

# Navigating Living Shorelines: Technical & Financial Assistance



# Technical Assistance

## Maryland Department of Natural Resources

- o Shoreline Conservation & Management

- o Maryland Coastal Program

- Contractor training
- Living Shoreline outreach & education workshops

**SHORELINE POLICIES IN KENT COUNTY**  
Kent County encourages stabilization of eroding shorelines and prefers using living shorelines as the method to restore the shoreline. In many cases, living shorelines have proven effective at stabilizing shorelines while maintaining more of the vital fish and wildlife habitat at the water's edge. Where living shorelines are not appropriate, rip rap and stone revetment protect shorelines by the disposal of some energy.

When such measures can effectively and practically reduce or prevent shoreline erosion, the use of structural shore protection measures shall be encouraged to conserve and protect plant, fish and wildlife habitat. Kent County prefers construction of shoreline stabilization to be considered in the order:

1. Structural practices shall be used whenever possible.
2. Structural measures shall be used only in areas where nonstructural practices are impractical or ineffective.
3. Where structural measures are required, the measure that best provides for the conservation of fish and plant habitat and which is practical and effective shall be used.
4. If significant alteration of the characteristics of a stream occurs, the measure that best fits the change may be used for sites in that area.

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**Living Shorelines in Kent County  
AN INTRODUCTION**

Long-term maintenance  
Site stability  
Permit process  
Habitat creation  
Design specs  
Final projects  
Effective erosion control  
Site visits  
Working with a contractor  
Project examples from start to finish

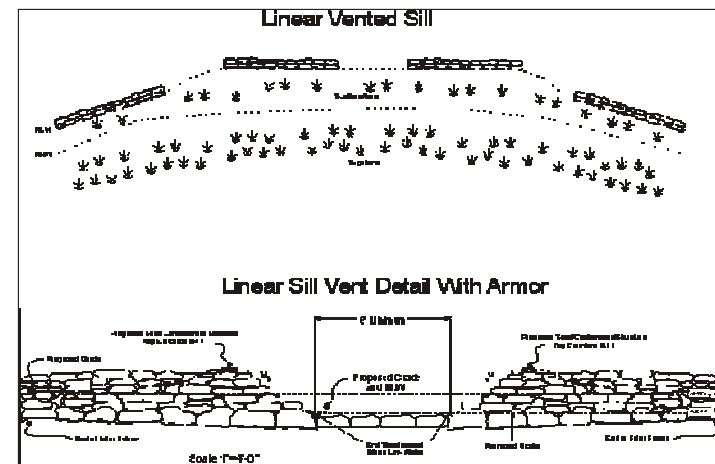
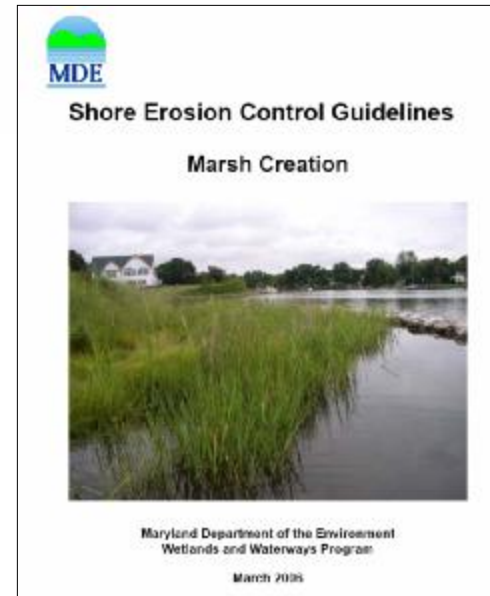
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## Maryland Department of the Environment

### ○ Wetlands and Waterways Program

- Engineering and design outreach materials

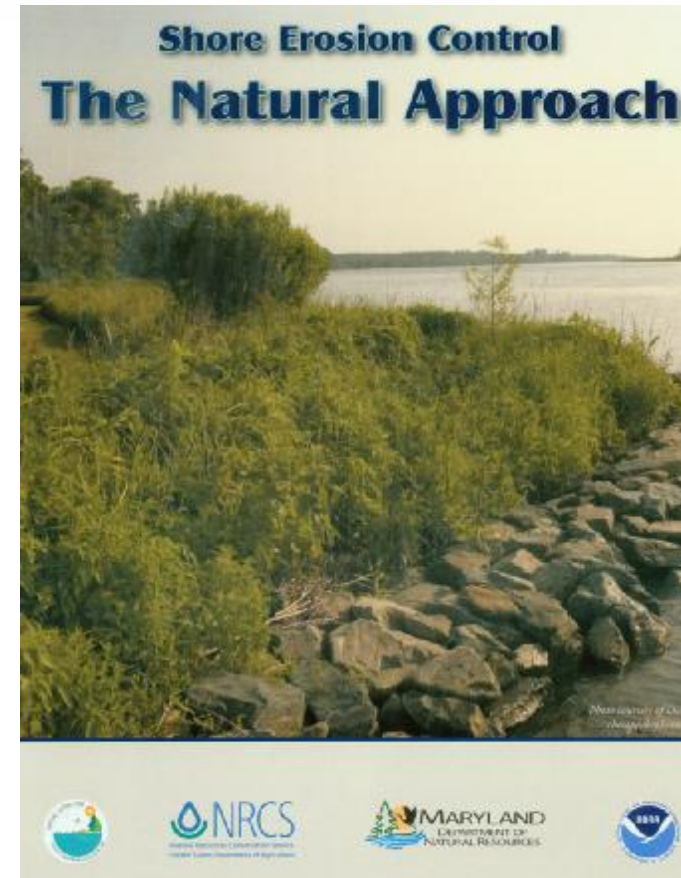




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## Eastern Shore RC&D

- Site visits & evaluations
- Living Shorelines publications & outreach materials
- Permit & funding applications preparation
- Available to serve as project managers
- Liaison between governments and property owners



# Financial Assistance



## MDE Linked Deposit

- Provides a source of low interest loan program
- Loan is serviced by private lenders

## DNR Shoreline Conservation & Management

- Low interest loan program

# Financial Assistance

## Chesapeake Bay Trust Living Shoreline Grant Program



- Offer grants up to \$75,000
- Private land considered if: (a) these projects have a qualifying non-profit partner or sponsor, (b) a plan is in place to use the property as a demonstration site to show and teach the benefits of living shorelines



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