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Maryland Coastal Bays eNewsletter

Bishopville Dam Project Begins!

June 2014



Construction of the Bishopville Dam project will commence mid-July. The project will consist of restructuring the dam to accommodate a stream channel alongside the existing pond. This will allow fish to move upstream to spawn and will improve water quality. Folks from DNR, State Highway, Worcester County, RCSD, Underwood and Associates, and MCBP met to discuss the details of construction activities at the site last week. For more information contact Roman Jesien, MCBP 410-213-2297 x 108

EPA Site Visit

Volunteer Opportunities and Fundraisers

We always have lots of great opportunities. If you don't see one below that interests you, please contact us.

ISO Specific Donations

The MCBP lawn mower just met its demise this week, as did the weed whacker. If anyone has either in which they would like to donate, please give us a call at 410-213-2297.

MCBP needs to move out of its storage space located on Route 50. If anyone with a truck and trailer is willing and interested in donating their time to help us move out next week, please call us at 410-213-2297 ext 107.

Turtle Excluders at Walmart

Thanks to a grant from the Eastern Shore Community Foundation, MCBP, local watermen and volunteers have been working hard to protect our diamondback terrapin.

We are on the last leg of this program, which is attaching excluders to the crab



This June, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program hosted a site visit from the Environmental Protection Agency. Our out-of-town colleagues toured the watershed to see firsthand the work we're doing to restore and protect our coastal treasure. Here (from left to right) Stan Hales, Director of the Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program, observes the abundant wildlife along Ayres Creek in the company of David Greaves of EPA Region III and Noemi Mercado of EPA Headquarters. They're standing in the launch area of the Lewis Road Kayak Launch, a low-impact recreation site that the Coastal Bays Program has developed in partnership with the Town of Ocean City.

Turtle Count



The 2014 terrapin head counts were conducted by 4 teams observed for a total of 11 hours over a six day period from June 3 through June 8. Preliminary data summary indicates that a total of 377 diamondback terrapin turtles were counted during that time.

[Ocean City Today article](#)

Moving On

pots sold at Walmart. This time of year Walmart generally receives shipments of 14 at a time. We need someone that is willing to commit to a couple of times this summer to work with Walmart to attach them in the store. Walmart will email you when the pots arrive and request that you attach them in the morning. Please call Sandi at 443-783-5293 if you can commit to this. We will provide you with the proper tool and excluders.

15th Annual Osprey Triathlon



Registration is now open for our largest fundraiser, the Osprey Sprint Triathlon. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 4. We will also need plenty of volunteers. To register click [here](#)

Watch out for Turtles



Thanks to the keen eyes of Ken and Sharon Wolfe, this terrapin has a second chance. They found it in the bay. It apparently had been struck by a boat or jet ski. Terrapins inhabit the brackish waters in the bays and creeks of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, it is the



It's bitter sweet, as we have to say congratulations to our Programs Manager Bill Mahoney. He has accepted a position with the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning and Sustainability. Bill has been a great asset to MCBP and will be sorely missed; however, we're excited to see that he'll continue to be out there tackling some important environmental issues.

only turtle in North America restricted to estuaries. We continue to gather life history information for this species in our area as its numbers decline in many parts of its range. Keep your eyes peeled when you are out on the water or driving down the street.

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