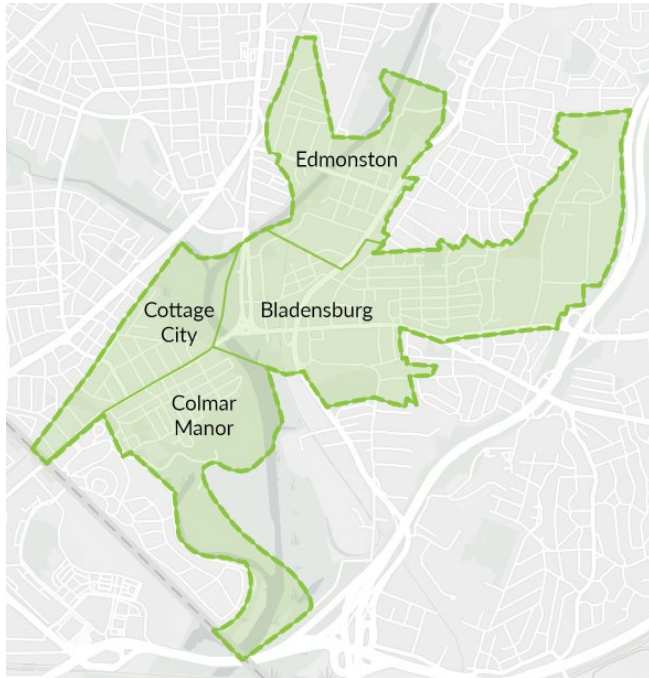




Port Towns Maryland
Walkable Watershed
 healthy waters : healthy communities

Overview

The Port Towns Walkable Watershed (WW) project is a community-based, green infrastructure planning tool to address flooding and resilience. The University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, Skeo, Defensores de la Cuenca, and Hirschman Water & Environment are supporting this grant funded effort. The WW planning approach is unique in linking environmental and social equity goals. This integrated approach means that



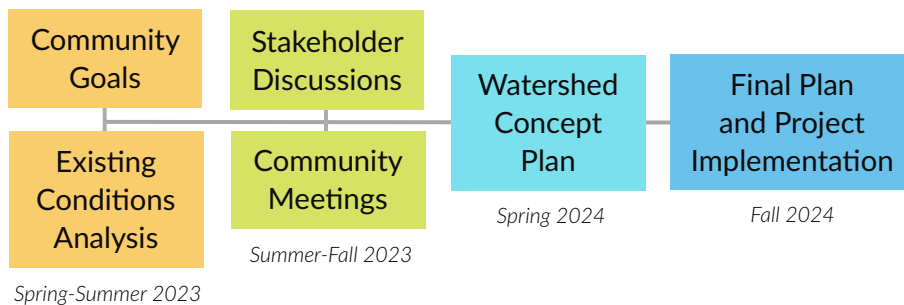
communities can leverage more resources, work more efficiently to find new solutions, and increase the likelihood of success by acting on multiple fronts simultaneously!

The WW project:

- Considers connectivity, watershed health and ecological stewardship at a community-wide scale.
- Engages community members and partners to work together to protect the watershed while also supporting community goals, such as improved connectivity and access, safe routes, vibrant open space and outdoor amenities.
- Results in a cohesive plan to improve the overall health of the community that can guide future efforts to improve watershed and community health, strengthen local infrastructure, and leverage investment, resulting in improved quality of life and watershed health for years to come.

Process

This project will take place over the next 18 months, ending in Fall 2024.



Ways to Engage:

There will be a variety of ways to engage and have your voices heard, including multiple open **community meetings** and **rain barrel workshops**.

We are also looking for volunteers for to join **stakeholder groups**. If you're interested in joining in any capacity, please reach out to Michelle (contact info provided).

"In a healthy watershed, water, soil, and air are clean. People, as well as fish and wildlife, have the water, food, shelter, and other resources they need to survive."

- Lynne Geller, *Healthy Watersheds, Healthy People*

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Information

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