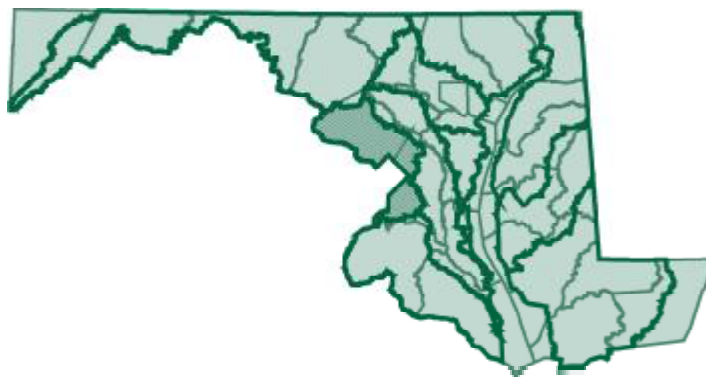


# Middle Potomac Tributary Team

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## About the Watershed:

The Middle Potomac Watershed drains approximately 610 miles of land across portions of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Major tributaries in the watershed include the Anacostia River and Seneca, Rock and Piscataway Creeks. The watershed is highly urbanized with more than 100 species of fish living in its freshwater and brackish water streams, including white and yellow perch, largemouth bass, and catfish. Due to the watershed's urbanized character, the Middle Potomac Tributary Team focuses on environmental policy issues directed at restoring and reducing the impacts of urbanization on the watershed and its tributaries.



## About the Team:

The mission of the Middle Potomac Tributary Team is to reduce nutrient and sediment inputs and to restore habitat in the Middle Potomac Watershed through community participation. The primary focus of the team in 2004 was the revision of the State Tributary Strategy, particularly wastewater, urban stormwater, agriculture, and outreach and education aspects. The team continues to work closely with State and local governments to spur discussion and actions that will address the complex water quality issues that dominate the very urban nature of the Middle Potomac Basin. These issues include multi-jurisdictional management of Potomac Basin waterways, Blue Plains, urban storm water retrofits and highly impervious watersheds that characterize the Rock Creek and Anacostia Rivers.



*October 6, Family Farm Agriculture Tour featuring innovative agriculture best management practices at the Rupperts Tree Nursery.*

The team's perspective is that even though load allocations are not officially set, there are numerous areas where the Tributary Teams can make policy recommendations and help frame the issues regarding the format and content of the revised Tributary Strategies. Topics that the team expects to address in 2003 include load allocations and associated equity issues, implementation of the strategies and funding possibilities, reconciliation of the voluntary Tributary Strategies process with the regulatory total maximum daily load (TMDL) permitting process, and the non-water quality aspects of the Tributary Strategies that Maryland may wish to include (i.e., forest cover and wetland goals).

## Recent Accomplishments:

- Team conducted a mini Wade In at Fletchers Boat House to coincide with other Wade Ins Across the State, June 8.04
- Team planned and conducted an Agricultural Best Management Practices Farm tour featuring five family farm operations. Topics included outreach to Horse community, landscape industries, livestock and no till operations and the emerging issue of ethanol production in Maryland. 60 people participated including elected officials, team members, farmers and the general public. June 5.04
- The Team participated in a one day training on the Potomac River with the Lady Maryland / Living Classrooms Foundation, and Jim Cummins from Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB). Topics discussed were living resources, the history of the Anacostia River and its planned restoration, combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), and Blue Plains wastewater treatment plant, Sept 27.04
- Team members participated in the development of the new Rock Creek Watershed Association.
- The team facilitated the completion of the Maryland Tributary Strategy, specifically the urban component, and several team members sit on the state advisory group that helped developed the strategy.



Team members tour the Lechliden farm in Montgomery County featuring no-till agriculture.

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