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### Grant Applications for Four Land & Resource Management Projects

**Westminster, MD, Friday, March 16, 2018** – Yesterday, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the submittal of four grant applications to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Cost-Effective Non-Point Source Pollution Reduction Grant for over \$5 million.

The grant application for the Willow Pond Stormwater Management Facility is a \$1.9 million grant request to fund the retrofit of the Willow Pond Stormwater Management Facility located in the Eden Farm Subdivision in Westminster. The existing pond will be excavated to provide water quality, channel protection, and 10 year water quantity management which will increase habitat while decreasing the thermal impacts to the receiving stream.

The grant application for the Shiloh Middle School Stormwater Management Facility is a \$500,000 grant request to fund the retrofit of the Shiloh Middle School Stormwater Management Facility. The Bureau of Resource Management (BRM) will partner with the Board of Education in a retrofit project to convert the existing shallow wetland into a surface sand filter which will manage erosion issues, provide water quality, channel protection, and 10 year water quantity management back to meadow conditions for the surrounding area.

The grant application for the Mayberry Gun Club Stream Restoration is a \$2.5 million grant request to fund the Mayberry Gun Club Stream Restoration project. The primary goal of the project is to restore Bear Branch to a stable natural reach that enhances natural habitat and reduces impacts to the Mayberry Game Protective Association property. The proposed project will restore approximately 6,000 linear feet of Bear Branch.

The grant application for the Carroll County Stream Buffer Initiative is a \$150,000 grant request to fund the Carroll County Stream Buffer Initiative. Since 2012, the BRM has planted over 130 acres throughout the county by meeting with interested streamside property owners. These plantings will be focused in the Double Pipe Creek and South Branch Patapsco watersheds.

All four projects address significant nutrient reduction requirements associated with the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Staff will now move forward with submitting the grant applications to the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund.

This open session will be available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube channel](#), and the [county Facebook page](#). In addition, all meetings will be rebroadcast on Comcast Channel 24.

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