



Watershed Assistance Collaborative

Putting the Resources at the Level Where Work Gets Done

Meeting the Challenge of Chesapeake Bay Restoration by Ensuring that Local Communities get the Information—and the Resources—that they need....

The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund was passed in response to the continued decline of water quality and natural resources in our State waters. After 25 years of dedicated effort to restore the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays, it is clear that Maryland and our partners are not achieving our goals. The 2010 Trust Fund was established to target limited financial resources to the most effective nonpoint source areas in the State, and show tangible results.

The **State's Local Implementation Grant (LIG)** has been established in response to the 2010 Trust Fund to provide implementation dollars directly to Maryland's local governments. Through this grant, best practices and comprehensive projects will be leveraged, internal resources tapped and human capital shared, to demonstrate what State and local partnerships can accomplish.

What is the Watershed Assistance Collaborative?

The State has developed a new service that will connect local communities interested in undertaking comprehensive watershed restoration and protection projects to the people and programs that will help them accomplish their goals.

- ü **The Training:** The University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, along with State partners will provide hands-on training for communities interested in watershed targeting, planning, and financing strategies of long-term restoration efforts.
- ü **The Resources:** In partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the State will offer planning and design grants and technical assistance to meet the needs of local governments & communities preparing to undertake watershed management activities.
- ü **The Support:** In partnership with the Maryland SeaGrant and the University of Maryland system, the State will provide Regional Watershed Specialists to provide implementation assistance focused on helping local and county governments within the watershed reduce or eliminate nonpoint sources of pollution.

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