

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP #57



DID YOU KNOW that “living” shorelines protect the waterfront and create habitat for wildlife?

Creating living shorelines requires materials such as native plants, stone, and sand to naturally control erosion. Erosion along shorelines is a natural but relentless process.

Shorelines are a critical part of the environment for many species of fish, turtles, shorebirds, and aquatic life. Living shorelines reduce erosion. Deep roots of marsh grasses, shrubs, and trees help stabilize shorelines. Living shorelines reduce pollution by filtering nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus from upland landscapes to keep them from going into streams and rivers. Increased property values are another benefit of living shorelines. People are attracted to natural settings with aesthetic beauty and plenty of wildlife.

For additional assistance about creating a living shoreline, visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/ccs/restoration.asp>.

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