

Pollution of Waterways Initiatives

No	Initiative	County Priority
1	Ban Menhaden fishing in the Chesapeake Bay by all reduction boats until the menhaden population can filter the Bay in 1 month. Letters to Governor, Congressmen, VA delegation.	6.3
13	Establish Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans for any construction project with serious fines/consequences for non-compliance. Plans should: a) minimize accelerated soil erosion on disturbed areas; b) minimize discharge of sediment and other pollutants in storm water runoff; c) be implemented 7 days prior to beginning construction with a copy available on site; d) be dynamic and subject to modifications as conditions warrant.	6.7
4	Enforce regulations/requirements at development sites for the purposes of reducing runoff (i.e. soil retention fences). If finding funding for additional inspectors is the answer then it should be considered.	8.6
12	Encourage the use of porous paving systems for new parking lots for commercial, industrial and multi-family land uses, in addition to using bio-retention areas or other filtering systems to treat storm water. Consider offering one-time tax credits for implementing these.	9.0
2	Establish a County inspection team with a charter to inspect: construction site runoff, and existing storm water runoff devices. Establish procedures to require correction of deficiencies found and penalties for failure to do so.	9.2
3	Ban application of fertilizers containing phosphorous except where addition of phosphorous is deemed necessary by soil testing certified by state or county.	9.6
8	Identify County areas where soil erosion is greatest and where low impact mitigation and storm water management would provide the greatest benefit. Implement practices to correct identified problems.	10.2
15	Require new septic systems be installed with best available technology.	10.9
7	Increase programs to re-plant shorelines above and below waterline in a sustainable manner.	11.0
5	Reduce runoff from residential areas by providing educational outreach on the harmful effects of runoff and on things that homeowners can do to reduce their impact on our waterways, such as landscaping techniques and changes in behaviors (lawn practices, car washing, dog walking, dumping household chemicals or automotive fluids).	11.1
9	Increase water quality monitoring stations to monitor progress of pending mitigation efforts.	12.0
19	Require septic system information packages be issued for all home purchases. Require purchasers to sign a statement acknowledging that they understand the requirements and obligations of living in a home with a septic system.	12.0
25	Ensure oversight of agricultural nutrient and sediment management plans.	12.2

20	Establish an integrated pest management program for all County properties (utilize application of natural and/or biodegradable products during the pest stages when most beneficial in lieu of applications of harmful herbicides and insecticides.	12.3
29	Promote "Bay Wise Landscaping", especially with coastal residents [http://baywise.umd.edu/ .	12.3
10	Create a county "Adopt a Stream" program to include water monitoring, cleanup, and restoration programs in the effort to promote stewardship of waterways.	12.4
23	Establish horizontal setbacks for fenced livestock pastures to tidal waters.	12.6
17	Establish mandatory septic system inspections every 3 years and pump out if necessary.	12.8
11	Appeal to marinas and boater supply stores to post public education signs on how to have less impact while recreational boating.	13.0
24	Establish downstream water quality devices for livestock pastures.	13.2
14	Establish maximum parking requirements in new construction projects and require share parking agreement for adjacent sites.	13.3
26	Establish land clearing and manure management for small animal farms and for Rural Preservation Area farmettes.	13.4
30	Encourage realty companies/agents to have relevant literature about the local watershed(s) of this county - particularly to inform persons moving here from non-Bay regions.	13.5
16	Reestablish anonymous reporting for suspected zoning violations to Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM). Keep a record of those making frivolous or nuisance reports so abuses are identified.	13.5
21	Institute a program to encourage waterfront homeowners to grow oysters via outreach and education at the County level.	13.6
27	Encourage participation in existing State/Federal cover crop programs.	13.7
28	Educate the public about Storm water Management and Nonpoint Source Pollution using EPA's Nonpoint Source Pollution guidelines: http://www.epa.gov/nps/MMGI/Chapter4/ch4-2a.html ; Maryland Department of the Environment Stormwater Management Program: http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/WaterPrograms/SedimentandStormwater/home/index.asp	13.7
18	Insure presence or installation of septic tank access ports at sale of home.	13.9
6	Educate public on currently available programs to financially assist homeowners in upgrades of existing septic systems.	14.0
22	Investigate possibility of using natural mosquito control methods.	14.7