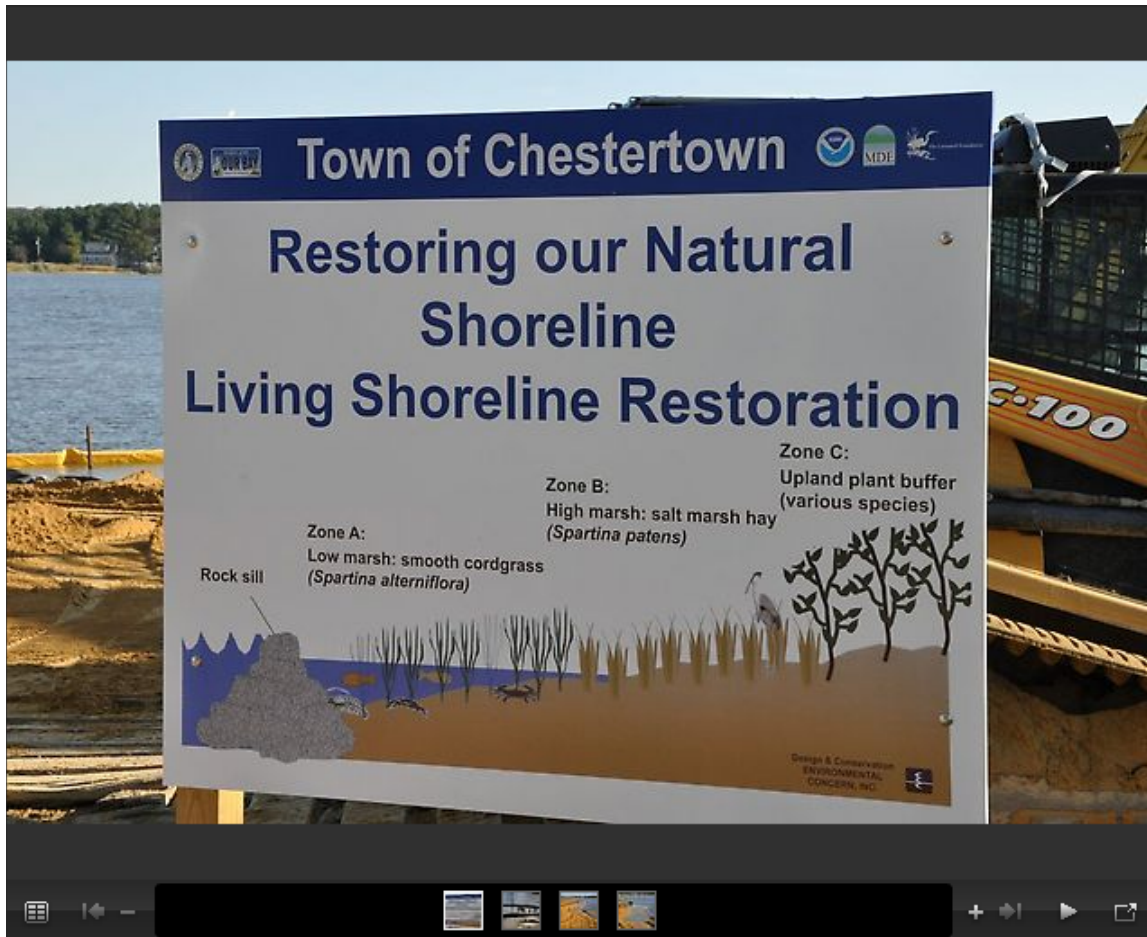


A Shoreline is 'Born' (New Photos)

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Work has begun on a project that will be fun to watch, and you can get your hands dirty joining in – the “Living Shoreline” along Wilmer Park.

Crews are on site with a tracked grader, and dump trucks hauling rock and sand will be there soon.



The basics of the project consist of removing some 300 feet of bulkhead along the park's south edge adjacent to the Lelia Hynson Pavilion. That border will be graded, a stone sill will be laid for a foundation, then 2,500 tons of sand will be spread and planted with 9,500 plugs of marsh grass.

A concrete kayak launch will connect the existing walkways to the Living Shoreline and the river.

Kees de Mooy, overseeing the project for the town, says there's a chance for public participation in the work. It's going to take a lot of careful hands to plant all those plugs of grass, beginning in early November. The Chestertown Garden Club and Washington College's Center for the Environment and Society will be coordinating volunteers.

“What's nice is the shoreline ties into something the Chestertown Garden Club did, which was the marsh restoration a few years ago in the area directly behind the pavilion,” says de Mooy. “The two projects compliment each other wonderfully.”

If all goes well, the Living Shoreline should be done by Dec. 1.

The project is made possible by a \$115,000 grant to the Town of Chestertown from Chesapeake Bay Trust, and other funding partners including NOAA, Maryland Department of the Environment and the Campbell Foundation.