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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

June 29, 2017

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1 Million Oysters Planted

Thanks to MGO Docks Around St. Mary's River

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>>Oyster Planting



June 25—Over one million oysters were planted on our 5-acre restoration site in the St. Mary's River Oyster Sanctuary. Oysters reared for ten months at 100 docks around the river as part of the Marylanders Grow Oysters program, and oysters we grew through the winter in our warehouse were all collected together for this one big planting. Fourteen volunteers worked as a team to plant all the oysters in about two hours and then spent the next two hours storing the cages for the next round beginning in August. We had a very efficient, dedicated, and optimistic group. We appreciate every single one of you!

This is such an accomplishment for our river! These cage-grown oysters encourage natural recruitment on our reef, which in turn only encourages

cleaner, healthier water. Oysters are a keystone species. The energy put into restoration is necessary for the overall health of our beloved river and Chesapeake Bay. We invite new grower volunteers to join with us for next season, which begins on August 25. Every dock, every cage counts! Please give us a call or email us - 301-904-2387.



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\$2 a chance, 6 for \$10

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This year we are raffling off a 10' Stand Up Paddle Board.

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Upcoming Events:

- [River Concert Series](#)
Fridays—June 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, & 22
Starts at 7:00 pm
St. Mary's College of Maryland



- Saturday, September 23
11 am to 4 pm
Historic St. Mary's City

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