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PRESS RELEASE

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Severn River Stormwater Controls Just Don't Work

A detailed survey reveals that the Severn River is getting flooded with up to 1.4 million pounds of pollutants because stormwater controls just aren't working.

The extensive problems with broken runoff control systems is revealed in a Severn River Preliminary Watershed Audit conducted by the Severn River Association (SRA) and Community & Environmental Defense Services (CEDS).

The Watershed Audit by CEDS found that more than 30% of best management practices (BMPs) and stormwater control structures, such as retention ponds, fail to filter sediment and other pollution runoff.

Reason: Anne Arundel County and many communities are not performing the maintenance that's required to keep these controls in working order. Plus, the county has reduced its stormwater inspection staff by 84%. There are no plans to fill any of the county's staffing vacancies.

The county's lackluster effort to control stormwater pollution comes at a time when the county is facing increasing pressure from EPA, which is imposing pollution diets to clean up the Severn River and other waterways in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

In other areas, the county has upgraded the Annapolis Water Reclamation Facility to reduce pollution releases to the Severn River. The county is also having success maintaining forest conservation easements.

SRA and CEDS invite the public to review the Watershed Audit (attached) and help us create a plan to correct these stormwater failures. The full audit is at:

http://ceds.org/watershedaudit/SevernRiverPWA_Report.pdf

For more information about the Severn River Association, please visit their website at www.severnriver.org/.

The Severn River Association is the oldest river association in the U.S. and Anne Arundel County's only river group in continuous operation since 1911. SRA meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Arlington Echo, 975 Indian Landing Rd., Millersville, MD 21108. The meetings are free. Residents and representatives of community associations are encouraged to attend, get involved and make their opinions on watershed issues known.

Directions: <http://www.arlingtonecho.org/directions/directions.html>