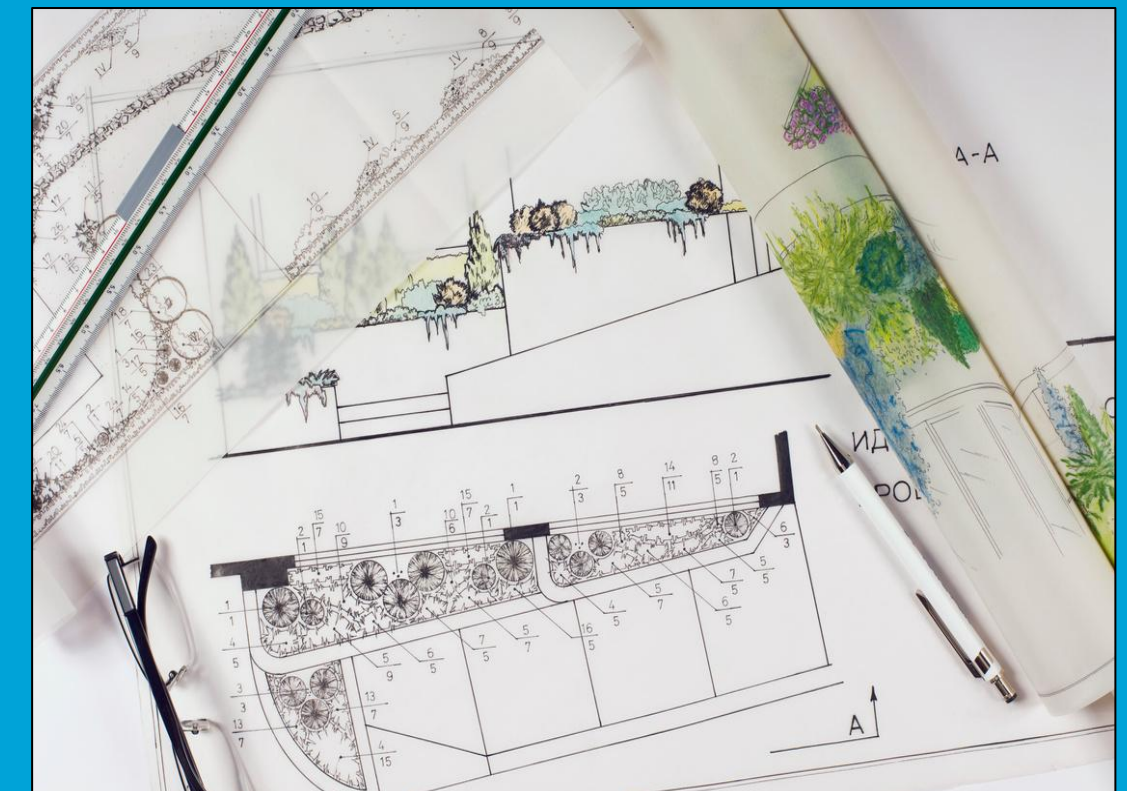
- Planning Documents
- "Blueprint for the Future": These documents guide future design and restoration efforts.

## Tailored for Success

- Align projects with the unique needs of the City of Annapolis.
- Lay the foundation for effective restoration projects.

## Benefits of Watershed Planning

- Ensure cost-effective projects
- Aid in reducing pollutants and enhancing local water bodies.





# Track 1: Example Project in the City of Annapolis

## Truxtun Cove



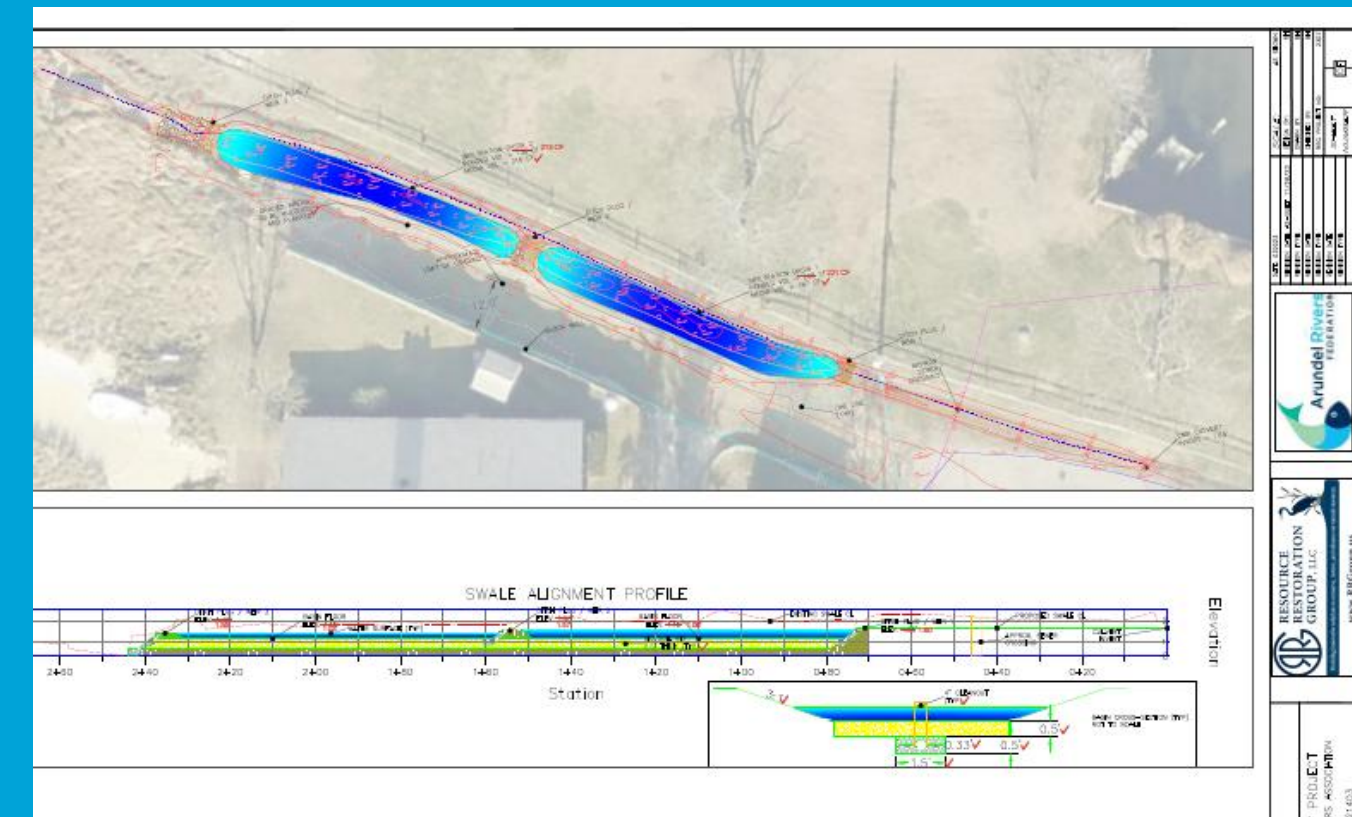


# Design Projects (Track 2)

- Funding to support the **creation of construction-ready designs and ability to obtain permits** for specific watershed restoration projects.

**Strongest proposal will...**

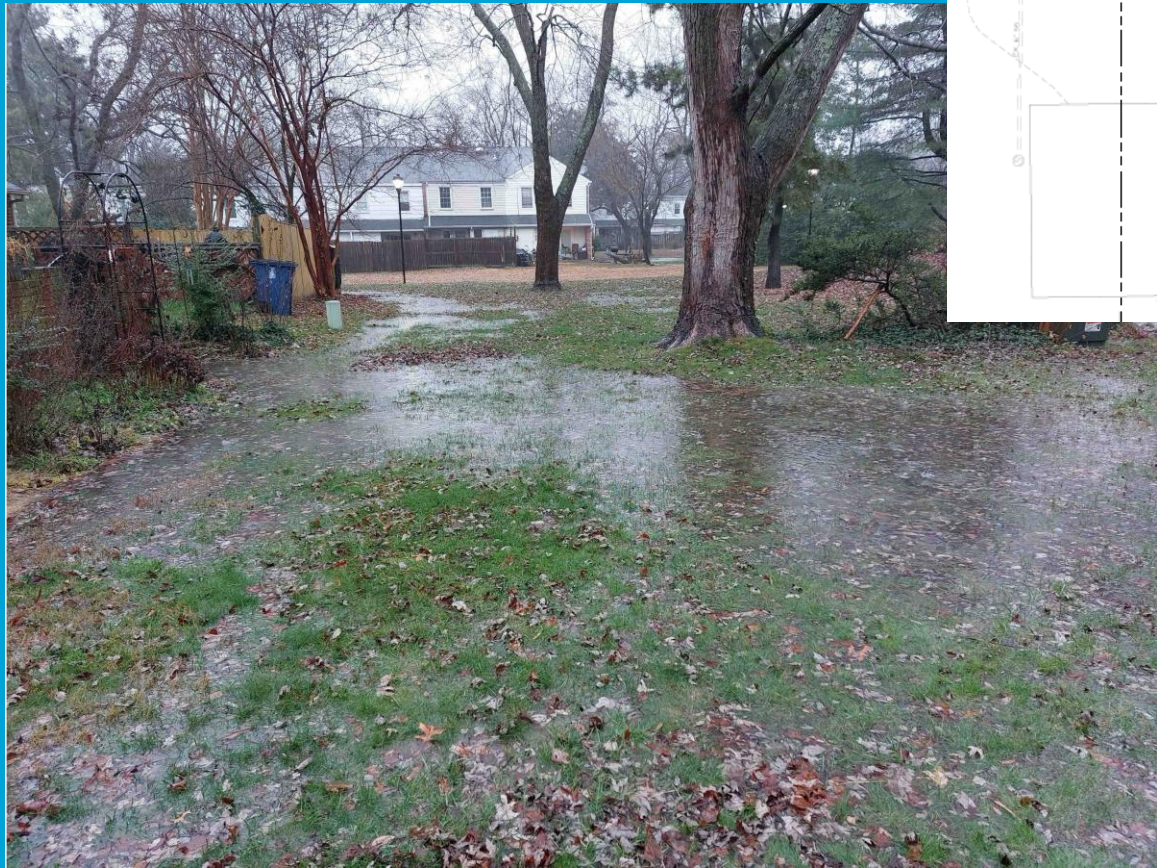
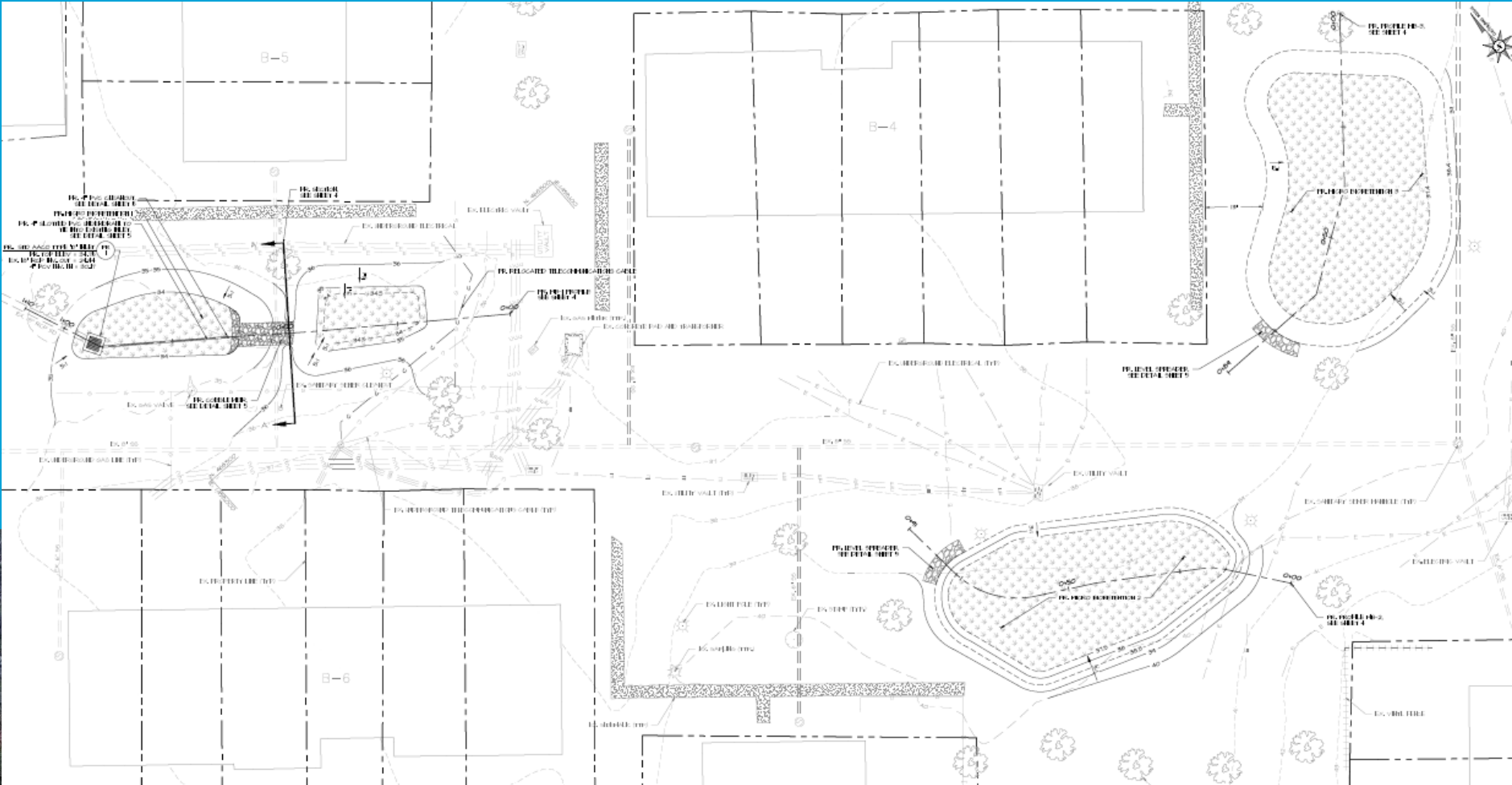
- 1. Request funds to develop 100% designs** for priority projects identified in jurisdiction-wide or watershed-wide planning documents
- 2. Focus on water quality improvements**, such as reducing N, P, and TSS into local waterways
- 3. Ensure the project is permittable** by regulatory agencies
- 4. Be cost-effective**





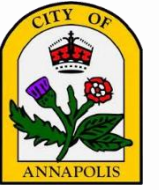
# Track 2: Example Project in City of Annapolis

## Georgetown East





# Watershed Restoration Implementation Projects (Track 3)



- Focused on watershed restoration projects designed to address stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and enhance local ecosystems.

## Example Projects

- bioretention cells, rain gardens, wetland and marsh creation and enhancement, stream restoration, living shorelines

*Reach out early to schedule a pre-application site visit for implementation projects.*

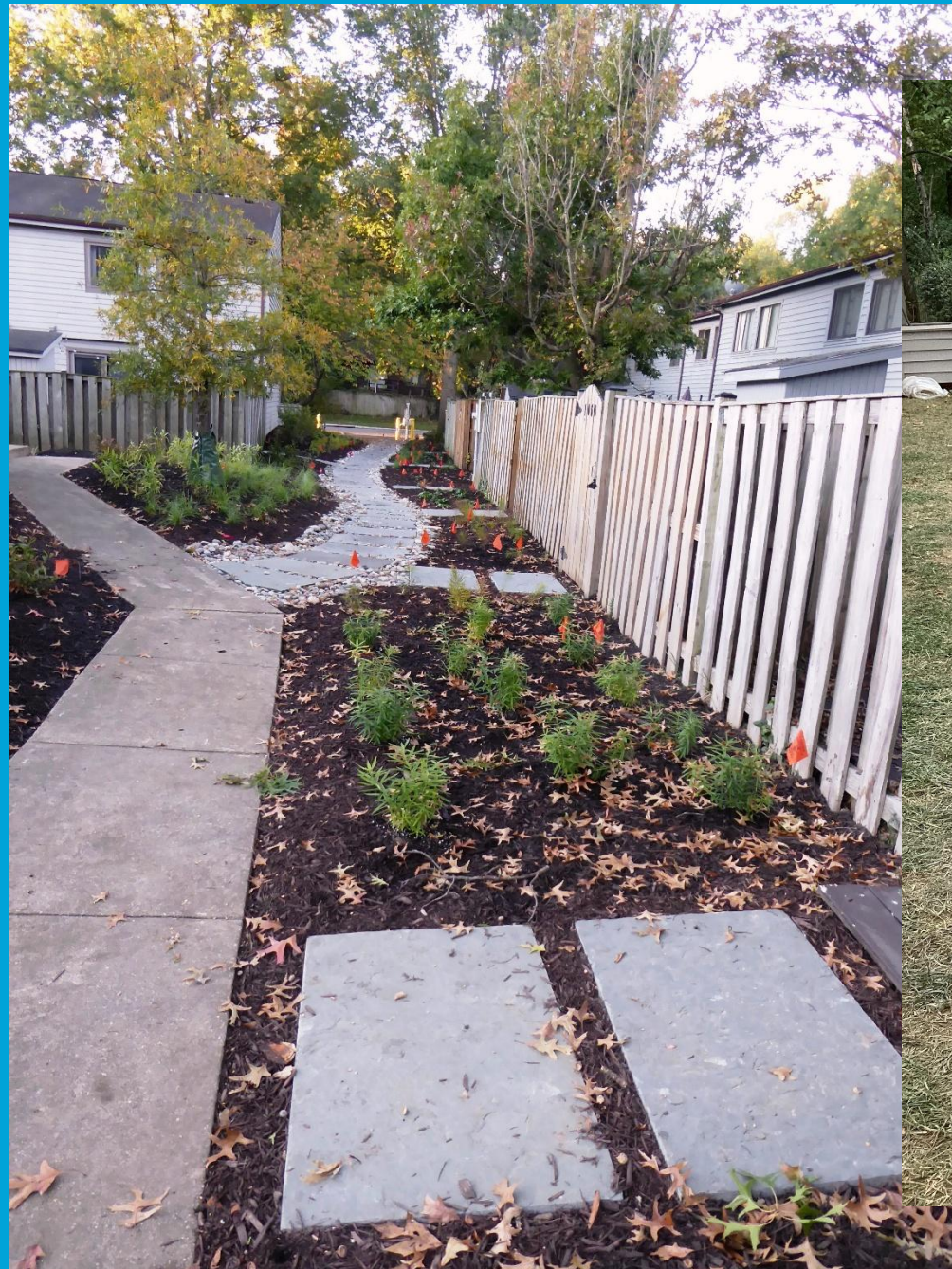
*There is designated funding for implementation projects located in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and the City of Annapolis.*





# Track 3: Example Project in City of Annapolis

## Cedar Ridge Home Association





# Track 3: Example Project in City of Annapolis

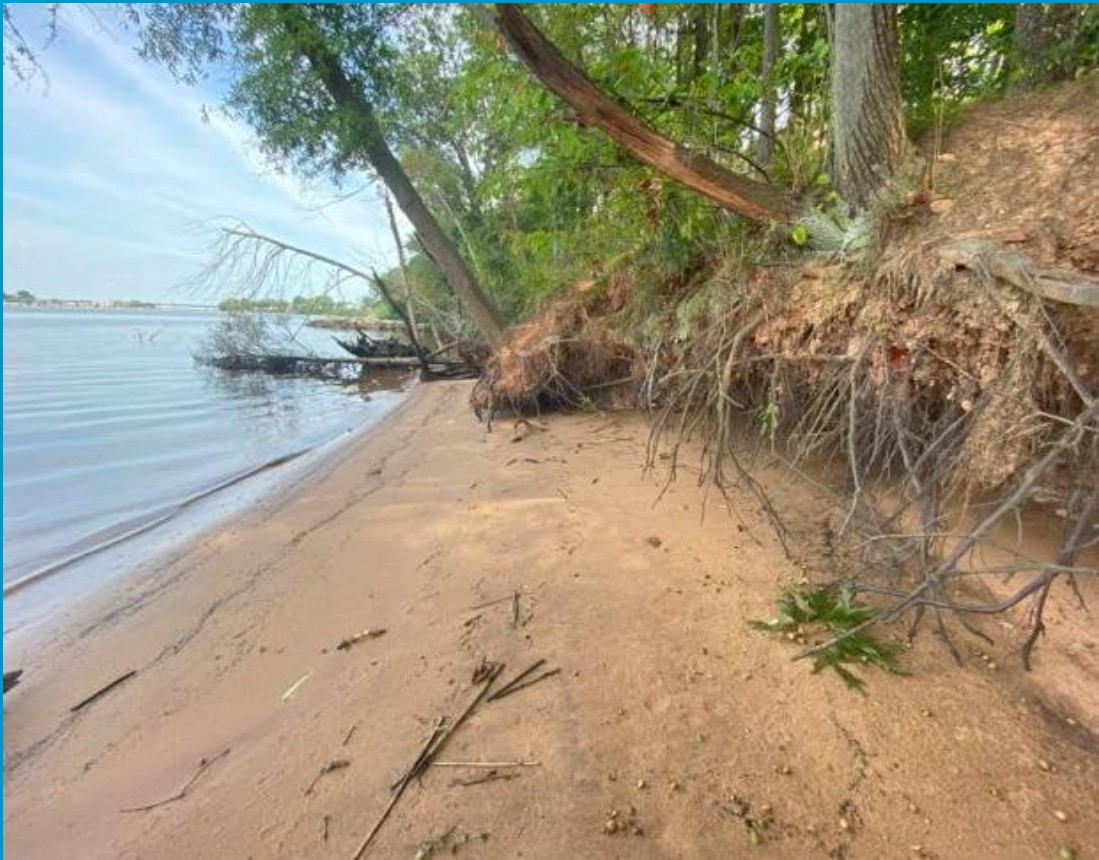
## Fairwinds of Annapolis Condominium Association





# Track 3: Example Project in Anne Arundel County

## Green Trust Alliance - Elizabeth Landing



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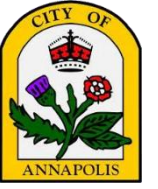
During



After



# Permanent Protection of Forested Lands Projects (Track 4)



- Focused on the **purchasing, executing, recording, and monitoring of permanent conservation easements (PCEs)** to protect, maintain, and preserve existing tree canopy in Anne Arundel County, including the City of Annapolis.
- Permanent Conservation Easements are a method of protecting natural resources and preserving natural lands. They bind all future landowners to the permanent protection of the land.

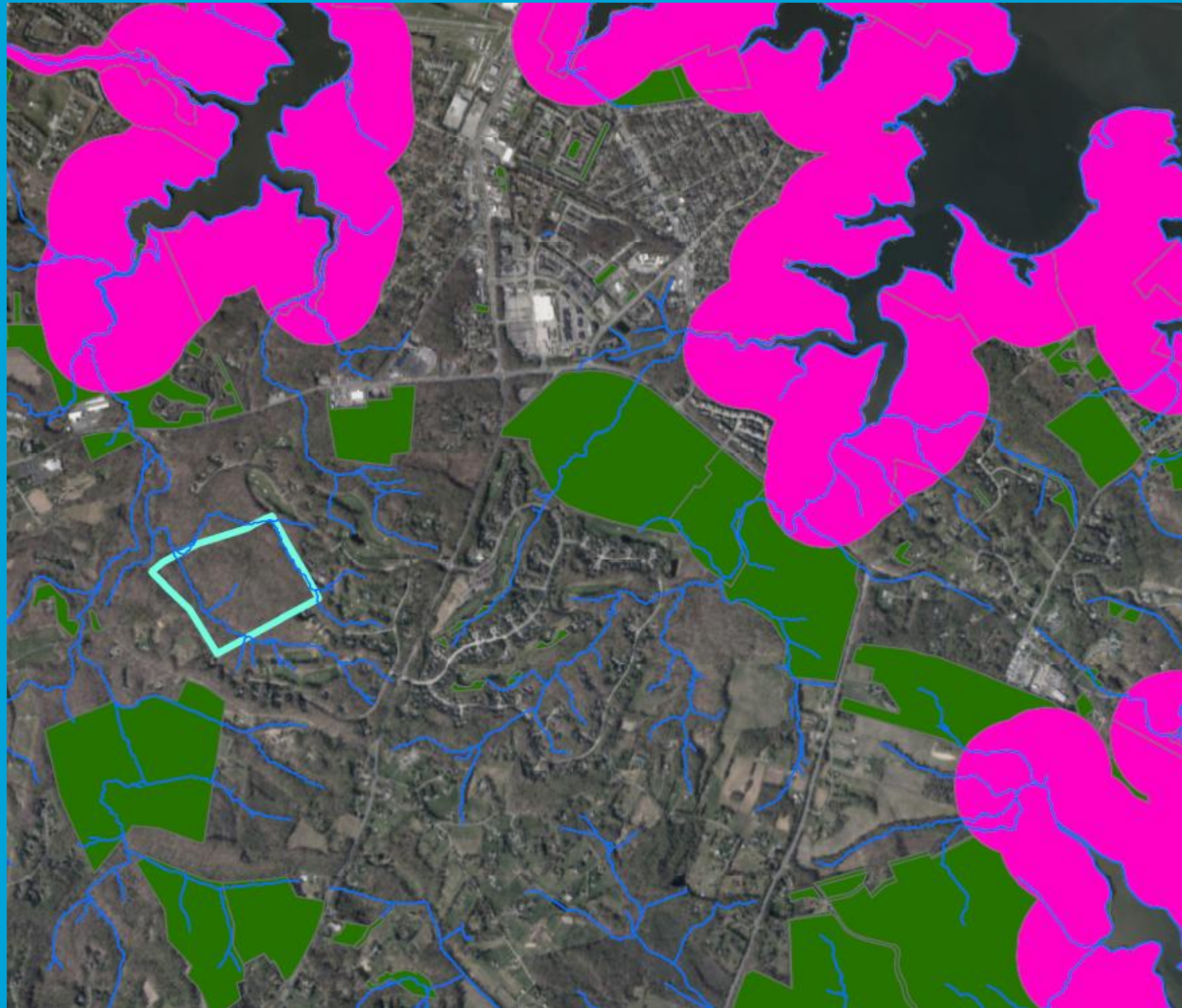
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*Anne Arundel County has designated funding for forest preservation and greening projects located in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.*





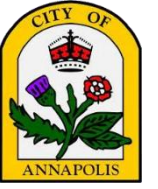
# Track 4: Example Project – Scenic Rivers Land Trust - Havlik



Landowners Partner with Scenic  
Rivers Land Trust to Protect 75  
Acres of Forest in Davidsonville



# Afforestation/Reforestation Projects (Track 5)



- Focused on the **afforestation and reforestation projects on protected or unprotected, uneased land to increase forests in Anne Arundel County, including the City of Annapolis!**
  - All projects must show commitment to protection and maintenance of the trees. County projects require long-term protection vehicles. City projects will require a detailed 10-year maintenance and monitoring plan.

## Example Projects

- Purchasing/recording a PCE and adding trees on the property
- Removing invasive species from an existing property already under easement and replacing the area with new trees
- Adding trees to a section of community property and protecting the trees with a 30-year long term protective agreement

*Reach out early to schedule a pre-application site visit.  
Anne Arundel County has designated funding for forest preservation and greening projects located in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.*





# Track 5: Example Project - Creekside at Osprey Landing





# Watershed Restoration and Forestry Projects (Track 6) – NEW!

- Supports stormwater BMP implementation and tree planting efforts at a shared project site **in one application**. This track is a combination of tracks 3 and 5.
- Proposed stormwater BMP and afforestation/reforestation components of the project must be clearly distinguished in your project narrative and budget.

## Example Projects

- Removing impervious surface and replanting the area with native trees and shrubs
- Restoring a stream and adding more trees adjacent to the site in the existing tree canopy

*Reach out early to schedule a pre-application site visit.*

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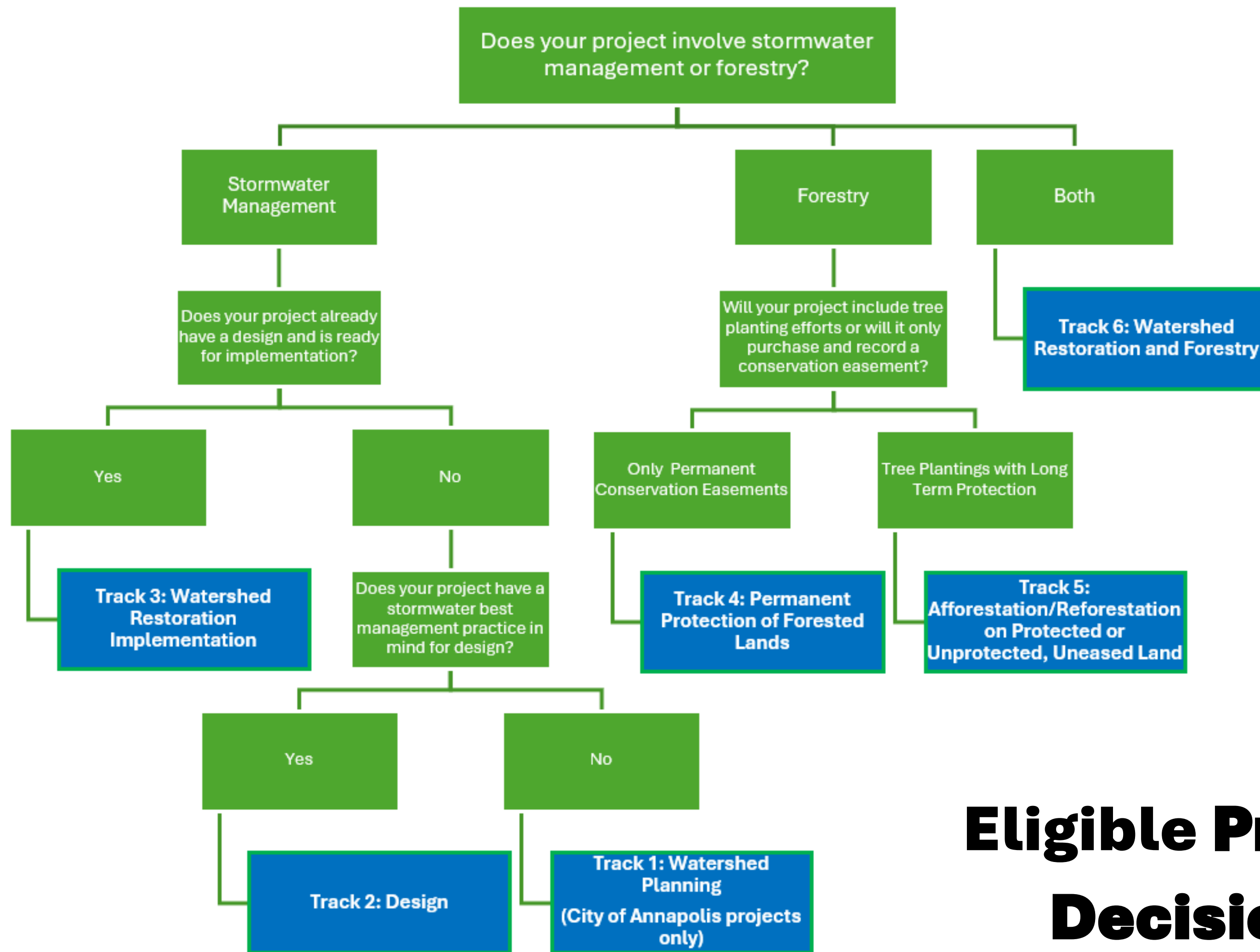




# Track 6: Example Project – Arundel Rivers Federation - Village of Middle Cove







# Eligible Projects Decision Tree



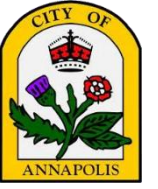
# Project Considerations

- Factors to consider:
  - Landowner permission for the proposed project site
  - Complex drainage systems (above ground and underground pipes)
  - Identifying and avoiding utilities (above and below ground).
  - Does the proposed BMP or planting plan make sense for the proposed site
  - Obtaining permits and approvals from various stakeholders.
  - Selecting and managing contractors, if necessary
  - Ensuring long-term maintenance and monitoring and possibly land protections





# Maintenance and Protection Agreements



- Implementation/construction projects are required to provide maintenance and execute long-term project protection agreements.
  - County MOU or City maintenance agreement (for watershed restoration projects)
  - PCE, LTPA (for County forestry projects)
  - 10-year signed maintenance and monitoring agreement (for City forestry projects)
- Landowners are responsible for providing long-term, routine maintenance. For living shorelines, landowners are responsible for full structural and routine maintenance.
- Projects not eligible if required under an existing or pending regulatory process or permit.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND RIGHT OF ENTRY

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND (the "County"); \_\_\_\_\_ ("Developer"); \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Owners").

WHEREAS, Developer is the recipient of public or private grant funding to fund restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries through nonpoint source pollution control projects; and

WHEREAS, as part of the work to be performed with the funds from the Grant, the Developer has prepared design plans, obtained permission from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Army Corps of Engineers to undertake the construction of a stormwater management system on certain property owned by Owners and located in \_\_\_\_\_, Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the "Project");

WHEREAS, to comply with applicable regulations, the Developer shall obtain a grading permit from the County before commencing construction;

WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works shall be responsible for posting security in an amount equal to the estimated cost of grading and sediment control computation shall be determined by the County;



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## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

Tax Account No.\* \_\_\_\_\_  
GRD \_\_\_\_\_-

THIS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "Agreement"), by and between the City of Annapolis, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland ("City"), and \_\_\_\_\_ (collectively, the "Owner").

WHEREAS, the Owner owns real property in Annapolis, Maryland, known as \_\_\_\_\_, and described in a deed dated \_\_\_\_\_, and recorded among the land records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in liber \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Owner applied for and received grant funding from the City of Annapolis, through a cooperative effort with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, to implement an environmental project on the Property (the "Grant"), which Grant and related documents are incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Owner shall use the Grant it applied for and received to accomplish a certain project (the "Project") located on the Property, which Project is further described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

## LONG-TERM PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT FOR TREE PLANTING Forest Conservation and Protection

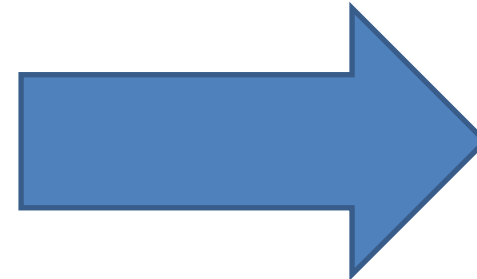
THIS LONG-TERM PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT FOR TREE PLANTING, is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between \_\_\_\_\_ ("Property Owner"), and ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, a body corporate and politic of the State of Maryland (the "County"), for the purpose of providing for, preserving, and protecting trees planted on Property Owner's property and paid for with County forest conservation fee-in-lieu funds, as described below.

prepare design plans, obtain permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as applicable, are included



# Review the Request for Proposals (RFP)

- Make sure to review the FY26 RFP for this grant program.
- The RFP outlines:
  - Goals of the program
  - Eligible Project Types
  - Eligible Applicants
  - Eligible Locations
  - Criteria and Guidelines
  - Application Requirements

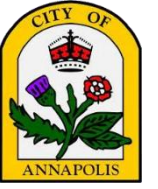


**Anne Arundel County Watershed Restoration & Forestry Grant Program**  
FY26 Request for Proposals

<https://cbtrust.org/grants/anne-arundel-county-watershed-restoration-and-forestry/>



# Application Requirements



- Project Narrative (5 pages or less)
  - Answer Narrative Questions relevant to Project Track
- Commitment from the Landowner:
  - A signed Letter of Commitment from the landowner is required with your application!
- Maintenance plan
- A Site Visit is required – schedule one this evening!
- The Best Management Project (BMP) Worksheet in Appendix A of the RFP
- Technical information - additional information is required depending upon your project category; attachments can be uploaded with your application (project photos, planting plans, appraisals, design plans, permits, etc.)
- Detailed Project Budget (Financial Management Spreadsheet)



# Project Narrative Questions

Each project track has their own **respective narrative questions document**– fill out the one appropriate to your project!

- Available for download on the program webpage or hyperlinked for download on page 9 of the Request for Proposals

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants DO NOT have to repeat the questions and can delete them from their Narrative – they are just there to help applicants ensure all narrative questions are answered

## Narrative Questions

You will be asked to upload an MS Word or PDF file (5-page limit, excluding question prompts and materials such as letters of commitments, photos, and other supporting documents) addressing the narrative questions, and to include relevant information as described in the Eligible Project Types section of this RFP. Please address all questions and ensure your answers describe how the criteria in the “Evaluation Criteria” section will be met. Use the link below to download the **required** narrative questions template for your Project Track. Complete all questions and upload the completed document as a Microsoft Word or PDF file.

- [Track 1 Watershed Planning Projects](#)
- [Track 2 Design Projects Narrative Questions](#)
- [Track 3 Watershed Restoration Implementation Projects Narrative Questions](#)
- [Track 4 Permanent Protection of Forested Lands Projects Narrative Questions](#)
- [Track 5 Afforestation/Reforestation on Protected or Unprotected, Unease](#)
- [Track 6 Forestry and Watershed Restoration Projects Narrative Questions](#)

## Narrative Questions

Track 1 Narrative Questions

Track 2 Narrative Questions

Track 3 Narrative Questions

Track 4 Narrative Questions

Track 5 Narrative Questions

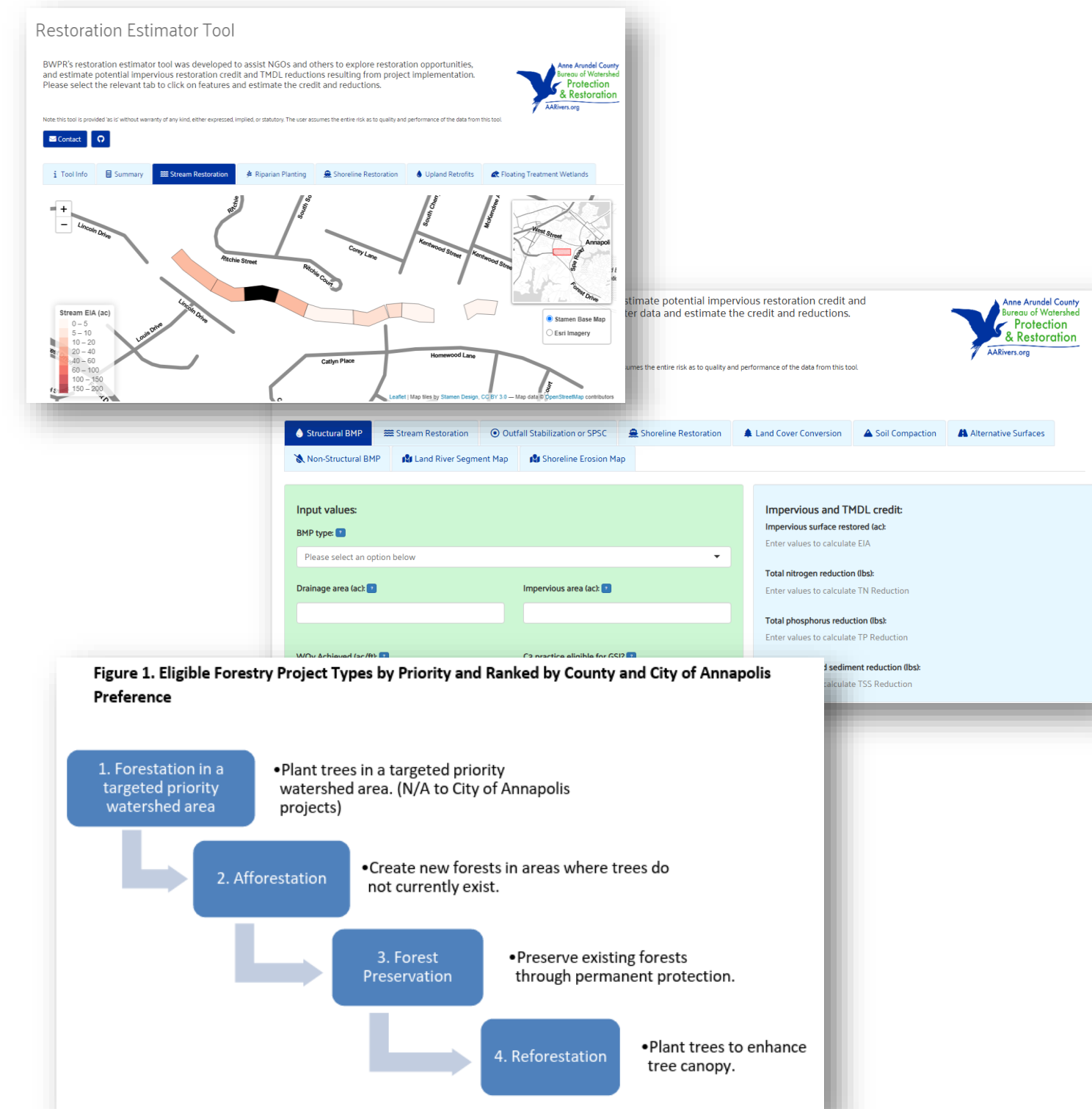
Track 6 Narrative Questions



# RFP's Appendices – a wealth of resources

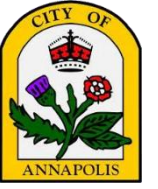
## Explore the resources provided in the appendices of the Request for Proposal!

- Learn what type of projects are priorities to fund through this program
- Access the County's BMP Credit Calculator and Restoration Estimator Tool to bolster your application
- Access mapping resources that might help justify the ecological importance of your project site
- Access resources regarding considerations for restoration design and implementation projects
- Understand the expected tree survivability standards for forestry projects
- Access the BMP worksheet for Tracks 3 and 6 submissions





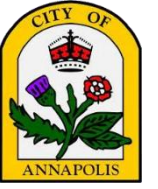
# Application Review Process



- **Technical Expert Review:** Our technical expert reviewers assess grant proposals using specific criteria. These criteria include evaluating the strength of the proposal's justification, its relevance to addressing audience needs, the potential for project success, and compliance with program requirements and priorities.
- **Technical Review Committee (TRC):** The Technical Review Committee (TRC) plays a central role in evaluating grant applications. They carefully review each proposal, scoring them based on their alignment with our program's goals and objectives.
- **Funding Partners' Role:** Our funding partners collaborate in the selection process. Together, they select projects that align with our shared vision for environmental conservation and restoration.



# Application Review and Checklist



- ☐ Is your project type listed in the application package?
- ☐ Have you reviewed the Evaluation Criteria?
  - \*Reviewers score applications based upon these criteria\**
- ☐ Have you addressed the narrative questions?
- ☐ Have you finalized and uploaded your project budget?
- ☐ Do you have a letter of commitment from your landowner?
- ☐ Did you submit a maintenance plan?
- ☐ Have you included any applicable partners?
- ☐ Can you provide the technical information requested?
- ☐ Submit online (and early!)



# Questions?



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**Pre-Application Site Visit Deadline:**

**February 13, 2026**

**Application Deadline:**

**February 27 at 4pm EST**

For more information visit  
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