

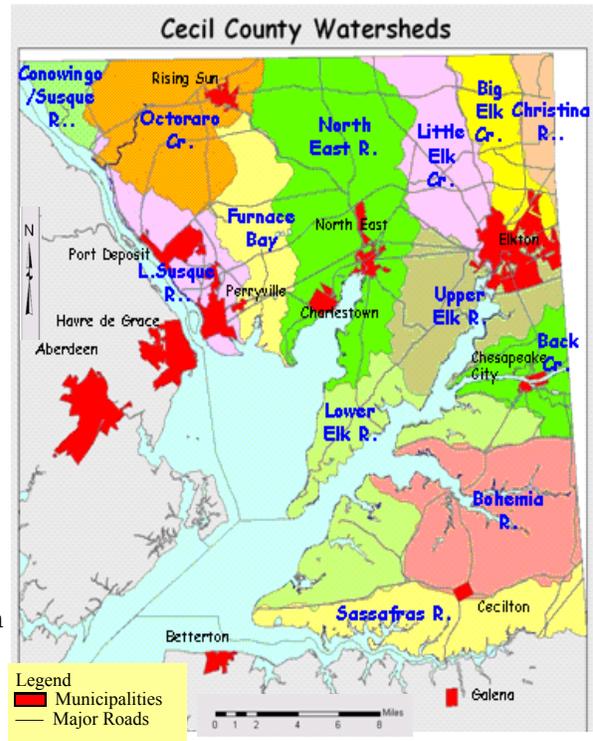
Environmental Issues In Your Community

Protecting Your Water Supply

Whether your water comes from a well drilled on your property or from the local public water system, what you do in your house and yard has an impact on water quality and quantity. This booklet includes simple actions that you can adopt in your home and yard that will help to protect both your own local groundwater supplies and regional reservoirs.

What Is A Watershed?

A watershed is all the land area that drains to a given body of water. Topography (the elevation and the contour of the land) and land use determine the velocity and direction of stormwater runoff and its eventual drainage to a surface water body. The watershed of a small stream, which may include hundreds or thousands of acres, is a sub-unit of a larger watershed of the river system that the stream flows into. Most residents of Cecil County live in a watershed that drains to a major tributary of the Chesapeake Bay or to a reservoir of the water supply system.



Where To Get Help for watershed information

- Maryland Surf Your Watershed https://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/huc.cfm?huc_code=02060001
- Cecil County Government Geographic Information Systems <http://cecilmaps.ccgov.org/public/>
- Cecil Soil Conservation District <http://www.cecilscd.com>; 410-398-4411 ext. 3
- Center for Watershed Protection <http://www.cwp.org>; 410-461-8323
- Elk and Northeast River Association: <https://www.facebook.com/ENERWA>
- Friends of the Bohemia: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheBohemia/>
- Octoraro Watershed Association <http://www.theowa.org>; 717-529-2132
- Sassafras River Association <http://www.sassafrasriver.org>; 717-529-2132
- Welcome to Your Watershed http://mda.maryland.gov/resource_conservation/Documents/watershed/index.html
- Stroud Water Research Center: <https://www.stroudcenter.org> (610) 268-2153 Ext. 238
- Cecil County Watershed Stewards Academy: <https://extension.umd.edu/cecil-county/water-chesapeake-bay/cecil-county-watershed-stewards-academy>