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March 18, 2011

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh  
Chair, Environmental Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Support for HB 1064 – Watershed Protection and Restoration Act**

Delegate McIntosh,

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Choptank Tributary Team in **support** of HB 1064 – Watershed Protection and Restoration Act.

The Choptank Team strongly supports the creation of local ordinances for establishment of a stormwater remediation fee. Besides septic systems, stormwater runoff is the fastest growing source of nutrient pollution into the Choptank River and the Chesapeake Bay, and is the most costly to remediate. Requiring a mechanism for jurisdictions to begin managing stormwater and charging for impervious surface impacts on nutrient loading will move the state forward toward reaching its Two Year Milestone and TMDL goals in a cost effective manner.

One section of HB 1064 that should be deleted is section D 4 II, which states, “EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT ASSESS A STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE ON: ANY PROPERTY, INCLUDING IMPERVIOUS SURFACES, THAT IS OWNED BY THE STATE.” The state should be held responsible for the stormwater runoff contribution from its properties and be required to pay a stormwater remediation fee. This issue is addressed in Senate Bill 552, which the Team supports.

Thank you for consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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