

# Talbot County Village Stormwater, Shoreline, and Sea Level Study Kickoff

## February 16 Kickoff of Stormwater, Shoreline, and Sea Level Study in Three Talbot County Villages

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### **February 16, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Royal Oak Methodist Church, Talbot County, Royal Oak, MD**

Three rural shoreline communities in western Talbot County (the villages of Bellevue, Newcomb, and Royal Oak) have been selected as pilot study sites to address issues such as stormwater management, shoreline erosion and flooding hazards. A coastal management kickoff meeting, to be held Wednesday, February 16, 2011, will focus on a stormwater, shoreline and sea level rise study. Targeted to community residents and active community leaders, the meeting will focus on providing a general overview of the project, timeline and expected results.

The meeting will be held at the Royal Oak Methodist Church, 6968 Bellevue Road, Royal Oak, Maryland. This event is co-sponsored by Talbot County Government, University of Maryland Sea Grant, and the Maryland Eastern Shore Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D), with funding from Maryland's Chesapeake and Coastal Program through their Coastal Community Initiative.

Program highlights include discussion on the need, timing and relevance of the proposed project, for example, in light of the new Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Coincidentally, this study also comes on the heels of Maryland's newly released climate change report: Adaptation Phase II--Building Societal, Economic and Ecological Resilience. This meeting will provide a description of the study approach, and recognition of project team and consultants.

The goal of this project is to empower rural communities in Talbot County to better manage their relationships with the coastal environment. Recommendations and strategies will be developed for these pilot communities, and if the process is successful, the remaining shoreline villages in the area could benefit from similar attention.

The study's consultants include (1) the Center for Watershed Protection, which will be working on a stormwater retrofit assessment; (2) Bayland Consultants and Designer, which will be assessing shoreline conditions to characterize stability and threats; and (3) Andrew, Miller and Associates, which will be providing pollutant load reduction estimates for targeted improvements.

All members of the public are invited to attend. Talbot County residents, especially those residing in Bellevue, Newcomb and Royal Oak, are encouraged to attend.

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