



River Champion

CHOPTANK RIVERKEEPER®

MILES WYE RIVERKEEPER®

Spring 2016 Newsletter and Annual Report



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Founder's Notes by Tim Junkin

I began our previous issue of *River Champion*, published last autumn, with a missive from the Holy Father Pope Francis as he wrote of the grave responsibility we all bear to be better stewards of our lands and rivers. As I introduce our 2016 Spring Newsletter and Annual Report, I'd like to share a missive of a different nature—one that MRC received from Bill and Becky Schmidt of Queen Anne's County. Watching our MRC staff tackling clean water challenges every day, it is gratifying to know that others recognize the exceptional commitment and professionalism of the MRC team:

*To: Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy (MRC)
From: Bill & Becky Schmidt and Family
December 18, 2015*

This is to sincerely thank the Midshore Riverkeepers for their persistent efforts which resulted in the recent restoration of the damaged creek bank and floodplain which runs under Cherry Lane, through our property and into the adjoining Tuckahoe State Park, Tuckahoe Creek, Choptank River, and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay.

After being turned down by the Caroline County government in 2011 (following Hurricane Irene) to repair the damaged stone-covered creek bank which they constructed on our property in 1999, and after so many years of trying to show the severity of the damaged stream bank and floodplain to many State and Federal agencies, it was the Midshore Riverkeepers that recognized that the matter needed to be corrected and restored. After Hurricane Irene in 2011, we watched for years after every rainfall as dirt and sediment poured out of the eroded, damaged stream bank into the stream that ran through our property and into Tuckahoe State Park. It was MRC that came to the plate, obtained the necessary grant funding, permits and approvals, and got the job done! It was MRC that saw the need of the damaged environment and delivered! We



Tim Junkin



Pictured (left to right) at the Schmidt property are Evan Blessing of Blessings Environmental Concepts, Albert McCullough of Sustainable Science LLC, Bill Schmidt, and MRC Director of Operations Kristin Junkin

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learned that MRC is a dedicated organization that truly cares about our environment and works hard to make improvements that better the quality of our environment for citizens here on the Shore.

We are truly on our knees with thanks and gratitude to MRC for what they have done to restore the damaged creek and floodplain, which will result in overall improvement to the water quality of our precious Choptank River and Chesapeake Bay watershed.

May God bless you and your great organization!

Bill & Becky Schmidt

US Supreme Court Victory!

On February 29 the US Supreme Court unanimously denied the request of the American Farm Bureau Federation and other industry groups to continue their challenge to the legality of the EPA's Chesapeake Bay clean-up plan known as the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint. As a result of this decision by the Supreme Court, the ruling of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirming the legality of the EPA plan to restore the rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay **will stand**.

This has become a vitally important national precedent-setting case. The importance of this victory cannot be overstated. MRC has been involved as an intervening party in support of the EPA's plan at every stage of the litigation, beginning back in 2010 when the lawsuit was first filed in the federal district court in Pennsylvania. We are grateful for all of the good work of our litigation counsel, Jon Mueller, Esq. of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Now that this legal challenge has been successfully thwarted and is finally over, MRC will continue to encourage, push, cajole, and assist our local governments to fully meet their obligations and deadlines under this plan. MRC remains involved in several other litigation matters including the Conowingo Dam relicensing procedure and the Four Seasons development on Kent Island.

New Executive Director

As of January 1, 2016, Jeff Horstman assumed the duties as the new executive director of MRC. As he's been doing for the past two years, Jeff will continue as the Miles-Wye Riverkeeper, assessing, monitoring, and protecting our local rivers and serving as a strong voice for these waterways. I plan to support and assist Jeff in the role of an advisor going forward.

Jeff first joined MRC's board in June 2010. He served as board chairman from June 2011 through 2013. He has worked closely with me as a partner from early on, providing key guidance and support in building MRC during its formative years.

Jeff's ties to our rivers are strong. He grew up near Queenstown on the Wye River, and is a 1982 graduate of Washington College with a BA in Political Science. While attending college, he worked for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources helping integrate Wye Island into a state holding. He has served on the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's President's Advisory Council and currently serves on the boards of the Harry R. Hughes Center for

Agro-Ecology, Inc., Waterkeepers Chesapeake, and Aspen/Wye Fellows. He is an advisory board member of the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program.

Jeff is an unusually gifted leader and advocate. I couldn't be more pleased to have him step into this role. I have every expectation that Jeff will continue to build and strengthen MRC, expanding its scope and influence as a force for clean water, river advocacy, and a healthy Chesapeake Bay.

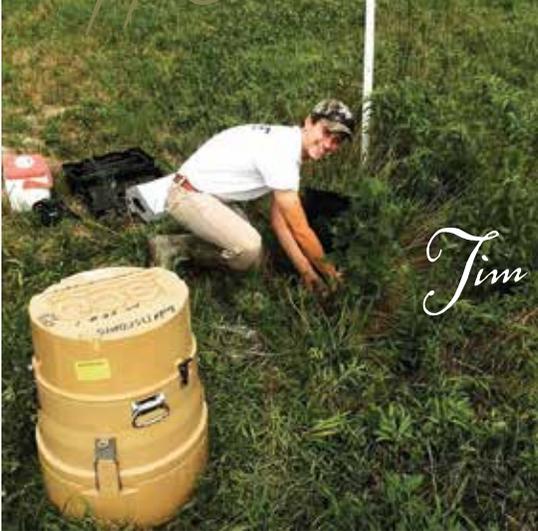
River Report Card

On April 29, 2016, MRC releases our sixth annual State of the Rivers Report Card, which can be found in its entirety on our website. Produced with the assistance of over 50 volunteer Creekwatchers who serve as our "eyes on the river" and who sample and test from over 120 sites at least monthly from May to October, our data is used at many levels. For example, it is relied upon by NOAA and the Army Corps of Engineers in their oyster restoration efforts; it supports our legislative advocacy in Annapolis, in local county policy advocacy, and in local regulatory enforcement matters; it is used in our various education programs and has become a template for high schools initiating their own testing protocols; it assists us in identifying pollution hot spots where land-based restoration projects are needed to curtail runoff.

One encouraging tidbit from our 2015 data: water clarity in the middle portions of our rivers is the best it has been in decades, most probably a result of back-to-back dry years (less nutrients flowing off the land from rainfall) and higher saline concentrations (saltier water pushed up from the ocean less diluted by rainfall). Visit our website and see the results for where you live!

Annual Report

Contained in this issue of *River Champion*, as is now our custom for the first newsletter of the year, you will find our 2015 Annual Report, setting forth our audited financial statements. Once again, MRC was able to bring almost a million dollars in grant and foundation funds to our communities for the design and construction of pollution-reducing projects, environmental education, water quality monitoring, and outreach and advocacy on behalf of clean rivers. Also contained in the Annual Report is our acknowledgment of and sincere Thank You to all of our 2015 funders, members, and supporters. Our work is fully dependent on your engagement and support. We thank you and look forward to working with you for years to come! 



Jim Rosen

Farm fields and clean water— can they co-exist?

As spring gives way to summer, our Midshore agricultural landscape abounds with lush farm fields that depict a bucolic picture of bountiful land surrounded by lazy shaded streams and mysterious tidal guts. Many of these fields are bordered by grass buffers and forested stream corridors. These scenes accentuate the connection between agricultural fields and a healthy environment.

Unfortunately, even with the continuing efforts of our farm community, the relationship between the needs of crop production and those of a healthy environment can be at odds. We know that a healthy stream should have nitrogen levels of less than 0.5 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and phosphorus less than 0.03 mg/l; but throughout Delmarva we exceed those limits by as much as 100 times. The question remains: why, even with nutrient management planning and cover crops, do we exceed these environmental standards by such a great degree?

The answer lies in the difference between crop and environmental needs. While every farm field varies to some extent, nitrogen application for corn averages about 150 pounds per acre. Our fields tend to be “leaky,” so roughly 25 pounds per acre of the nitrogen applied seeps below the root zone and into the groundwater. When converting 25 pounds of nitrogen to mg/l, we get roughly 10 mg/l, or 20 times higher than the environmental standard. The same general parameters apply to phosphorus.

It sounds like a simple answer: reduce the amount of fertilizer application. But it's not that simple.

The recommendation for application is based on good crop science completed by our national land grant universities. This recommendation helps balance what the crop needs versus the

farmer's economic considerations. However, in the real world, dynamic agricultural, ecological, and environmental systems do not always interact ideally.

Fortunately, our understanding of environmental systems continues to progress. Using this understanding, we are able to mimic the processes from natural systems through innovative technologies and restoration projects, to help remove excess nutrients. This has been discussed at length in previous newsletters with regard to woodchip bioreactors that MRC has installed over the past three years. Now, as phosphorus has come to the forefront of environmental discussions, we are likewise developing innovative phosphorus removal systems in partnership with Maryland Department of Agriculture.

These systems have the potential to revolutionize the agricultural industry by addressing phosphorus issues at a scale that previously was only applied to wastewater treatment facilities. It is our hope that we will be able to reduce phosphorus concentrations by greater than 90% so that our farmers will still be able to use the manure they produce as a form of organic fertilizer, thus reducing the amount of chemical fertilizer necessary.

This work has only been possible by acknowledging that there is a problem. Once we identify the problem and sit down and have a conversation, solutions can be found and we can move closer to harmony—both visual and healthful—between the agricultural and environmental systems that we cherish. 🦀



Photo credit: Lori Rossbach

Maryland's Lawn Fertilizer Use Act is now in effect. It restricts lawn fertilizer applications to no more than .09 lbs of nitrogen per 1,000 sq. feet of lawn and no fertilization between November and March. Never fertilize near ditches or waterways. MRC advocates going beyond the law. Fertilizer pollutes our rivers. Curtail or end your use of lawn fertilizer! Join our fertilizer behavior change campaign! Contact Suzanne Sullivan at suzanne@midshoreriverkeeper.org.

Students for Streams School Bulletin:

MRC board member Meta Boyd (center) teaches students to take water samples during a *Students for Streams* outing.



MRC's various education initiatives remain robust and successful. During 2015 we continued teaching in elementary schools, high schools, after-school programs with at-risk children, summer school classes, and teacher seminars, reaching well over 1,000 students. And we are moving forward with these programs this year.

Our first semester of the 2015-2016 school year is complete and the results from our student surveys are in! MRC has been implementing our environmental education high school program, *Students for Streams*, in Queen Anne's and Dorchester Counties this school year. While Dorchester County Public Schools work on yearly class schedules, Queen Anne's offers semester courses. MRC completed the first semester program this past January with eight classes in Queen Anne's. To measure the impact and success of the program, MRC educators give evaluation surveys to students before and after the program. This semester's results are encouraging.

On average, the amount of discussion of local rivers and the Chesapeake Bay in the classroom increased from 8% to 50%. In our pre-program surveys, only 48% of students said that the health of the Chesapeake Bay was important to them, and only 40% of students could name the river closest to them.



Up close and personal with a terrapin turtle

After completing *Students for Streams*, 88% of students said that the program changed their view of the importance of the bay and 89% of students could name local rivers. Here are some final thoughts from students in our post-program survey:

"The [program] was informational and I learned a lot, I hopefully would like to pursue this career one day."

"You girls are awesome and I had a blast learning and doing stuff I've never done or known before. Loved it."

"This has been a fun semester; I really enjoyed learning about the bay and the things affecting, and learning how we can manage it. Thank you."

"Keep doing what you are doing; it is amazing to learn something new, and so important. I was surprised by seeing the importance of our bay and putting it into perspective."

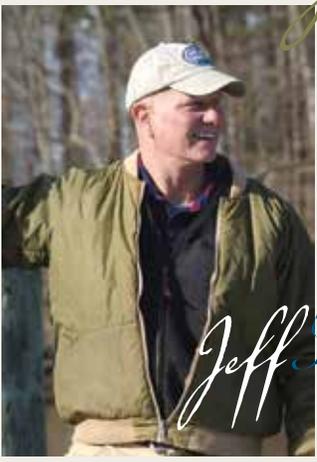
"You were all so nice and patient and helped me understand how to keep the bay healthy and clean. I didn't really care about how important this environment was to me, but now I want to help it thrive."

"I had lots of fun and would love to do what you guys do for a living one day."

"This was the best experience in any science class I have taken. Thank you!"

MRC is currently seeking funding for this program to ensure that it will continue next school year. If you are interested in volunteering or contributing to *Students for Streams*, please call Elle O'Brien or Suzanne Sullivan at 443-385-0511. 🦀

Photo credit: Beth Horstman



Jeff Horstman

Honey Dipper or Royal Flush?

I am pleased to report that beginning in May 2016, MRC will introduce a new resource to our Miles and Wye River fleet—a pumpout boat that we are considering naming *The Royal Flush*.

Over the past year, we sought and successfully obtained a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist MRC in purchasing the boat and hiring a captain. The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum has graciously agreed to partner with us in this effort, providing free dockage and land-based pump-out services. The vessel will travel around popular boating spots on the Miles and Wye Rivers throughout the boating season, offering free waste pumpout services to pleasure craft, encouraging boaters to empty their waste tanks responsibly rather than discharging overboard into our rivers. The pumpout boat will run on a regular schedule, and will be reachable by cell phone and VHF.

Similar to poultry litter and cow manure, human waste contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorous. These two nutrients are main pollutants of our rivers, clouding the water, impeding the growth of sub-aquatic vegetation, and fueling algal blooms that cause dead zones and fish kills. Along much of the coast of New England and the Mid-Atlantic region, it is illegal for boats to dump their waste, treated or untreated, into waterways. This is because the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated these areas as **No Discharge Zones (NDZs)**. In Maryland, however, NDZs are scarce. Only two locations, one in Herring Bay and the other in Northern Coastal Bay, have attained this designation. In all other rivers and bays in Maryland, boats may dump treated waste indiscriminately—wherever and whenever they want.

The term *treated waste*, of course, is somewhat misleading. Legal marine sanitation devices basically just macerate the waste, adding a bacteria-killing agent. They do nothing to remove polluting nutrients—nitrogen and phosphorus—from the waste.

Presently there are limited pumpout facilities on the Miles River and no pumpout stations at all on the Wye River. The harbor in St. Michaels and other popular anchorages in the Miles and Wye are often crowded on weekends with hundreds of cruise boats. By providing pumpout services to boaters on the Miles and Wye Rivers, we can significantly reduce nutrient pollution introduced by recreational boaters. MRC's pumpout boat will be the first of its kind on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Our pumpout boat will operate from late spring to early fall. This year's season will start on May 13 and end on October 16. Service hours will typically be from 12 to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Hours will be extended for long weekends, including Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

MRC is currently accepting applications for captains to operate the boat with a stipend of \$15/hour.

Built by Bay Sails Marine in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, our pumpout boat is 22' long with a center console. Its cargo tank sits below the waterline, a design specific to pumpout boats. Under the authority of the Clean Vessel Act, DNR funded much, but not all, of this project. Donations are still needed to help with the cost and operation of the vessel. We hope our members will help support this effort. While *Royal Flush* seems currently to be our staff's favorite choice for the boat's name, we are open to alternatives. Consider this: just as colleges and universities provide large donors the privilege of naming buildings and sports fields, for a much more modest donation you might be able to name this honey dipper after someone... well, someone very special. Ha!

Look for our pumpout boat on the Miles and Wye Rivers this summer. And please don't discharge waste into our rivers. 🦀



Choptank Riverkeeper Log matt@midshoreriverkeeper.org

Photo credit: Pat Anderson



Matt Pluta

The amazing water clarity of this past season, accentuated by fields of underwater grasses shimmering through multiple feet

of clear water, left me feeling renewed, energized, and excited to continue our advocacy work advancing clean water initiatives in the Choptank River.

Preparing for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session, MRC identified two major issues with the potential to profoundly affect water quality: **oyster restoration** and **poultry litter management**.

Protecting oysters emerged as an issue last fall when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposed a regulation that would eliminate two Harvest Reserve Areas in the Choptank River. With the assistance of volunteer counsel, I submitted comments to DNR and state officials. This resulted in one of our state senators putting a temporary hold on the proposed regulation. The hold, however, was short-lived, and DNR eventually pushed the regulation through.

Shortly thereafter, the state further delayed oyster restoration efforts when it announced that it was also placing the Tred Avon River oyster-reef-building project on hold. This project began in 2013 and was funded with millions of dollars in federal funds. According to various reports, the stop order occurred because of a request made by one stakeholder group (three watermen) that presented data that was later deemed "inaccurate" by scientists. This action, as well, was taken without the opportunity for public involvement or comment.

Working in concert with other environmental organizations, I helped form a Bay-wide oyster advocacy group consisting of scientists, researchers, and advocates to prepare a unified response during the legislative session. We identified two themes needing support: more transparency in state oyster management decisions, and the need for a science-based framework to better gauge threats to overharvesting. This group of experts drafted legislation for the Sustainable Oyster Harvest Act of 2016. This legislation would allow scientists to develop biological reference points (BRPs) to help guide oyster management. This is important because BRPs would set forth scientific guidelines to measure overfishing. With the

exception of oysters, every major fishery in the bay has BRPs. As this newsletter goes to print, it is unclear whether we will be successful in getting this legislation passed. Without question, however, we have helped raise public awareness about this issue. Regardless of the legislative outcome, we will continue our work supporting this and other oyster restoration initiatives.

The second issue concerns poultry litter, which has been identified as a major source of nutrient pollution, and which is the focus of the Phosphorus Management Tool (PMT). The PMT was passed in 2015 as a tool to reduce pollution in our rivers by more strictly managing agricultural phosphorus applications. A major component of implementing the PMT is an effective program to transport excess manure from farms. In late 2015, the Maryland Department of Agriculture amended its manure transport program, no longer requiring large poultry integrators to bear half the cost to transport manure. This resulted in more expense being placed on taxpayers.

Environmental organizations introduced legislation which became known the Poultry Litter Management Act. Under this bill, large poultry integrators would become legally responsible for transporting a grower's unused manure. MRC communicated with our contacts in the poultry and agricultural communities to solicit their views and seek compromise and consensus. This led us to suggest changes to the proposed legislation before it was introduced. Unfortunately, our suggestions were not incorporated into the proposed bill. While we nevertheless supported the bill, it met with strong opposition and is unlikely to pass this year. Efforts concerning this issue have raised awareness about this complex problem and created additional pressures to find a satisfactory compromise.

Without question, over the past few years MRC has strengthened our presence and influence during the legislative session. We are constantly looking for practical solutions to the threats that face our rivers, preferably collaborative ones that work for all of our constituents and communities, including our colleagues in the agricultural sector. We relentlessly keep the health of all of our local rivers as our priority and mission. With your support and with intelligent approaches, patience, and innovative thinking, we can make statewide changes that improve our local resources and the entire Chesapeake watershed. 🦀



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Oyster Restoration News

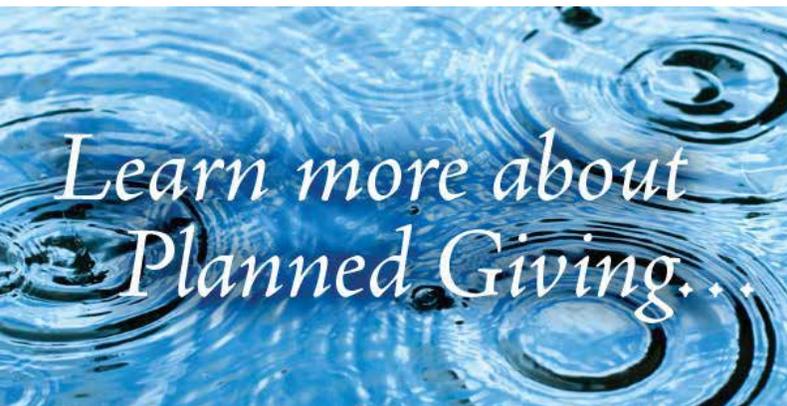
MRC is delighted to announce that we have added the Tred Avon River to our Marylander's Grow Oysters (MGO) program. The Tred Avon's program previously was coordinated by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which requested that MRC add this river to our existing program. Expanding our program into the Tred Avon will add 800 cages to our existing efforts on the Miles and Wye Rivers.

MRC will plant approximately 250,000 oyster spat on sanctuaries in our local rivers this spring, taking us a step closer to our goal of cleaner rivers. MRC is also looking to expand our MGO program into the Cambridge area on the Choptank River. Oysters remain at less than 1% of their historic population. Programs such as MGO are vital to the restoration of these filter feeders. MRC needs your help in continuing to restore the oyster population.

Interested in becoming an oyster foster parent? Contact Elle O'Brien at elle@midshoreriverkeeper.org. 

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Planned Giving—Leaving the Legacy of Clean Water



Since 2009, MRC has served as a strong voice for the restoration and preservation of the rivers of Maryland's Eastern Shore. With our staff of ten full-time professionals, including Riverkeepers, attorneys, scientists, and environmental educators, and through approximately 2,000 supporting community families and over 1,000 volunteers, MRC has provided innovative leadership not only in the Midshore region, but throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. From our innovative projects and practices to our expanding educational program, MRC is implementing solutions to protect and restore our local waterways. We have been able to accelerate this momentum largely through your support.

In 2014, MRC received its first bequest from board member **Peter Welling**, to be used to preserve and protect the Miles and Wye Rivers. When asked why he chose to leave a bequest, Peter said, "I want to look back and say 'we did it right.' And MRC is doing conservation work at the highest level of excellence."

Now in 2016, MRC is proud to announce another bequest, this time from **Lee Yerkes** of St. Michaels, earmarked for the Choptank Riverkeeper program endowment. As Lee so aptly stated, "It is important for organizations such as MRC to continue their good work well into the future. I want to be a part of a program that survives and thrives well past my lifetime."

When it comes to *planned giving*, there are many reasons and ways to leave a gift that will continue providing support in perpetuity. As an MRC member, you may wish to help ensure MRC's lasting financial strength, but are unable to make a gift today. By creating a charitable bequest, one can continue with today's commitments while supporting MRC into tomorrow.

Planned gifts come in many forms, such as:

- Including MRC in your will through a bequest
- Establishing a charitable gift annuity to benefit MRC
- Naming MRC as a beneficiary in your life insurance or retirement plan
- Providing a gift of securities from your stock portfolio

MRC is grateful for these current gifts. We understand these bequests are made to leave a lasting legacy in order to support MRC's work and mission to protect and restore Midshore rivers and beyond to the Chesapeake Bay.

Where appropriate, MRC will rely on the Midshore Community Foundation as an agent to handle certain endowments, charitable remainder and other probate trusts. For more information about MRC's Planned Giving Program, please contact Executive Director Jeff Horstman at 443-385-0511 or email at jeff@midshoreriverkeeper.org. 

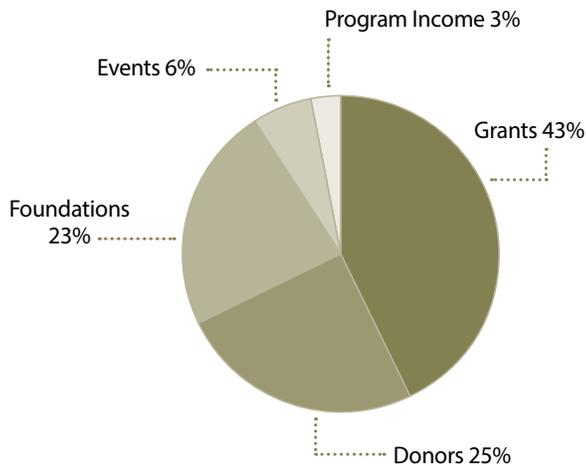
Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, Inc.

Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equity—Modified Cash Basis, December 31, 2015

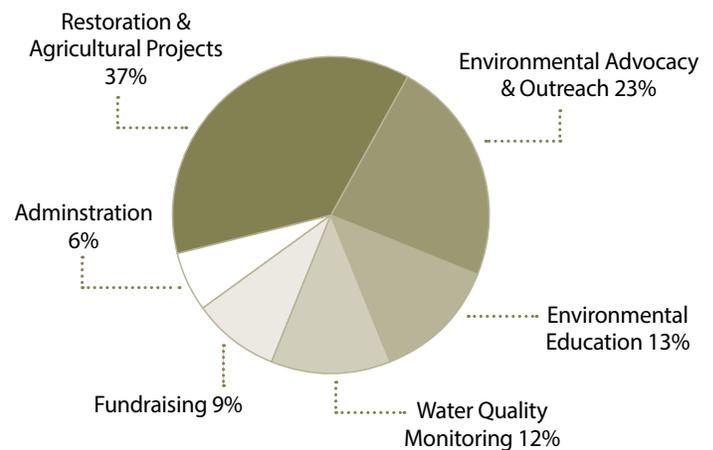
ASSETS	2015
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$134,966
Short-term investments	7,724
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$142,690
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	314,047
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, net of depreciation	90,629
OTHER ASSET	
Deposit on Asset Purchase	13,333
Security Deposits	2,300
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$15,633
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$562,999

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Payroll Taxes Payable	\$9
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$9
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	367,383
Temporarily Restricted	195,607
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$562,990
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$562,999

2015 Revenues



2015 Expenditures



Statement of Revenues and Expenses—Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total 2015
REVENUES			
Contributions	\$243,923	\$319,500	\$563,423
Grants	91,777	417,009	508,786
Program Revenue	38,221	•	38,221
Special Events	69,167	•	69,167
Gain on Sale of Assets	11,361	•	11,361
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	718,335	(718,335)	•
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,172,784	\$18,174	\$1,190,958
INVESTMENTS			
Interest and Dividend Income	11,961	•	11,961
Other Income	188	•	188
Realized Gain on Investments	10,012	•	10,012
Unrealized Gain on Investments	(24,203)	•	(24,203)
Investment Fees	(2,786)	•	(2,786)
TOTAL INVESTMENT REVENUES	\$(4,828)	•	\$(4,828)
EXPENSES			
PROGRAM SERVICES			
Restoration and Agricultural Projects	\$466,453	•	\$466,453
Environmental Education	157,995	•	157,995
Social Marketing and Outreach	132,948	•	132,948
Anti-Pollution Advocacy and Enforcement	157,748	•	157,748
Water Quality Monitoring and Testing	145,692	•	145,692
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$1,060,836	•	\$1,060,836
Fundraising Services	118,498	•	118,498
Management and General Services	72,485	•	72,485
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,251,819	•	\$1,251,819
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(83,863)	18,174	(65,689)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$451,246	\$177,433	\$628,679
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$367,383	\$195,607	\$562,990

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April 29, 5–7 pm

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
St. Michaels, Maryland
Honorary guest speaker Kate Livie will discuss her book, Chesapeake Oysters.

Cinco de Miler 5 mile trail race

May 1, 9 am

Terrapin Nature Park, Stevensville, Maryland
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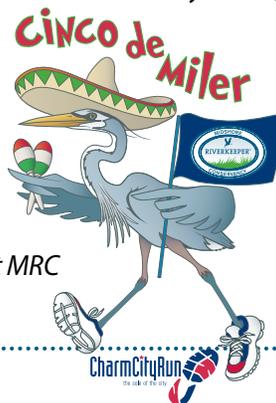
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Ride for Clean Rivers (formerly Tour de Talbot) September 18, 8 am–4 pm

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