



THE SEVERN RIVER ASSOCIATION

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Help Restore the Bay -- Be an Oyster Gardener

Contact the SRA to TAKE ACTION!

*** FREE to Participate ***

Just have **WATER ACCESS** with a **PIER** to suspend an oyster cage (12"x18")

The **Maryland Grow Oysters** program provides **FREE** cages & Oyster Spat!!!



Volunteers ALSO needed:

- September distribution of Oyster Spat to Gardeners
- June planting of Oysters on **SRA Oyster Sanctuary**



Did you know?

- ✚ Oyster population has **DECLINED** by 92% since 1980
- ✚ **ONE** acre of oysters can filter 40 million gallons/day
- ✚ In the summer 2014, the 30 tributaries in the MGO program planted over 2 million oysters
- ✚ Female oysters can produce about 100 million eggs each year
- ✚ Oysters filtered all Bay waters in 3.3 days in pre-colonial times, but now it takes over a year to filter the bay

Please contact SRA about this program via sraoysters@comcast.net or voicemail at 443-569-3556.
For more information about this program: www.oysters.maryland.gov