

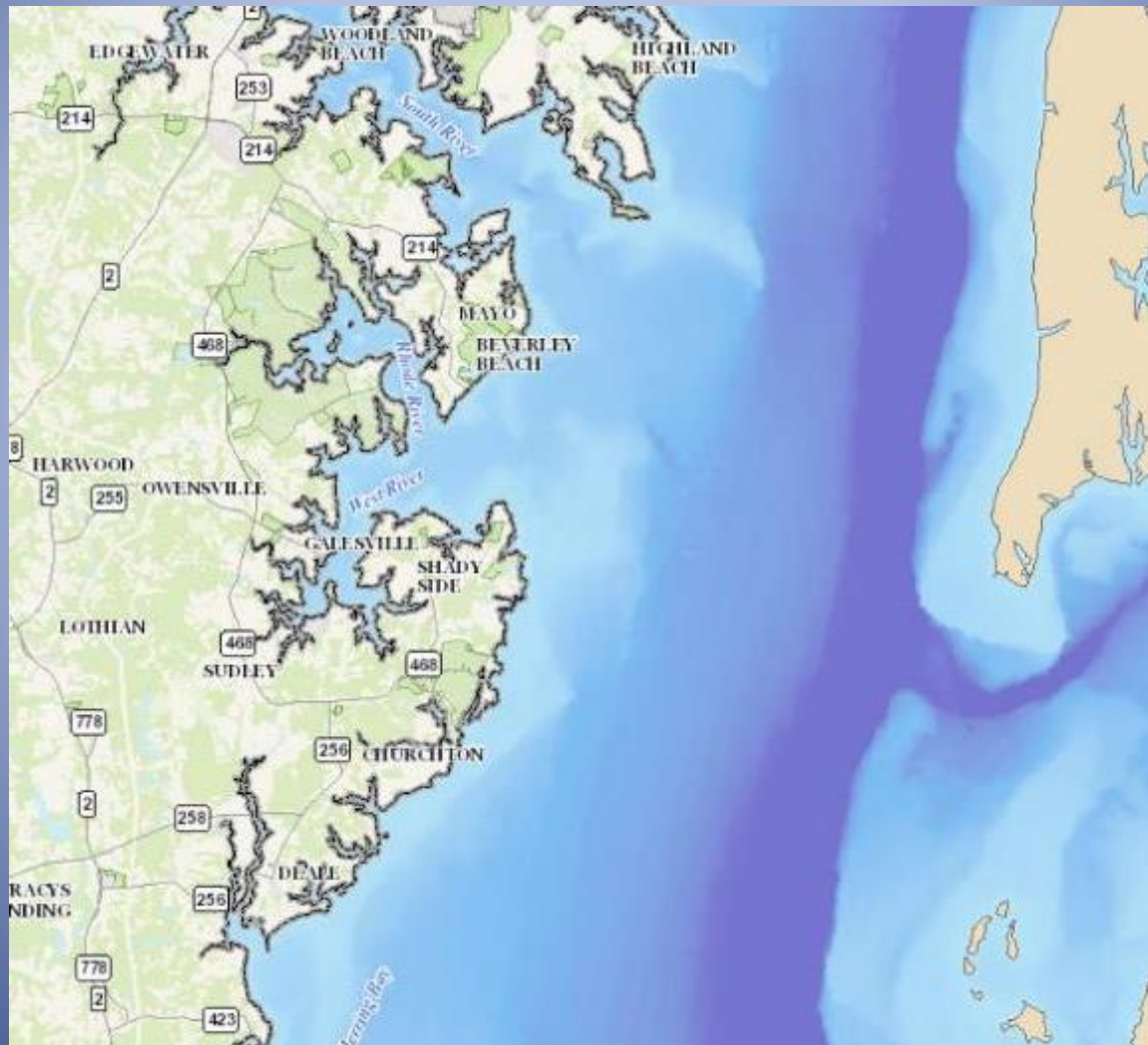


Citizens Advisory Committee

# Chesapeake Bay Watershed



# West & Rhode River Watershed



# West/Rhode Riverkeeper

- Serves as the eyes, ears and voice for the West and Rhode Rivers
- Works to fund and manage restoration projects
- Monitors water quality
- Operates pump-out boat, pumping 15,000 gallons of sewage from recreational boats each year
- Speaks for the rivers at the county, state and federal levels
- Independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

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12 Citizen-Scientist Volunteers monitored water quality at 28 sites every week, all season long



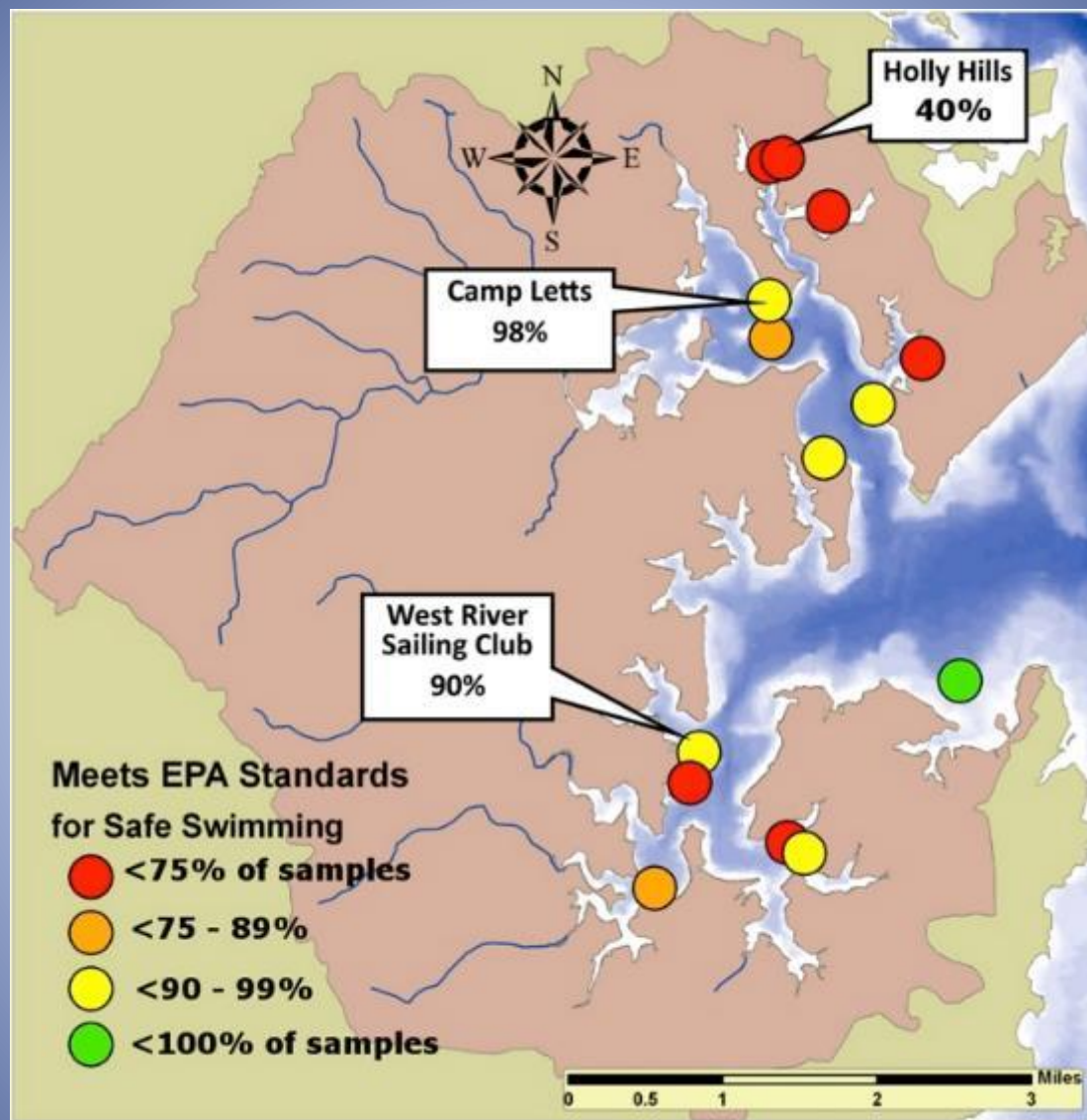
**Thank you to Royce Thomas, stellar intern**





## Volunteers monitoring the West River





Bacteria levels are reported weekly on the  
“Swim Guide” app, other parameters  
reported in the annual Report Card







# WEST & RHODE RIVERS REPORT CARD

July 2015





Chesapeake Bay Trust presented the  
West & Rhode Riverkeeper and  
YMCA Camp Letts with the  
prestigious Melanie Teems Award for  
the Pasture Restoration project that  
solved the worst sediment pollution  
problem on the West River

Camp Letts Horse Pasture  
Before – mud & manure wash into the river





## Camp Letts Horse Pasture

After – 3 acres reforested, new wetlands filter run-off



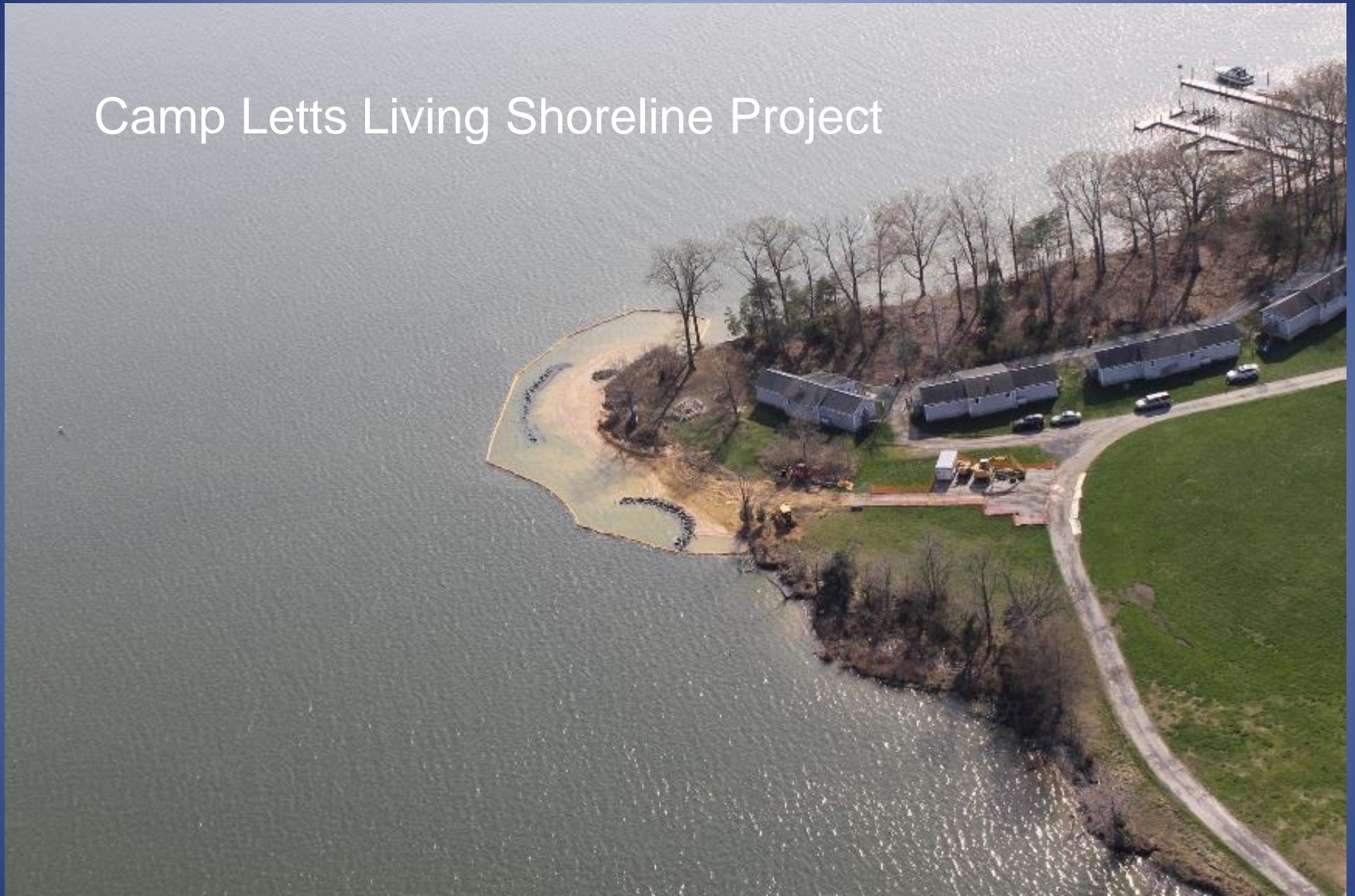


600 6<sup>th</sup> graders planted 700 trees on 3 acres





# Camp Letts Living Shoreline Project







660 kids planted more than 10,000 plugs of marsh grass









Volunteers from the USAF 7<sup>th</sup>  
Intelligence Squadron based at  
Fort Meade helped the kids











60 kids from the AACPS “Stream Team” planted 200 trees at the West River Center in the “Trees in Sacred Places” program, thanks to DNR & the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay



The Riverkeeper forged a partnership  
with the Maryland Park Service to  
open Franklin Point State Park







20 volunteers cleaned up the park  
under the leadership of Dick Worth







Enforcement – the Riverkeeper follows up on reports from residents and takes appropriate action when needed





Thanks to a partnership with DNR, Pump-out Boat Captain Mike DeRogatis served more than 500 powerboats & sailboats, safely disposing of more than 15,000 gallons of raw sewage.







## 30 Rhode River residents participate in the Maryland Grows Oysters program







The Riverkeeper reached more than **960 students** with instructional programs, tree plantings and marsh grass plantings in partnership with AACPS Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Program





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