

Mission

To promote the wise use and enhancement of the Inland Bays and their watershed...

To support and sponsor education activities, restoration efforts, demonstration projects and applied research...

To foster partnerships with all stakeholders to restore and protect the resources...

To serve as a neutral forum for consideration of Inland Bays issues; where informed decisions can lead to sound public policy regarding the protection and restoration of the Inland Bays watershed.

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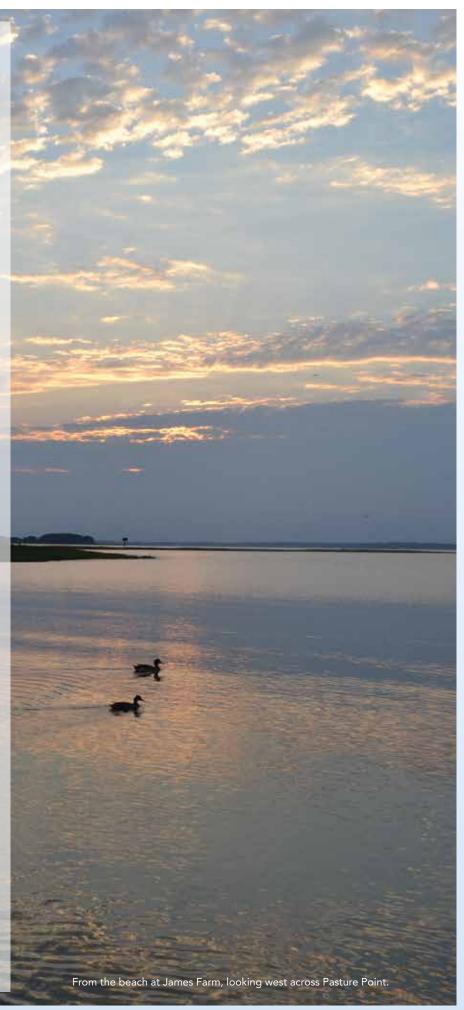
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Dear Friends of the Bays



On the wall of my office is a photograph of the signing ceremony for the Inland Bays' Management Plan Agreement. It's a black and white from 1995... and it looks sort of timeless. Timeless, because pen in hand is Governor Tom Carper, who for my entire life has been the ever-present and masterful Delaware public servant. The other signer was Carol Browner, who as its longest-serving administrator, led the Environmental Protection Agency while I was forming my own ideas on the environment.

Their signatures endorsed two things. That the Bays, so incomparable in their beauty and ecology but so battered by pollution, must be restored. And that their restoration must be accomplished through partnerships.

In my ten years tenure with the Center for the Inland Bays, our partnerships have always impressed me the most. Working with scientists, farmers, business owners, conservation organizations, elected officials, recreationalists, and volunteers has given our board members and our staff great satisfaction. As the Center turns 20 this year, we celebrate these productive partnerships that have created opportunity for great accomplishments.

The accomplishments are impressive: implementation of a nationally-lauded Nutrient Management Act, creation of a comprehensive program of environmental monitoring, reduction of point source nutrient pollution by 85%, ending the massive ongoing fish kill at the Indian River Generating Station and documenting gleams of improvement in the Bay's ecology.

The first twenty years have grown the roots of a strong tree of restoration and support. The next twenty will reveal even greater improvement in Bay health and enjoyment. But nothing in the past or the future has any more importance than what we are capable of doing today. How all of us choose to act, to change, and to work together today will determine the success of the next two decades.

The creation of a hundred meadows of baygrass can come from one seed...a hundred acres of reef from one spawning oyster...a lifetime of service to our shared environment from a child spending one day on the water.

Partner with us today for your Bays, for the next 20 years.

Sincerely,

Chris Bason
Executive Director

Our successful project in 2008 to construct an artificial rookery on Middle Island has provided rich opportunities for research.

Colonial Nesting Bird Study

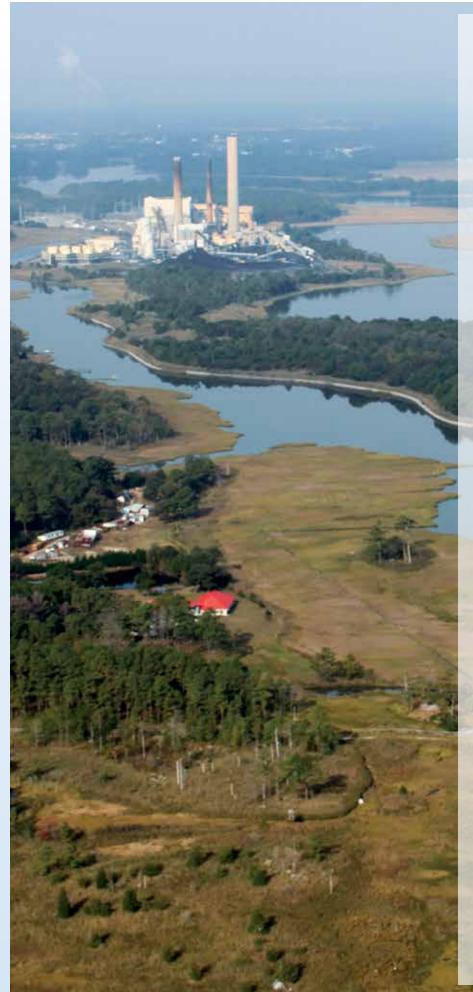
For the 4th year in a row, the CIB assisted the DE Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's (DNREC) Division of Fish and Wildlife in monitoring nesting activity of the American oystercatcher on the Inland Bays. The goal of this program is to establish baseline information about the numbers and nesting success of lower Delaware's American oystercatcher population along with other colonial nesting species of birds such as terns, herons, and egrets. In addition to the oystercatchers, the program also checked on the status of two tern colonies and noted the return of black skimmers to Middle Island.

Project Manager: Eric Buehl, Land Protection and Restoration Coordinator

Project Partners: DNREC Division of

Fish and Wildlife





Concerns about heavy metals present in coal ash at Indian River Power Plant prompted study.

Burton Island Study Released

This year a study was completed to assess whether material from the coal ash disposal site on Indian River is exposing aquatic life to elements that could cause harm. The study was initiated in response to citizen concerns about heavy metals present in coal ash and its potential impact on the health of the Inland Bays. The study found that concentrations of some heavy metals were elevated within organisms and sediments around the island, but were not outside the range of natural background concentrations found throughout our region. Our study recommended that tissue and sediment samples be periodically analyzed to evaluate changes in the prevalence and concentration of elements. The report is available at inlandbays.org.

Project Manager: Bart Wilson, Science and Technical Coordinator

Project Partner: Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

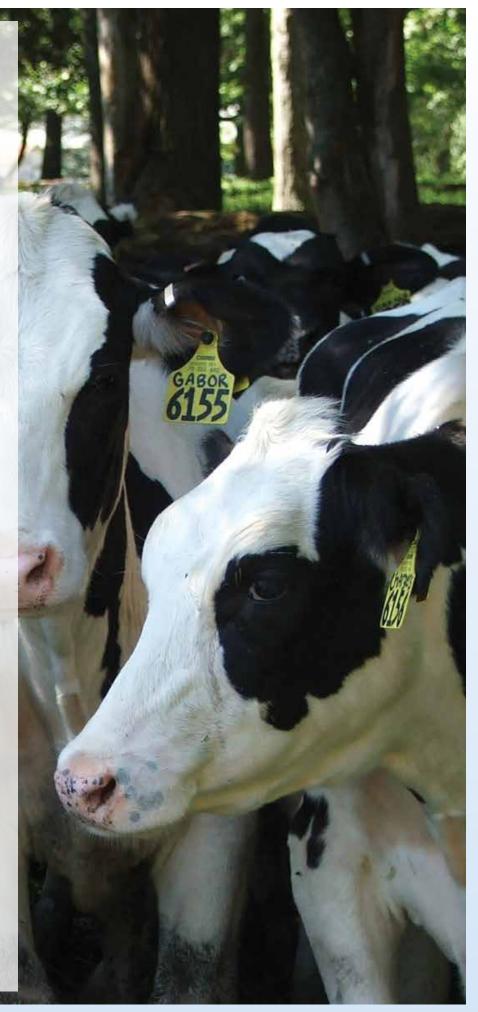
We continue to partner with farmers to identify sources of nutrients entering the Bays and work together to find solutions.

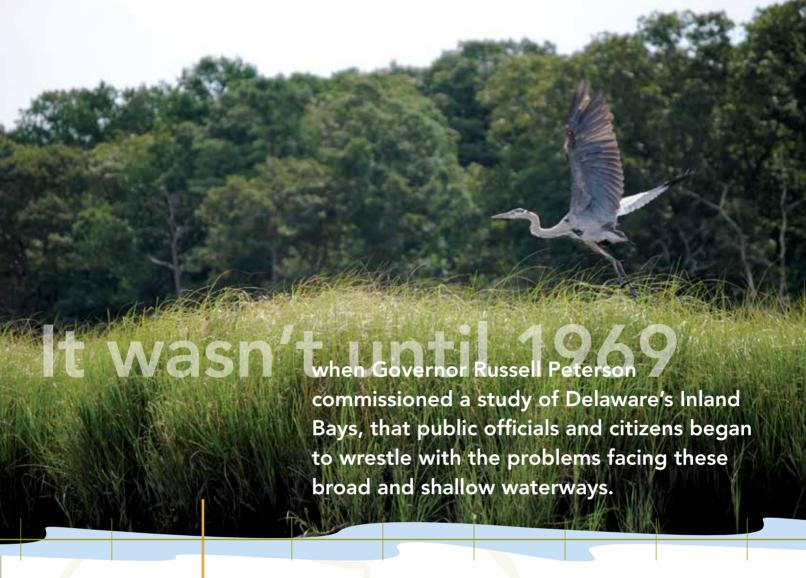
Hopkins Dairy Farm Stream Channel Enhancement Project

The Hopkins' family operates the largest dairy farm in Delaware and a popular dairy-made ice cream store at their farm on Rt. 9. In late summer we completed the installation of fencing along a headwaters stream channel on their farm just west of Lewes to keep cows and their manure out of the water. The project also used three stone crossings to allow the cows to move to and from feeding areas and the loading corral. In all, 850 feet of the stream channel are now buffered, totaling 2.25 acres that are restricted to access by the cows. This project will remove 314 pounds of nitrogen and 15 pounds of phosphorus annually from entering Rehoboth Bay.

Project Manager: Eric Buehl, Land Protection and Restoration Coordinator

Project Partners: DNREC Nonpoint Source Pollution Program, and Ducks Unlimited.





The work had begun.

Habitat loss from development, nutrient pollution from farmland, discharge from sewage plants and septic tanks... everyone was contributing to the problems facing the Inland Bays and many would need to come together to find the solutions.

In 1988, the Inland Bays were designated 'an estuary of national significance' by an act of U.S. Congress and became one of the 28 National Estuary Programs. After six years of collaboration by citizens, scientists, public officials and resource experts, the *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan* for the Inland Bays was completed. Under this plan, the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays was established in 1994 to oversee the implementation of the plan.

The work continues.



Landmark Nutrient Management Law a Pivotal Accomplishment

Centuries of farming practices, before environmental impacts were understood, took a heavy toll on the Inland Bays. Curbing nutrient pollution from farms was one of our first challenges. The successful partnerships that produced a landmark Nutrient Management law in Delaware and our fruitful partnership with the Sussex Conservation District to identify and support demonstration projects to reduce nutrient flow off of farms were among the greatest accomplishments in our first decade of work. There is still much to be done, and a legacy of nutrients in our soils and groundwater will take more years to recover, but we continue to build on the work that has been accomplished.



Restoring a Signature Species— Eelgrass

Eelgrass is not just a species, it's a habitat—that bright green grass that grows in shallow waters provides food and nursery grounds for many marine animals and food for wildfowl. It had disappeared from our bays due to disease and pollution, but we are working hard to bring it back. We are identifying areas most likely to support restoration and have harvested 300 thousand seeds from healthy eelgrass beds in Maryland waters and are seeding and transplanting in these areas. Research suggests that our Bays may once again support eelgrass beds.

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CIB Manages the James Farm Ecological Preserve for Outdoor Education and Community Recreation

Each year, 1,000 students come to James Farm for a day of watershed education and 10 thousand visitors come to walk the trails. In 1993, Mary Lighthipe bequeathed her family farm on Indian River Bay to Sussex County with the stipulation that it be used for education and recreation. Under the management of the CIB, native habitat has been restored, three miles of trails created, marsh overlooks built, and an information kiosk erected. We are now at work on a master plan to ensure protection of this land as we accommodate increased visitation.



The Citizens

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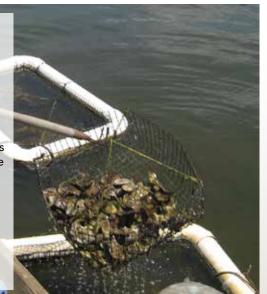
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Bringing Oysters Back to the Bays

In 2001 we established an oyster reef at James Farm, and in 2003 created an Oyster Gardening Program; today, over 200 people grow oysters off their docks, and the oysters are thriving at sites on all three Bays. This year the State Legislature signed into a law, a bill that will permit shellfish aquaculture in the Inland Bays. A lot of people and oysters will soon be at work cleaning up the Bays!



DELAWARE CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS Research. Educate. Restore.

Volunteers for the Bays

Beginning in 1998 with the Tributary Action Team—citizens from all parts of the watershed who labored for seven years to develop Pollution Control Strategies for the Inland Bays volunteers have worked for cleaner Inland Bays. Since 2005, CIB volunteers have given more than 30 thousand hours, doing research, taking our message to community events, doing projects at James Farm, planting rain gardens and schoolyard wetlands, serving on committees, and advising the Board of Directors.

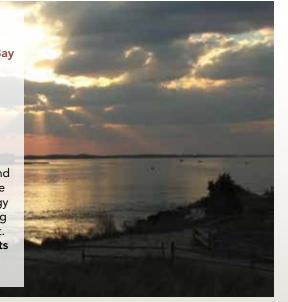


IB's Pollution Control

Strategy is issued

CIB Moved to its Greener New Headquarters— Overlooking Indian River Bay

In 2006, we completed renovations on our new Center for the Inland Bays. We saved the structure of the former Coast Guard barracks but incorporated green building materials, solar panels, and later, a wind turbine so that it could serve as a demonstration of energy efficiency and green building elements for those who visit. CIB generates 80-90% of its ower with sun and wind.



Environmental Study of Rehoboth. Indian River and Little Assawoman Bays requested by Governor Russell Peterson

Governor's Task Force on the Inland Bays created by Governor Pierre S. duPont

Inland Bays nominated to the National Estuary Program by Governor Michael N. Castle

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Delaware State Legislature established the Center for the Inland Bays

> Assessment of the Ecological Conditions of the MD and DE Coastal Bays published by EPA

Management Law to reduce discharges from farmland. Inland Bays Tributary Action

CIB assumes management of the James Farm Ecological

Legislature passes Nutrient

Team formed.

2000

Education

programs began

at the James Farm

Atmospheric Sources of Nitrogen to the Bays documented by a University of DE study

First Inland Bays Environmental

Indicators report

released

CIB creates greener building for new headquarters

quality buffer

First Horseshoe Crab Survey is conducted CIB released water recommendations report

CIB partnered with businesses on the Gulf Aid event after the Gulf Oil Spill.

CIB Wetland Health report was published

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CIB leads Shellfish Aquaculture Initiative Updated Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan is

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completed

Read more

Coastal Sussex Water Quality Management Plan completed

The Inland Bays and their tributaries designated as waters of **Exceptional Recreation** or Ecological Significance

Inland Bays designated to the National Estuary Program-Inland Bays Estuary Program created

Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan to guide the work of the CIB is released

Water use plan for the Inland Bays is produced

First Governor's Wade In held

Inland Bays/Atlantic Ocean Basin Assessment Report published

Oyster Gardening Program started

Volunteers for the Bays started

> First Gardening for the Bays Native Plant Sale held

Began the Schoolyard Habitat Program

Ground-water-quality survey of the Indian River Bay Watershed completed

Education programs at the Bethany Beach Nature Center started

Launched '1000 Rain Gardens for the Inland Bays'

State of the Delaware Inland Bays report published

First Inshore Fish Survey begun on the Inland Bays

Shellfish Aquaculture legislation passed End of 'once-through cooling' at Indian

River Power Plant

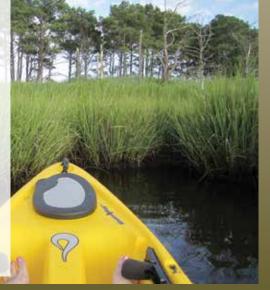
Advanced science, research and monitoring on the Inland Bays

Since 1994, we have awarded over a million dollars in grants to support research on the Bays. We also tapped the experience and knowledge of volunteer 'citizen scientists.' In 2008, we began the Inland Bays Horseshoe Crab Survey and in 2011, launched the Inshore Fish Survey with hundreds of trained citizen scientists collecting data at sites on all three Bays. In 2011 we published the most comprehensive report of the State of the Delaware Inland Bays ever compiled.



85% of Point Source Pollution Removed from the Bays

Two decades ago, there were 13 point sources of pollution entering the Bays—that's pollution coming from a pipe such as from a wastewater treatment plant or factory. Today only three remain; of those, two are scheduled for removal in 2014 and one has been substantially mitigated. A big step forward for cleaner Bays



Bethany Beach Nature Center for Education and Outreach in the Southern Resort Area of the nland Bays Watershed

In 2006, we began a partnership with the Town of Bethany Beach to invite residents and visitors to experience the unique coastal habitats that have been preserved and protected at the Bethany Beach Nature Center. In 2009, we began a children's program that is offered every Saturday year around. Visitors can walk an interpretive trail to the saltmarsh, and visit the demonstration native plant garden and rain garden.



Acres Restored— Slough's Gut at James Farm

For many years, mosquito ditches were dug to drain marshes, causing harm that wasn't understood at the time. In 2006, a 24-acre project at Slough's Gut on Cedar Neck in Ocean View restored a natural flow of water through a marsh that had been ditched, creating meandering tidal creeks, mudflats and pools to benefit wildlife. Throughout the watershed, since tracking began in 2003, 3,000 acres of natural habitats have been protected and 1,500 acres restored.



Gardening for the Bays Native Plant Sale—First in **Sussex County**

Tens of thousands of people have come to live around the Inland Bays in the past twenty years and many of them have new yards to landscape. This spring the Gardening for the Bays Native Plant Sale will celebrate its 10th anniversary introducing residents to the wide variety of native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers of Delaware's Inland Bays.





320 square miles of land in south coastal Delaware drain into three shallow bays—Rehoboth Bay, Indian River Bay and Little Assawoman Bay. They lie behind a narrow barrier island that separate them from the Atlantic Ocean. The bays are the backbone of Delaware's coastal resort area stretching from Cape Henlopen to the north to the Maryland state line to the south—and west to the headwater streams of Indian River and other tributaries, and the farm fields, millponds and marshes of Sussex County, Delaware.

You can help!
Become a Friend of the Bays!
Be a Volunteer for the Bays!
inlandbays.org

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Conversion of nearly 21 thousand septic systems to central sewer

Farms are not the only source of excess nutrients in the Inland Bays. Septic systems are another source of nitrogen and phosphorus entering groundwater and flowing into the bays. The successful drive by Sussex County to eliminate septic systems in the watershed is a win for water quality.



Protecting the Bays for People and Nature

The Inland Bays are a recreation magnet attracting thousands of boaters and anglers each year. With so much demand on shallow bays, it is a challenge to meet everyone's needs and protect the environment. The volunteers on the Water Use Planning Implementation Committee produced and oversee a plan to identify problems and minimize user conflicts. For ten years they have sponsored the Inland Bays Cleanup, identified navigational hazards on the Bays, and brought partners together to find solutions.



As we mark the 20th anniversary, we would like to recognize all those who appreciated the value of the who appreciated the value of the Inland Bays, recognized the need to take action to protect them and laid the foundation for the work that we continue today with the support of our many partners.

Stormwater Pollution: A Growing Challenge

Increased development brings more stormwater pollution. Two of our three Bay watersheds have greater than 10% impervious surface, a level at which research has shown a decline in water quality. We worked with South Bethany and the surrounding communities on the innovative Anchorage Canal project to demonstrate methods for capturing and filtering stormwater runoff; practices that could be emulated in other coastal towns.



Other notable projects

In partnership with Indian River School District, Schoolyard Habitats have been created at eleven schools in the watershed creating outdoor classrooms where students can experience hands-on learning opportunities. Created 'Eelways' at two of our dams to allow American eels to get upstream to their nursery grounds; launched the terrapin education program and annual removal of abandoned crab pots to protect terrapins, worked to end 'once through cooling' at the power plant which killed up to 2 million adult fish and hundreds of thousands of adult blue crabs annually.



1000 Rain Gardens for the Inland Bays:

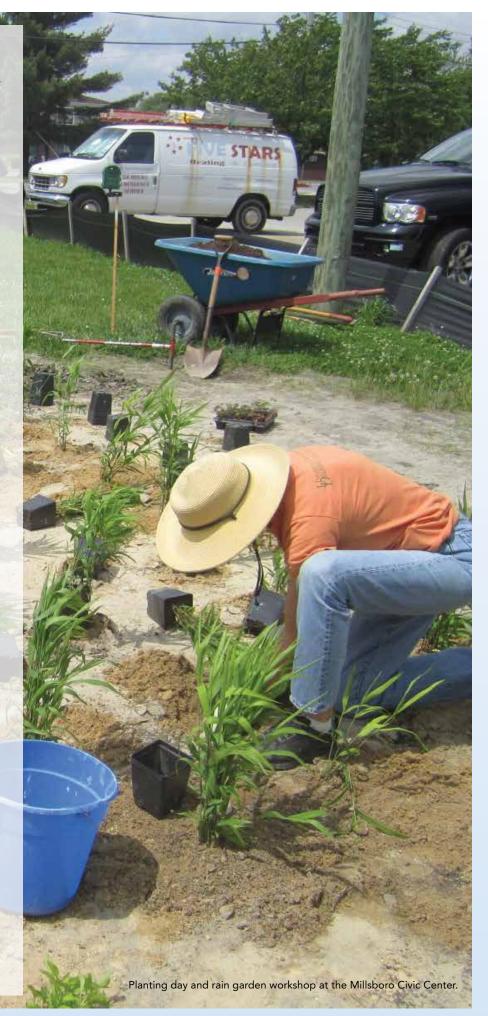
A Local Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Demonstration Rain Gardens Completed in Seven Towns

In 2008, we launched our 1000 Rain Gardens for the Inland Bays initiative and created our first demonstration rain garden at Millville Town Hall. Homeowners, communities and towns can now visit rain gardens in Millville, at Bethany Beach Nature Center, at Katie Helm Park in Dagsboro, at City Hall in Rehoboth Beach, at Millsboro Civic Center, at Good Earth Market in Clarksville and at Fenwick Island Town Hall. Each has an interpretive sign and booklets available for those wishing to build their own.

Project Manager: Sally Boswell, Education and Outreach Coordinator

Project Partners: DNREC Nonpoint Source Program and Watershed Assessment, Rain Gardens for the Bays, Sussex Conservation District, Environmental Concern, Towns in the Inland Bays Watershed.







Recycling Dredge Material to Replenish Bay Marshes

To demonstrate methods for mitigating sea level rise impact on wetlands, CIB and DNREC set their sights on a 25-acre area of tidal marsh on Pepper Creek.

Roads and buildings are not the only things threatened by sea level rise; vitally important ecosystems like saltmarshes are impacted as well. Using a technique called beneficial reuse, material dredged to maintain navigation channels is being sprayed onto tidal marshes that are losing ground to sea level rise. The successful implementation of this practice will make our saltmarshes more resilient to the impacts of rising tides caused by sea level rise and land subsidence and will keep dredge material in the marsh system where it is needed, and limit the need for upland 'spoil sites.'

Project Manager: Bart Wilson, Science and Technical Coordinator

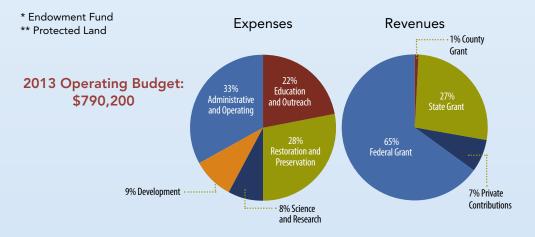
Project Partners: DE Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)

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Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances—Accrual Basis September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets	2013	2012
Cash in banks	\$ 421,575	\$ 360,075
Grants receivable—State of Delaware	209,200	209,200
Prepaid Expenses	12,406	18,139
Unbilled receivables	12,193	3,037
Total Current Assets	655,374	590,451
Property, Plant and Equipment (at cost)		
Land	125,000	125,000
Building	872,508	872,508
Furniture and equipment	469,517	469,517
	1,467,025	1,467,025
Less accumulated depreciation	(550,969)	(504,184)
Total Property and Equipment	916,056	962,841
Other Assets		
DE Community Foundation Endowment Fund	94,014	87,567
Total Assets	1,665,444	1,640,859
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Current Liabilities	¢ 07.007	¢ 10.074
Accounts Payable	\$ 97,227	\$ 10,864
Payroll taxes Accrued salaries & benefits	859	1,753
	32,453	33,300
Total Current Liabilities	130,539	45,917
Fund Balance		
Unrestricted		
Board designated*	94,015	87,567
Net assets invested in property & equipment	nt 714,140	837,841
Undesignated	472,747	422,728
Total unrestricted	1,280,902	1,348,136
Temporarily restricted	129,003	121,806
Permanently restricted**	125,000	125,000
Total Fund Balance	1,534,905	1,594,942
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$1,665,444	\$1,640,859



Thank you for your support!

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Shellfish Aquaculture is Coming to the Inland Bays!

"Due to the hard work of Speaker Schwartzkopf, the Center for the Inland Bays and its partners, we are establishing shellfish aquaculture in a responsible and beneficial way that respects the other activities in our bays."—Governor Markell

On August 18 Governor Markell signed the Shellfish Aquaculture Bill into law at a ceremony held at the CIB. The law will permit shellfish aquaculture in Delaware's Inland Bays. The bill, which passed unanimously in both houses of the Delaware General Assembly, will bring jobs, cleaner Inland Bays and local oysters to coastal Delaware.

Project Leader: E.J. Chalabala

Project Partners: DNREC; DE Department of Agriculture, University of Delaware Sea Grant, Sussex County Economic Development, University of Maryland Extension Service, commercial clammers, recreational and commercial fishermen, and interested aquaculturists.