



In order to provide services for local communities and governments to advance watershed protection and restoration activities in Maryland, we are collectively establishing a new program, the Watershed Assistance Collaborative. The Collaborative will offer the tools, resources, and outreach needed to undertake nonpoint-source pollution implementation and restoration efforts.

We have learned from the last 25 years of Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts that a new approach is needed now if we are to restore water quality and living resources. This joining of inter-agency capacity will greatly assist local governments with coordination and resources needed for advancing implementation projects.

We are committed to putting our resources and knowledge toward local actions and projects so that tangible results can be attained. We welcome you to join us in this great endeavor!

Thank you,

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John Griffin, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources

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Allen Hance, Director, Chesapeake Bay Trust

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For more information, please visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/czm/2010tfs.html>.