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November 25, 2015

True Chesapeake Oyster Company Donates 600 Bushels Oyster Shell

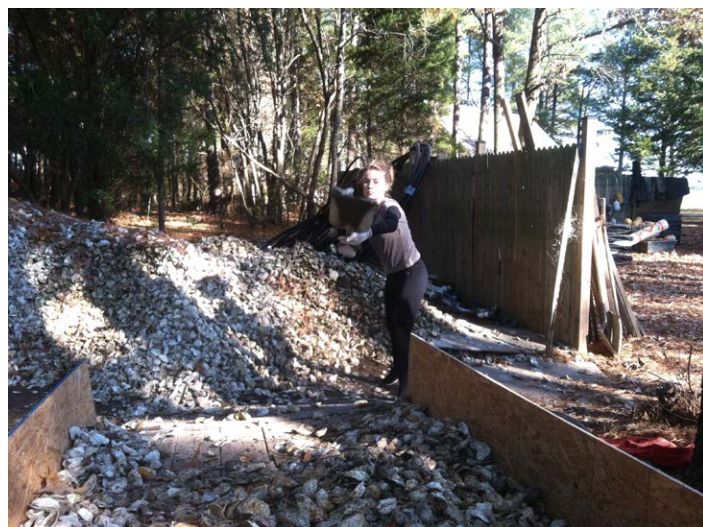
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November 25, 2015—

Oyster shell is essential for our St. Mary's River oyster reef project. Spat prefer to strike on another oyster shell. We use this "desire" in our nursery tank each summer when we grow millions of juvenile oysters. We put 100 bushels of clean shell in the tank at a time, giving the spat a hard surface to attach to.



[True Chesapeake Oyster Company](#), a well-known local oyster farm, sorts and removes any dead oysters thereby producing shell. This month, they donated 600 bushels of oyster shell to us for our nursery and ongoing oyster restoration. This shell is valued at over \$3,000. We are grateful to True Chesapeake Oyster Company for their generosity. Please support them with your business.



DNR to Discuss Stewardship of Oyster Sanctuary - December 10

Officials from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will hold an informal meeting to talk about how residents along the St. Mary's River can assist with protecting the oyster sanctuary. Designated a shellfish sanctuary on October 1, 2010, the St. Mary's River north of Church Point is

currently off limits to the public commercial fishery. Native oysters, clams, and mussels cannot be harvested, unless...



In summer of 2013, DNR began issuing permits for aquaculture within the oyster sanctuaries. Many folks along the river were not happy with the sanctuary being opened for commercial use. "Sanctuary means that the animals are protected from

harvest," they said. This led to a lot of confusion. Who has the right to harvest? Where? When? and so on.

These and other questions will be answered at the December 10 meeting held at 5:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's College of Maryland Muldoon River Center located on Trinity Church Road in St. Mary's City, Maryland. For more information call 301-737-2903.



OUR MISSION

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

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www.smrwa.org

Upcoming Events:

- Rain Garden Installation
tentative 9 AM Saturday Dec 5
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
info@StMarysRiver.org
- Oyster Sanctuary Meeting
5 PM Thursday December 10
Muldoon River Center
- Mark your calendar!
RiverFest 2016
Saturday September 24, 2016
Historic St. Mary's City



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