

Cecil County/Harford County Green Team Summit



Havre de Grace Community Center
March 5, 2026



Sustainable Maryland Cecil/Harford Summit

Town of Bel Air Planning Department – March 5, 2026

Recent Projects by Category

**Community
Action**

**Community
Based Food
System**

**Local
Economies**

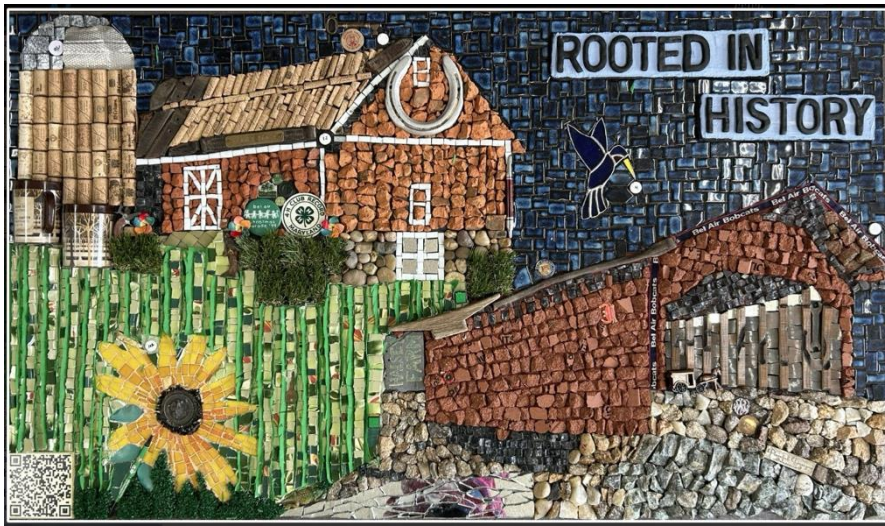
Transportation



- Community-Based Public Art
- Innovative Demonstration Projects
 - Chess Tournament



Community Action



Community Based Food System

Backyard Chicken Ordinance

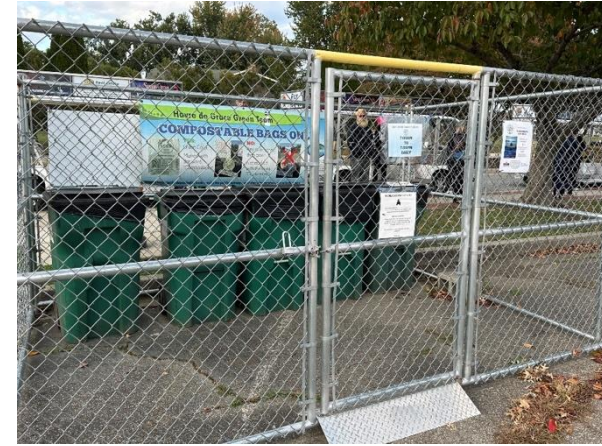


Local Economies



Rain Barrels and Organic
Waste Composting

Innovative Demonstration
Projects – Armory Marketplace





Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Complete Streets Policy and Program

Innovative Demonstration Projects – Safe Streets for All

Transportation

New Transportation
Actions (2023-2026)

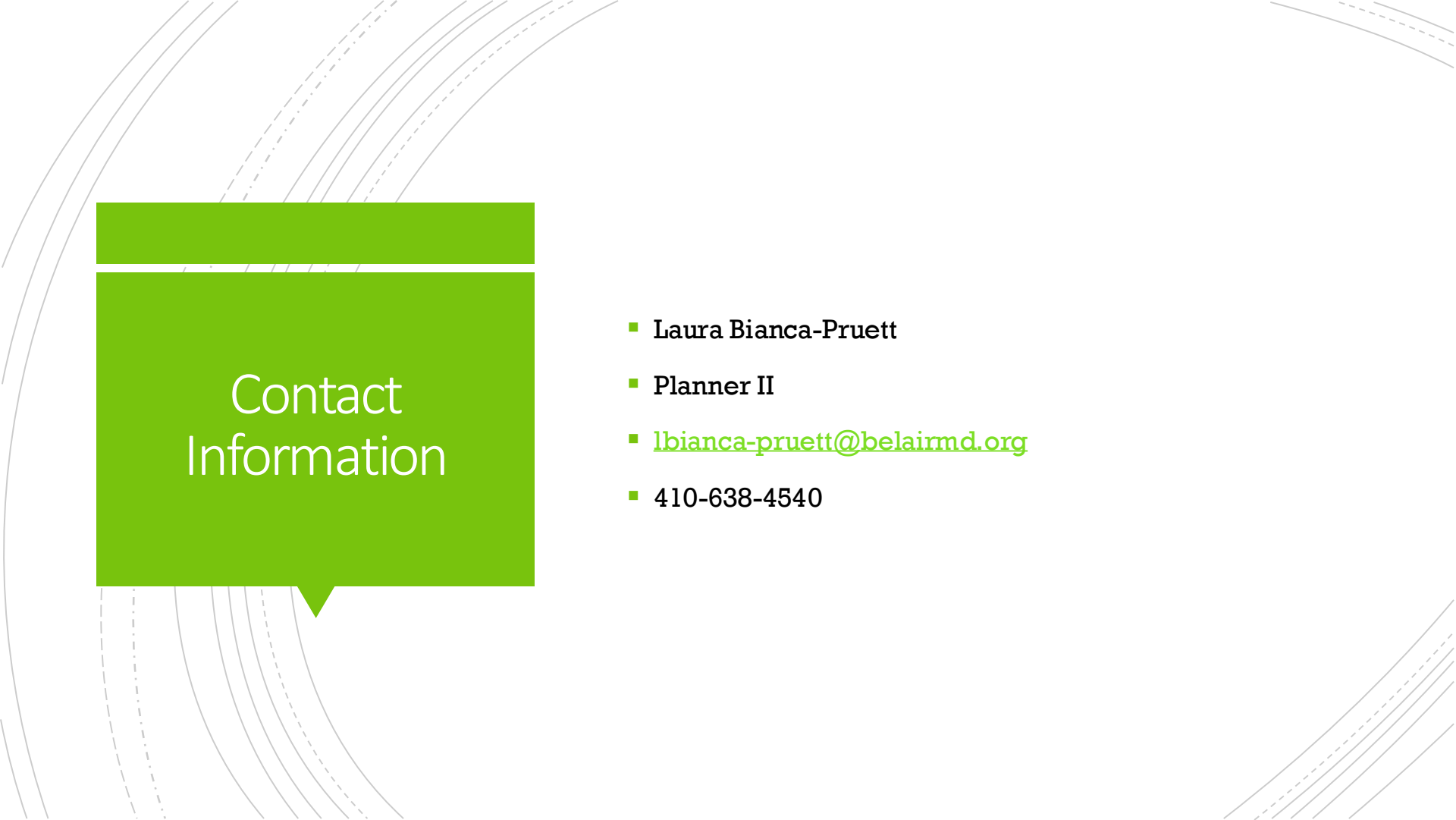


Multi-Municipal or Regional/County-Wide Wish List

1. Safe Streets for All
continuation (Multi-
municipal - Bel Air,
Aberdeen, Havre de Grace)

2. Bikeable Baltimore
Region Network (County-
Wide)



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Charlestown MD You Tube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWNWzN88-ul>

Havre de Grace Green Team

Project Highlights



Community Gardens

Four locations throughout the city of Havre de Grace



Education & Outreach



Bird City
Activities



Environmental
Film & Book
Series



Food Waste
Recycling

Volunteer- Driven Environmental Stewardship



Todd Park
Food Forest



Pollinator
Gardens



Heirloom
Victory
Garden

Town of Perryville's Green Team

Members:

- 1) Ashley Hennessy
- 2) Marlene Muro
- 3) Kurt Bovankovich
- 4) Abbey Ketterling
- 5) Julie Reich
- 6) Julie Liddle
- 7) Kirena Liddle
- 8) Raissa Moore
- 9) Jackie Weih
- 10) Amanda Picciotto-Cooper
- 11) Sadie Forrester
- 12) Nikki Lopez
- 13) Andrey Sloan
- 14) Cathy McDowall
- 15) Commissioner Hall
- 16) Mayor Linkey



Est. 2017

Reformed 2024

Partnerships

- Perryville High School's Environmental Club (Over 50 Students) Looking to partner more in 2026 on larger projects.



- Lidl has been a big supporter. Donated seed starter trays, soil, hand rakes, planters, and compost bins!

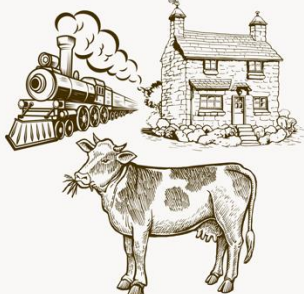


- Volunteers for Town Sweeps & River Sweep





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**1ST
SATURDAY'S**

1st Saturday's Farm & Craft Market May-October, 2PM- 5PM

- ▶ While the market has changed locations over the years, this year we are returning to the original location of Rodgers Tavern Museum. Museum will also be open during the market!
- ▶ Farmers are local to the area and sell fresh, homegrown produce & products.
- ▶ Rodgers Tavern is in good walking distance of our “downtown”, perfect for our senior community.
- ▶ Great opportunity to spread wellness within the community while helping local vendors!



Community Garden

- ▶ Our local Community Garden, built in 2020 is open for rentals for Perryville residents.
- ▶ Beautiful view right on the water
- ▶ Next to a local business: The Snacklebox, and Public Boat Ramp
- ▶ With the Main Street Maryland Grant, we will be beautifying the area with picnic tables, benches, bike rack, dog waste station and new signage.
- ▶ Looking for an Eagle Scout to make renovations to the garden such as a new gate or expand the plots.

Town Sweeps & River Sweep

- ▶ The Town will host 2 town sweeps a year to cleanup trash in our walkable downtown community. Typically, Early Spring and Fall when the weather is good.
- ▶ Annual River Sweep: In partnership with Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, in April in honor of Earth Day. The town will host groups at the Perryville Community Park, Rodgers Tavern Museum, and Boat Ramp/Garrett Island to help pick up trash near and in the river.

TOWN SWEEP

MAY 15TH, 2025

CLEAN UP FROM
TOWN HALL TO
RODGERS TAVERN



Wish List Project

Host a Green Fair

- ▶ Town of Perryville Hosts 21+ Free Events a Year. Why Host One that Helps the Bring Awareness to the Environment?
- ▶ Recycle Clothes Swap, Books, Plants, etc.
- ▶ Shredding Truck, Electronic Drop Off
- ▶ Vendors Selling Items Made from Recycled Materials/ Environmental Non-Profits/Farming Vendors
- ▶ Activity: Bring an Old T-shirt and Turn into a Tote Bag for Example
- ▶ Become an Annual Event



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Cecil County Division of
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Cecil County Green Projects/Updates

- 2025 Nuisance Flood Plan
- Comprehensive Critical Area Ordinance Update
- MOU with Chesapeake Bay Trust
- Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plans Update
- Forest Conservation Regulations Update



Cecil County 2025 Nuisance Flood Plan

- Incorporated more collaboration between Departments and Stakeholders.
- Stronger emphasis on community engagement/outreach.
- Updated nuisance flood locations and mapping.

2025 Cecil County Nuisance Flooding Plan



Comprehensive Critical Area Ordinance Update

- Acquired a grant through Critical Area Commission.
- Utilizing a private consultant to assist in comprehensive update.
- Critical Area Ordinance has not been updated since 2011-2012.
- Intent is to conform with the current Critical Area Commission Model Ordinance.
- Expanded view of Critical Area Fee-in-Lieu.



MOU with Chesapeake Bay Trust

- Upcoming project to be executed following Critical Area Ordinance Update.
- Being pursued on the recommendation of the State Critical Area Commission.
- With expanded use of Fee-in-Lieu from updated Ordinance, a rolling fund will be established for CBT to utilize for conservation work within Cecil County.



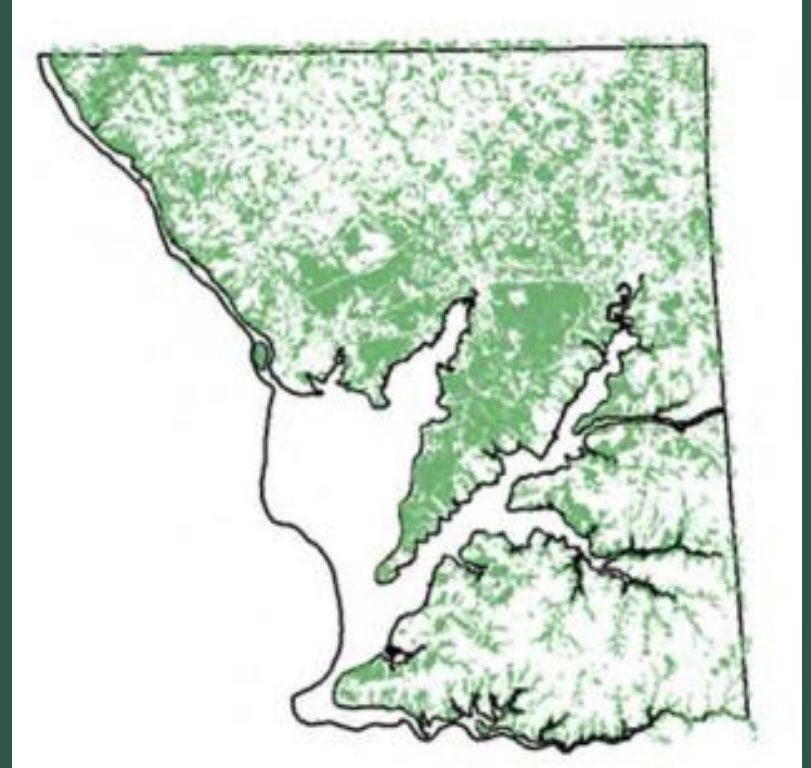
Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plans Update

- The Division of Planning and Zoning is currently assisting County Parks & Rec on their update to the County LPPRP.
- Division is responsible for updating sections on Agriculture and Natural Resource Preservation.
- Land preservation acreage has increase by ~2,303 acres since 2022.
- Land preservation is through a variety of County Programs such as MALPF, Forest Conservation, and more.



Forest Conservation Regulations Update

- The Division is actively awaiting for the new Forest Conservation Model Ordinance to be released for County Regulation Update.
- Two Division staff acquired their MD DNR Forest Conservation Act Qualified Professional Certifications in 2025.
- Division is looking into creation of a County Mitigation Bank strictly for County projects under the new regulations.



Thank You!





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Aberdeen Proving Ground Natural Resources Conservation



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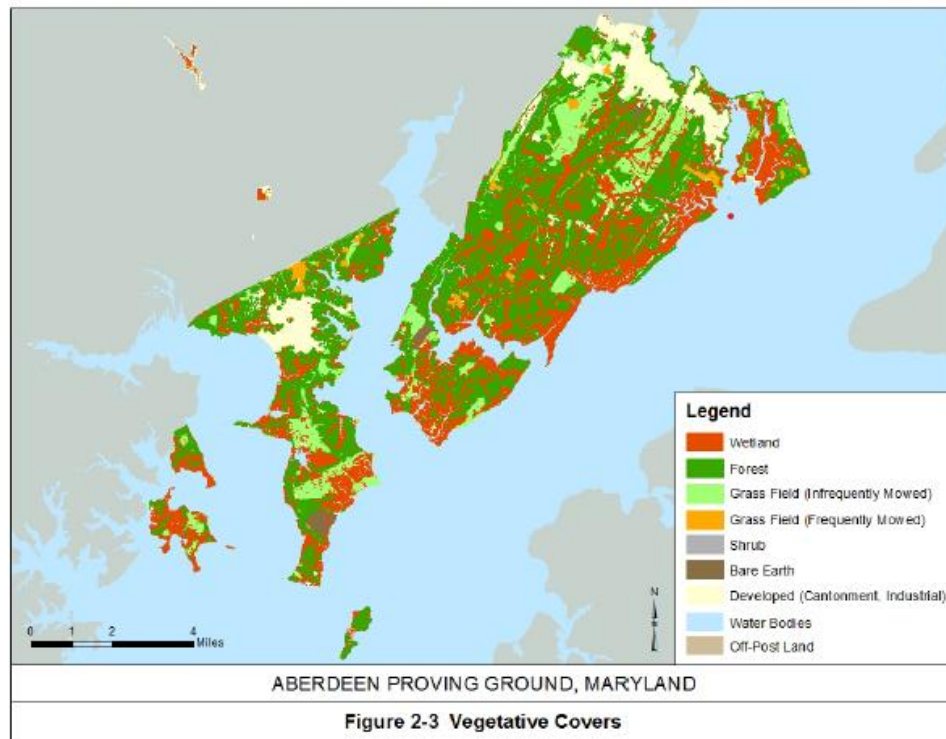


As of: March 5, 2026

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Natural Resources Conservation Program Highlights

1. Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)
2. Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program
3. Forestry Program
4. Bald Eagle Management
5. Dam Removals
6. Shoreline Stabilization



Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP)

1. Required by Department of Defense and Sikes Act Improvement Act.
2. Synchronizes Natural Resources Conservation efforts to support the mission landscapes and sustainability, regulatory requirements, use of natural resources, and public access and use.
3. Available online!: <https://home.army.mil/apg/>
About, Garrison, Directorate of Public Works (DPW)

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN



U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground –
Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area

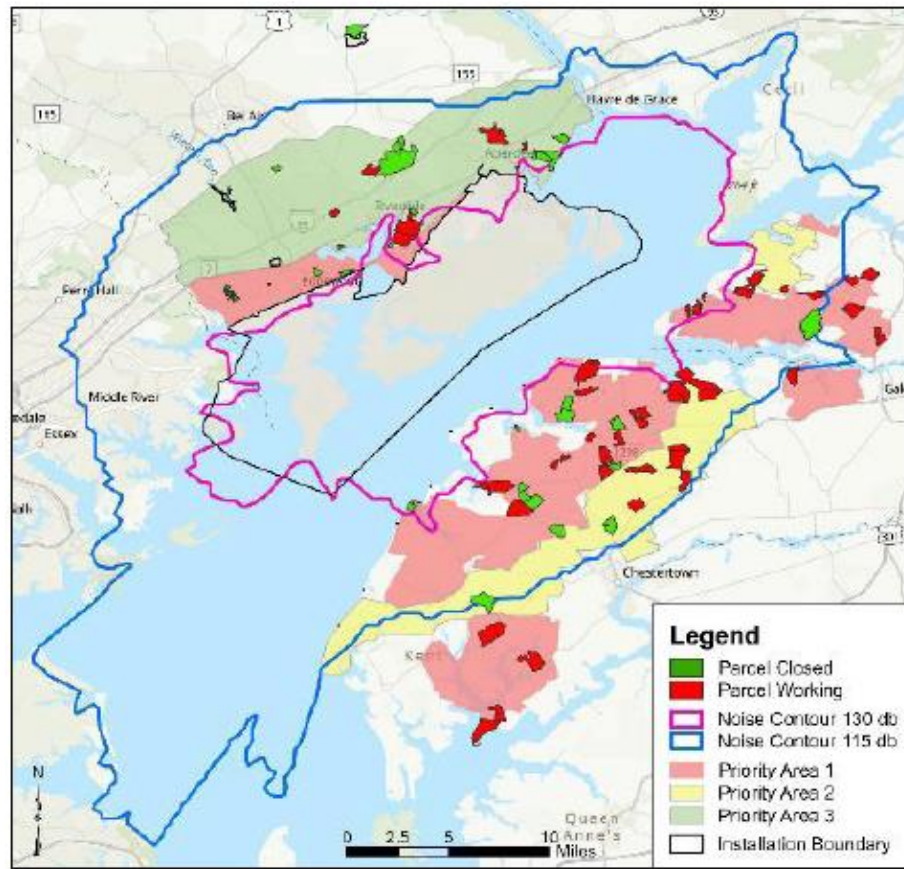


Update
November 2022

Distribution Restriction Statement
Approved for Public Release
Distribution is Unlimited #13613-A-7

Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration

1. Prevent incompatible encroachment on mission landscapes.
2. Preserve natural resources, enhance resilience, regulatory compliance.
3. Priority areas in Harford, Cecil, & Kent Counties.
4. Over 4,000 acres preserved to date.
5. Best partnering opportunity.



Forestry Program

1. 18,500 acres of forest, 585 individual forest stands.
2. 150 acres annually of forest stand management.
3. Prioritize threats to mission and critical infrastructure to reduce wildland fire risk and support INRMP goals.
4. Riparian buffer restoration projects in FY25, 350 trees across 6 acres.
5. Tree planting projects in no-mow areas.
6. Thousands of urban trees, our 21st year as a “Tree City USA”.

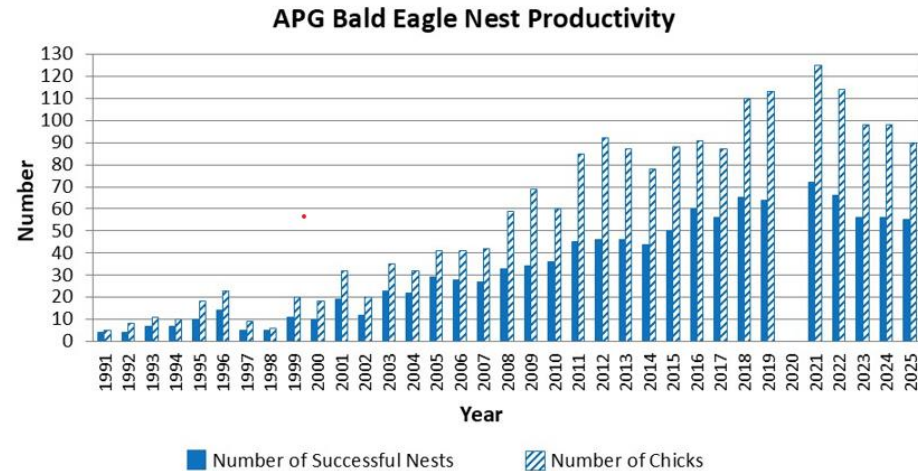


Forestry Program (continued)



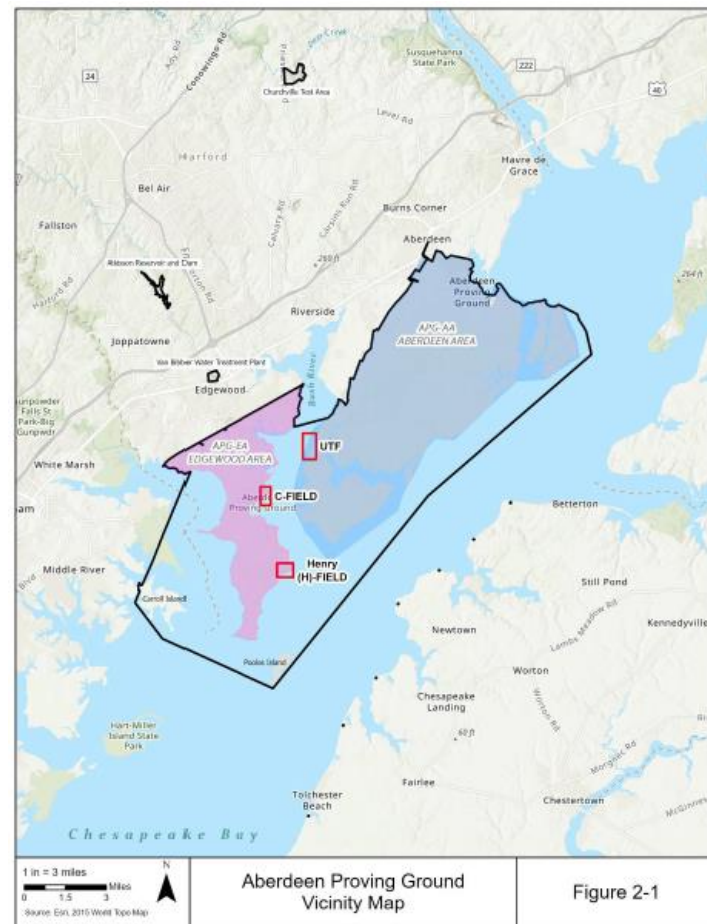
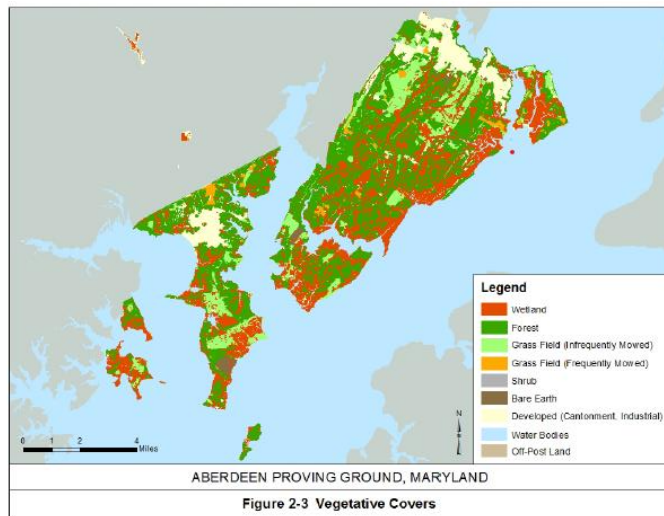
Bald Eagle Management

1. Goal is to reduce conflicts between Eagles and mission.
2. Highest number of Bald Eagle nests of any DoD installation.
3. Overhead utilities; burying over 6 miles and marking remaining utilities.
4. Shoreline restoration and conservation to provide habitat away from mission areas.
5. Monitoring to identify eagle movement patterns, tolerances, and adaptability.



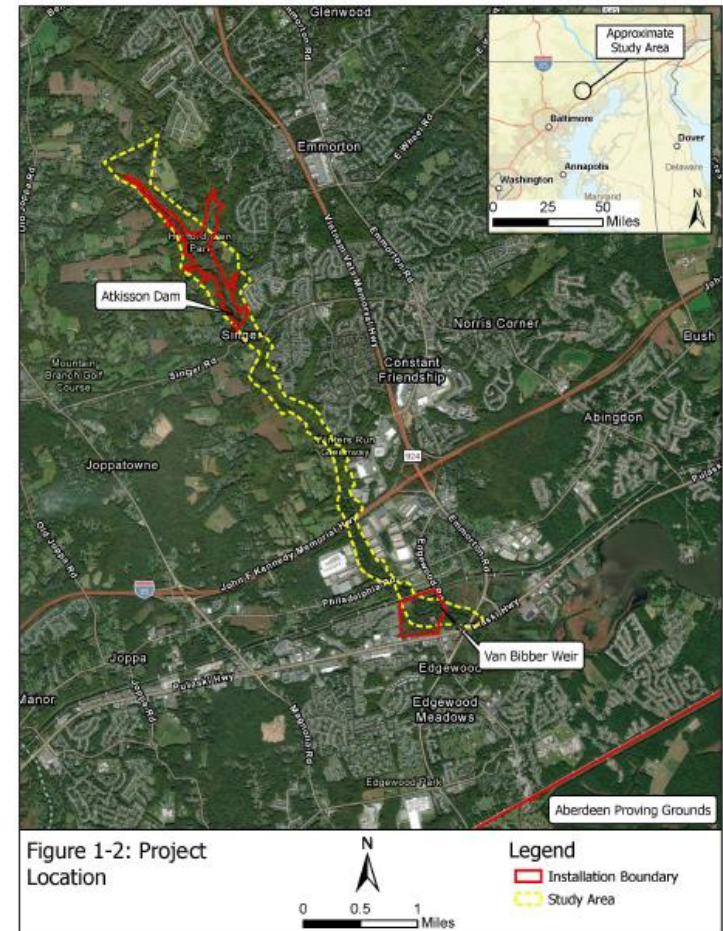
Shoreline Stabilization

1. Threats from incremental change and extreme weather events.
2. Forced to narrow scope to priority areas.
3. Cost is main issue.



Dam Removals

1. Removing Atkisson Dam and Van Bibber Weir on Winters Run
2. Remove excess Army property, attractive nuisance, improve habitat connectivity and productivity.
3. Environmental Assessment complete, generating designs.



Point of Contact

Aberdeen Proving Ground

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Breakout Discussion: What are Common Sustainability Opportunities or Challenges?

Discussions included:

- Volunteer Recruitment
- Forest Conservation
- Stormwater/Flooding

Volunteer Recruitment

- High Schoolers
- Certified Green Schools
- Working with schools/community schools wherever possible
- Volunteer Fair
- CAT Clubs (Citizens against Trash)
- Centralized Volunteer Information/Communication

Forest Conservation

- Interaction: county/municipality
- Cecil MOU (some towns), Harford: None
- New Forest Conservation Law
- No Net Loss – 1:1 replacement
- Any priority forest/funding can trigger automatic hearing
- Expansion of Definition of “Priority Forest”
- Any specimen tree triggers hearing
- To stay update as law changes, contact Jenni Daniels(Harford / Tom Welch (Cecil) – see attendees list for emails

Stormwater/Flooding

- General discussion: Havre de Grace has several projects. Funding has been held up.

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Thanks for attending the Summit!

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