Sustaining Restored Oyster Reefs Through Cross-Sector Partnerships

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Choptank Watershed Boundary

Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Oyster Restoration Tributaries:
- Harris Creek
- Tred Avon
- Little Choptank
NOAA selected ten Habitat Focus Areas to help communities protect & restore valuable natural resources that support local economies.
• Historically Abundant Marine Life
• Rural Lifestyle
• Rich Heritage
• River Continues to Degrade (says some data)
• Pollution from Farms and Suburban Sprawl
• Sea level rise and increased flood events are contributing to further ecosystem degradation and excess nutrient pollution.
• Local organizations focus most on mandatory water quality improvements to meet the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

• Improved water quality supports healthy and productive oysters.
• Mapping common priorities and ecosystem trends
Envision the Choptank partners’ common priority location

- Harris Creek
- Tred Avon
First Envision the Choptank restoration project: Collaborative Restoration for Oyster Success
2nd Envision the Choptank project: Stream restoration to enhance fish habitat
Setting the course for long-term collaborative restoration with a common agenda.