

Our Mission:

To protect, improve, and promote the well-being of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

Events and Activities:

- Watchdog of development in the watershed
- Sponsor annual St. Mary's RiverFest
- Hold Backyard Conservation Workshops
- Hold informational meetings
- Publish a quarterly newspaper
- Fund water quality studies
- Protect the environment by minimizing negative human impacts
- Developing a Watershed Restoration Action Strategy



What does the Watershed Association do?

- Engage the community
- Create awareness
- Deliver education
- Protect the watershed
- Care about water quality

St. Mary's River Watershed:

- ...is part of the Potomac River watershed
- ...is the largest watershed entirely within St. Mary's County, covering 45,336 acres
- ...stretches approximately 10 miles from the river's mouth to the head of tide and has over 84 miles of tidal shoreline
- ...has over 250 miles of freshwater perennial and intermittent streams
- ...has over 315 miles of roads and residential streets
- ...has 19 principal subwatersheds with widely varying levels of impact from development

ST. MARY'S RIVER WRAS

What is a WRAS?

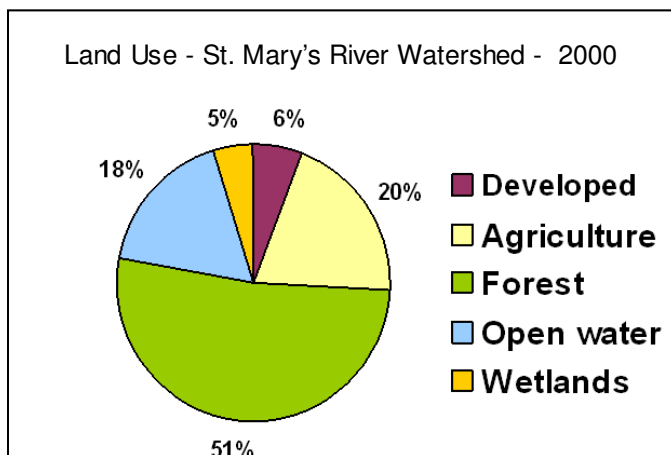
- WRAS is an acronym for **W**atershed **R**estoration **A**ction **S**trategy.
- A WRAS is a short, comprehensive natural resource-based *prioritized action plan* that states specific goals, objectives, and commitments to guide actions of the public, watershed organizations, land trusts, and government to preserve and restore habitat and water quality in a watershed.

Why should we do a WRAS for the St. Mary's River watershed?

- A WRAS will point out specific areas, issues, and actions that can result in measurable environmental improvements in the watershed.

What is the process used to develop a WRAS?

- First, update and verify available environmental data on the watershed and identify additional data needs.
- Second, identify stakeholders and their concerns.
- Third, identify problems, needs, and opportunities (PNO) for watershed restoration and protection.
- Fourth, develop well-stated comprehensive goals, objectives, and commitments that can address the identified PNOs.
- Fifth, develop a prioritized action plan, identifying specific tasks, responsible parties, the costs and potential funding sources, and a schedule for implementation.



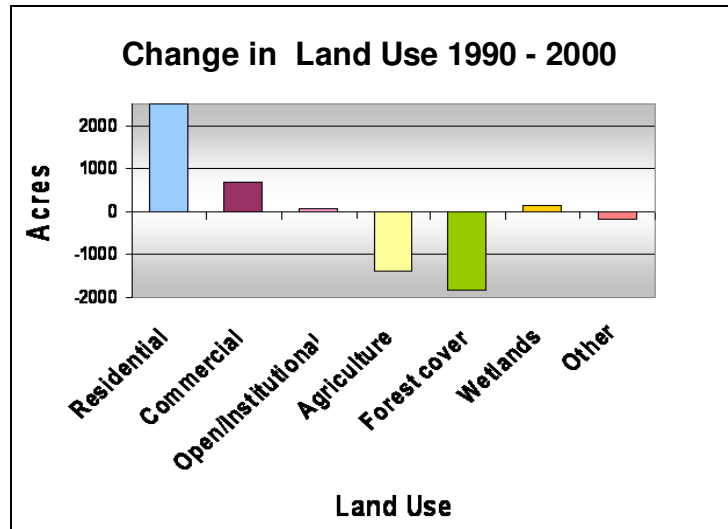
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When will the WRAS project take place?

- Spring 2008 — Spring 2010

Who's involved?

- The project is being coordinated through a partnership between St. Mary's River Watershed Association, St. Mary's College professors, and County planners, with participation from businesses, environmental groups, and interested individuals like you.



If you are interested in restoring and protecting the St. Mary's River and its resources, then we invite you to become involved too.

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If you'd like to see an example of a WRAS publication, visit the Breton Bay WRAS website at:
http://www.dnr.state.md.us/watersheds/surf/proj/brbay_strat.html

The Breton Bay Watershed Restoration Action Strategy

Prepared for
St. Mary's County
and
The Town of
Leonardtown

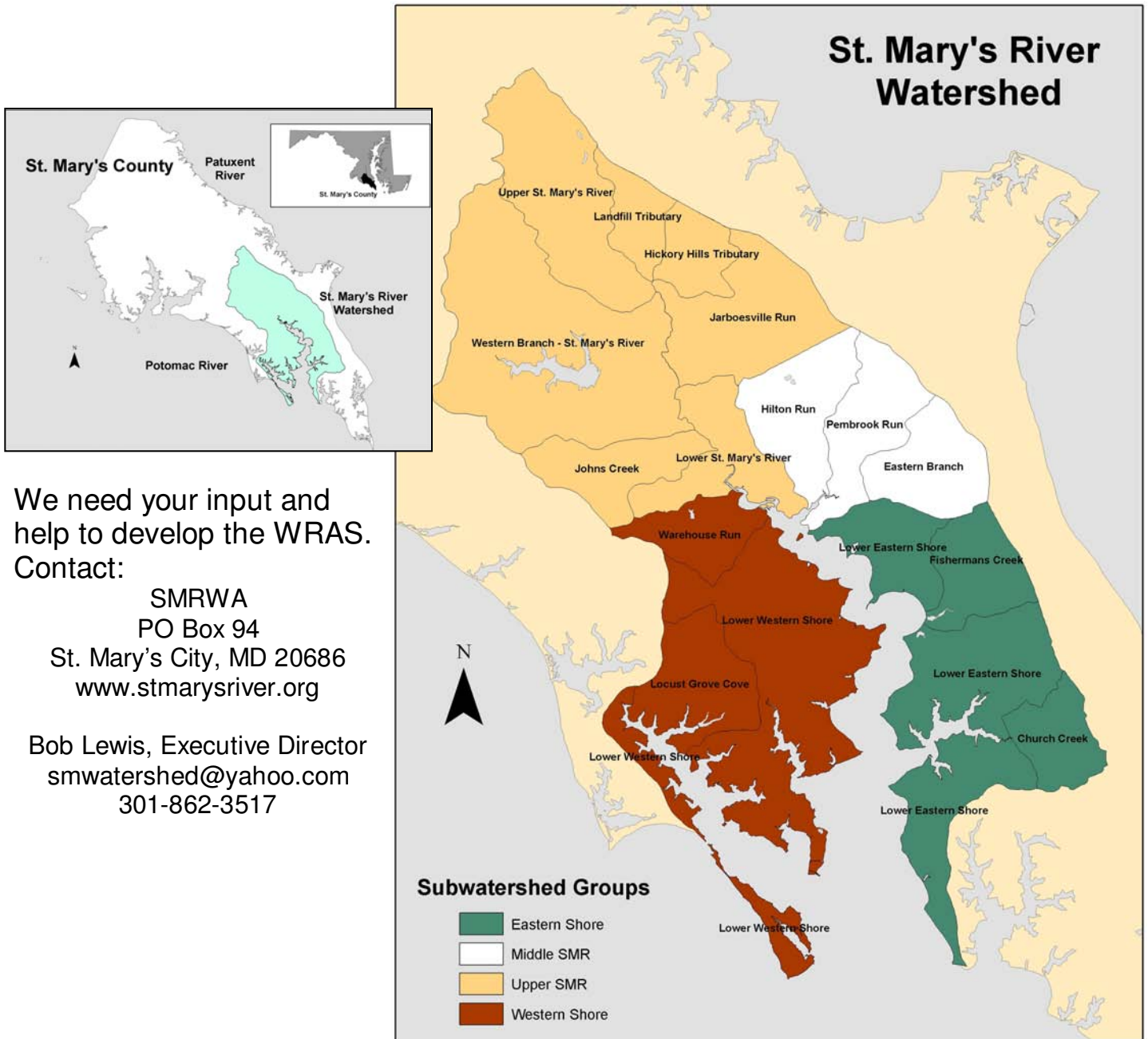
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Do you live in the St. Mary's River watershed?

Can you find your neighborhood?
Do you know the name of your subwatershed?



We need your input and help to develop the WRAS.
Contact:

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I would like to become a member of the SMRWA

Annual Membership Options	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Limited Income	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate <i>suggested</i>	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____

Total: _____

Name

Address

E-mail

Please make checks payable to:
St. Mary's River Watershed
Association and mail this form
along with your check to the
address below:
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Yes, I would like to become an active member/volunteer.

Yes, I would like to be involved in the WRAS project.

