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Incoming Students Plant 565,000 Oysters

Last August, incoming first-year St. Mary's College students planted 565,000 oysters in the St. Mary's River Sanctuary. The project was partially funded by Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship and Constellation Energy.

Students unloaded oysters from a truck, loaded them on to a barge, traveled to the planting site about 1/4 mile away, and spread the oysters on an existing, but depleted, oyster bar. SMRWA board members Richard Holden and Pat Murphy ferried media personnel and spectators to the planting site.

The half-million one-year old oysters were provided by [Johnny Oyster Seed Company](#) (St. Leonard, MD) at a reduced cost.

We are planning another community service oyster planting event for new student orientation this coming year on August 27, 2011.



Many of the volunteers who planted oysters on August 28.



Loading oysters onto the barge.

Ava gets covered with river mud.



Stacking bags for the next wheelbarrow.

Oysters going overboard.

