

Celebrating 50 Summers



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Dear Middlesex Property Owner,

The Middlesex Beach Association is currently working with the Delaware Center for Inland Bays to conduct a stormwater retrofit assessment for the Anchorage Canal Drainage Area. The South Bethany Canals and Little Assawoman Bay are in poor condition and experience unhealthy levels of dissolved oxygen and bacteria, and dense blooms of environmentally harmful algae. Stormwater is a major source of pollutants for these water bodies due to runoff that is collected through a series of stormwater drains along Route 1 and is piped untreated to the Loop Section of the canal. The Center for Watershed Protection and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson have been contracted to conduct the assessment, with the goal of creating an implementation strategy for water quality improvements in the canals and the Bay.

On Wednesday, August 19th, field teams will be conducting the assessment throughout the drainage area to the Anchorage Canal. While some sites will be on community land (and elsewhere in neighboring communities), some will only be accessible through private property. In such cases, the Middlesex Beach Association must rely on the cooperation of individual landowners to allow access through their properties to certain sites (such as stormwater ponds, infrastructure, streams, etc.) so that field teams can complete the needed research. This work does not involve the use of any heavy machinery or construction equipment; therefore, no physical disturbance will occur to your property. Your assistance in this regard is vital to the success of this project and is greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the project, it is anticipated that implementation in our community will occur on either state (DeIDOT) property or MBA property, and will be funded through grants from government agencies. We will share the results of this assessment with the community when they are available in the next few months. Individual property owners will not be required to make any changes at their own cost, but you may wish to take advantage of some of this information during the course of your normal property maintenance.

Sincerely,

David A. Wiecking
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Middlesex Beach Association