

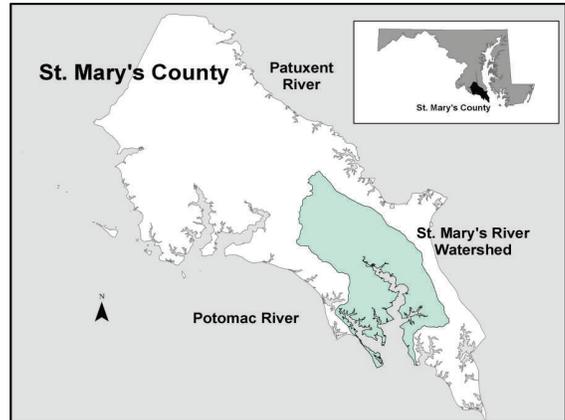
# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



# Who We Are

The St. Mary's River Watershed Association is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization that has been working to protect and restore the St. Mary's River and its watershed since 2005. Through partnerships and extensive outreach and educational programs, the Association encourages community members to become stewards of their environment and to take actions leading to a cleaner river.

The Association strives to establish a sustainable and beneficial relationship between the ecology and the communities of the St. Mary's River.



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### *Our Mission:*

*To Protect, Improve, and Promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.*



# Creating New Habitat for Oysters

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After more than a year of planning and applications for permits, the Association received the green light from sixteen state and federal agencies to build a three-dimensional oyster reef in front of St. Mary's College of Maryland. The five-acre site, bordered on the offshore side with three Coast Guard-approved navigation buoys, will provide area schools with a living laboratory as well as a water cleansing system capable of filtering tens of millions of gallons of water each day.

On November 10th, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the oyster reef restoration project and more than two millions oysters were planted thanks to grants from Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship and Rotary. More than 70 people attended the groundbreaking and enjoyed grilled oysters and beer while hearing about this exciting project.

Boaters need to beware as the reef structures are just underneath the river's surface.

# Oyster Nursery Proves Economical

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Setting up the oyster nursery at St. Mary's College of Maryland proved to be economically rewarding. The Association was able to produce three million baby oysters over five weeks in August at a cost of approximately \$11,800. Purchasing the oysters at a local hatchery would have cost about a penny a piece or \$30,000. A substantial part of the expense was the design and equipment, which was paid for with a generous grant from Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship—now in their fourth year funding oyster restoration in the St. Mary's River.

Volunteers provided much of the labor and student interns Allison Rugila, David Wood, and Paula Riner supervised the project while Association executive director Bob Lewis vacationed in the north woods.



# Aquaculture in Oyster Sanctuary Postponed

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Legislation to permit aquaculture in Maryland's oyster sanctuaries remains difficult for the State to administer in the St. Mary's River. Thriving populations of oysters are creating an obstacle for an eager group of applicants

requesting eleven areas totaling 89 acres. Some of the areas applied for are on the most productive bars, which caused concern with local proponents of the sanctuary. State officials continue to debate how to protect the wild oysters.

# Financial Report

## Grant Success Drives Budget Expansion 110%

The ongoing growth of membership and volunteers provided the necessary match-funding necessary to win competitive grants from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and the Chesapeake Bay Trust. \$100,500 in match funding—half of this from in kind volunteer service—provided the necessary allure for an \$80,000 NFWF Chesapeake Small Watershed grant. Two CBT grants totaling \$59,606 were spurred by \$26,750 in matching funds made up mostly by pledges from St. Mary’s College faculty, alumni, and local developers—Stanley Martin Wildewood and Marrick Homes.

Corporate donations overall remained level. Our partnership with Rotary Club of Leonardtown led to additional in kind and cash contributions valued at more than \$16,000, which helped to kick off the oyster reef project.

The year 2012 was the largest one-year expansion for the Association. The primary factor underpinning this growth is our dedicated and resourceful members and volunteers. For you, we are grateful!

*as of December 31, 2012*

### Liquid Assets

Old Line Bank	\$69,547
Petty cash	\$ 198

### Investments

Fidelity Services	\$38,302
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### Equipment & Furniture

Headquarters	\$ 1,437
Restoration	\$ 3,604

### Bills Receivable

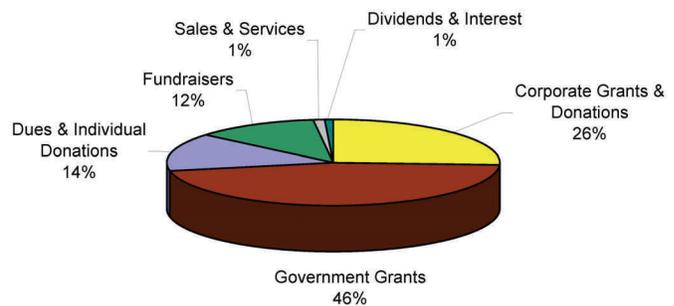
Contractual	\$ 3,212
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**Total Assets \$116,300**

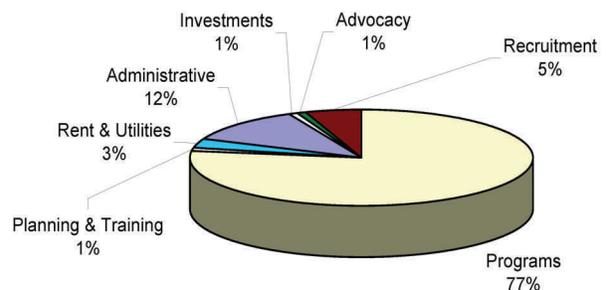
Obligations & Debts \$ 562

**Total Liabilities \$ 562**

**Source of Revenue**



**Expenses 2012**



# Partnership with Developers

Funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Small Watershed grant, SMRWA partnered with two local developers to promote the adoption of low-impact development practices in new subdivisions.

Our county's primary development district is centered in the St. Mary's River watershed and projected growth for the area means it is imperative that steps be taken to lessen the impact of these new developments.

Marrick Homes and Stanley Martin Homes Wildewood jumped onboard and integrated eco-conscious site designs at their highly visible new subdivision model homes. The hope is that homebuyers will see that these improvements as

beneficial to the environment while often offering enhanced curb appeal, and duplicate them on their own properties. This added value benefits both homeowner and community - a 'win-win' solution for developers and environmentalists alike.

Additional grant funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust enables the Association to gauge perceptions and the receptiveness of homebuyers through surveys and interviews. With the help of two social psychologists and consultant Ridge to Reefs, the goal is to market these new development practices and the concept that homebuyers and developers have a moral obligation to protect our watershed.



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