

# A Legislative Framework for Conserving Rivers



CHESAPEAKE BAY  
COMMISSION FIELD  
STUDY TOUR

NANTICOKE RIVER  
Staff Introduction

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It rises in southern Kent county, **Delaware**, flows through Sussex County, Delaware and forms the border between Dorchester and Wicomico Counties in **Maryland**.

Its main tributaries are **Marshyhope Creek** on the north side and **Gravelly Fork and Broad Creek** on the south side.



**The Nanticoke River** is a major tributary of the Chesapeake Bay on the Delmarva Peninsula.

# The Legislative Framework



## STATE PROGRAMS

- Program Open Space
- Rural Legacy
- MD Ag Land Preservation Foundation
- MD Environmental Trust (Easements)
- Critical Areas
- Forest Conservation Act
- Tidal and Non-Tidal Wetlands Program
- BRF for upgrading WWTPs
- Waterway Improvement Fund
- Septic Laws
- Stormwater Laws
- Comprehensive Planning & Zoning
- Agricultural Laws & Policies

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

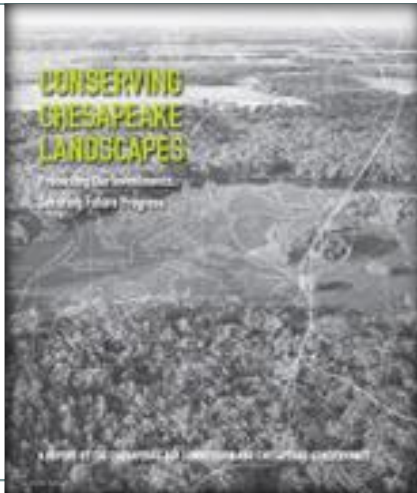
- Land & Water Conservation Fund (NPS, USFWS)
- North American Wetlands Conservation Act (USFWS)
- National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program (USFWS)
- Tidal Wetlands Regulatory Program (Army Corps of Engineers)
- Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HUD)
- Readiness and Environmental Encroachment Initiative (DOD)
- Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (NPS)



A 26-mile **ecotourism** water trail running along the River was set aside in July 2011 by Delaware state and federal officials, contiguous with a 37-mile water-trail extending through Maryland to the Chesapeake Bay.



**Celebrating community, history and environmental splendor**



# Taking Action on our Recommendations

## CONSERVING CHESAPEAKE LANDSCAPES

December 2010



- Enhance Public Access.
- Coordinate and leverage Federal Conservation Funding.
- Fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund, with states with states receiving an equitable share.
- Better integrate land conservation into the TMDL.
- Establish Dedicated Land Conservation Funds and provide Tax Credits.



# OUR EXPERT PANEL



THE RIVER'S VITAL STATS

DAVE NEMAZIE

TELLING THE TOWN'S STORY

RUSS BRINSFIELD

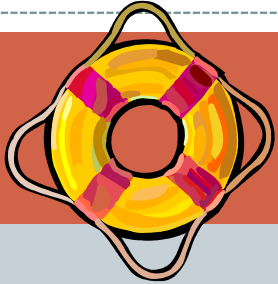
SAVING THE LANDSCAPE

LIZ ZUCKER  
TIM BROWER

PROTECTING THE  
TRAINING AIRSPACE

STEVE FOREN

# TWO CHOICES



## BOAT TOUR

- Take a glimpse of a river whose well-preserved shorelines evoke the time of Captain John Smith.

(Participant Limit: 16)



## MONITORING



- Explore the complex array of water quality measurements and analysis underway to inform Bay-wide, state and local decision making.

(Participant Limit: none)

**Before you get on the boat, put your meeting materials in the box!**

