

# Chestertown Marina Revitalization Project

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Chestertown Marina in March 2018, photo courtesy of Sam Shoge / Shore Studios

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Building a Legacy for Chestertown's Waterfront



# Project History

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In 2012, the Town of Chestertown purchased Chestertown Marina to preserve access to the Chester River, stimulate economic development, and continue Chestertown's 300-year-old history as a working port.

In preserving this facility for public use, the Town of Chestertown will:

- Support 100 existing jobs and create new employment opportunities on the water
- Increase heritage tourism to Chestertown
- Drive retail activity to Chestertown's National Landmark Historic District
- Restore an iconic gateway to Kent County's 40-million-dollar-a-year tourism industry

# The Need

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When purchased, Chestertown Marina was in an advanced state of disrepair, requiring a complete overhaul of the entire facility. Major infrastructure elements that needed to be replaced or upgraded included:

- Piers (3)
- Bulkheads
- Boat ramp
- Boardwalks
- Marina Center
- Dredging throughout site
- Raising grade of property by two feet
- Utilities (water, sewer, electric)



*A finger pier that is rotten and collapsing, 2014*



*The old Marina store inundated by tidal flooding, 2016*



*An example of the old bulkhead beneath a walkway*



# Economic Impact

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When completed, Chestertown Marina will serve as an economic engine for the upper Eastern Shore for decades to come, generating a **direct economic impact of \$1.7 - \$2.2 million dollars annually** while preserving an important part of the Town's history, culture, and heritage.

# Progress

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*Sultana berthed at the new, downriver floating pier*



*New Marina Center to be completed by October '18*



*Fill to elevate the grade of the entire property by 2'*

For the past two years, the Town has been working diligently to rebuild the Marina from the ground up. Heading into the fall of 2018, the following improvements have been completed or are currently underway:

- Demolition of old walkways, piers, and bulkheads
- Dredging entire facility to a controlling depth of six feet
- Construction of new bulkheads around site perimeter
- Construction of floating pier adjacent to Scott's Point
- Construction of floating fuel dock in front of Fish Whistle
- 70' extension, addition of fixed finger piers to Cannon Street dock
- Construction of new Marina Center
- Raising of the grade of entire property by two feet
- Installation of underground utilities (water, sewer, electric)
- Construction of raised boardwalks around site perimeter
- Creation of two public plazas featuring pervious pavers

# Fundraising to Date

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In the past five years, **the Town of Chestertown has raised over 5.7 million dollars** from a wide variety of state, federal, and private sources to make the Marina revitalization project come to fruition.

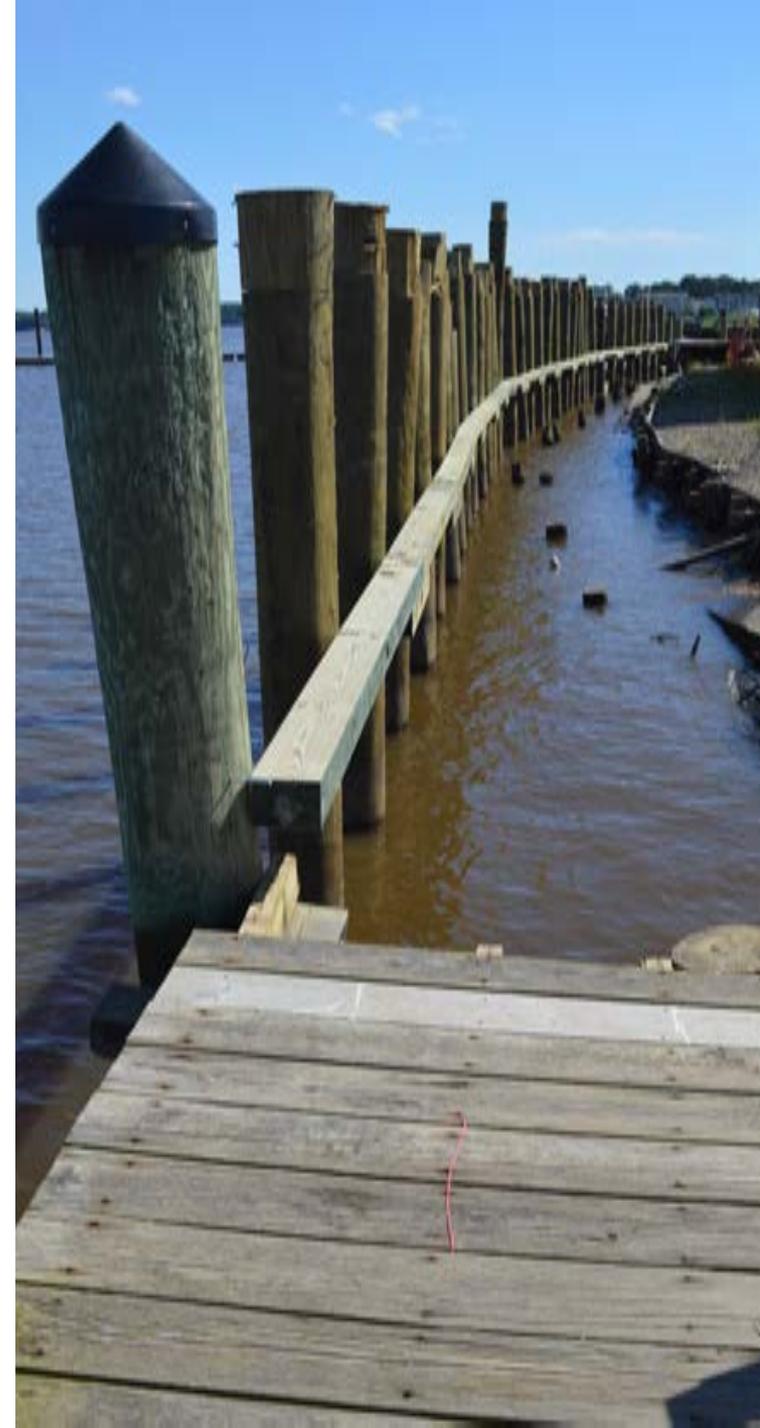
Funding sources include:

Maryland DNR Waterway Improvement Fund	\$1,259,000
Private Donations	\$ 870,000
USDA Rural Utilities Service Grant	\$ 700,000
USDA Rural Utilities Service Loan (1.375%)	\$ 598,000
Maryland DNR Dredging Grant	\$ 500,000
State of Maryland Capital Budget Allocation FY2017	\$ 500,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill FY2018	\$ 500,000
Maryland DHCD Strategic Demolition Fund	\$ 400,000
Donation from Washington College Armory Purchase	\$ 250,000
Maryland Heritage Area Authority – Construction	\$ 80,000
Maryland DNR Planning Grant	\$ 40,000
Maryland Heritage Area Authority – Architectural	\$ 35,000
USDA Rural Development Block Grant	\$ 21,000

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**GRAND TOTAL**

**\$5,753,000**





# How You Can Help

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Now that construction is underway, Town officials invite members of the community to help **complete the revitalization of Chestertown Marina by making donations to the project.**

Interested benefactors can contact Town Manager Bill Ingersoll at 410-778-0500. Potential donors can also receive a personal tour of the facility from Mayor Chris Cerino.

For a full list of Naming Opportunities and their associated giving levels, see the following page.

# Naming Opportunities at Chestertown Marina

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<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAMING OPPORTUNITY</u>
\$250,000	Naming Rights to the Marina Center <i>(see image on following page)</i>
\$100,000	Cannon Street Pier
\$100,000	Fuel Dock
\$100,000	Pier Adjacent to Scott's Point
\$100,000	Public Plaza Next to Fish Whistle <b>(SOLD: Michael Lawrence/Grassymeade Plaza)</b>
\$ 50,000	Marina Store
\$ 50,000	Public Plaza Adjacent to Scott's Point
\$ 25,000	Front Deck of Marina Center
\$ 10,000	Plaque on Pillar in Front of Marina Center <i>(9 pillars)</i>
\$ 5,000	Plaque at base of fixed or floating finger pier <i>(15 finger piers)</i>
\$ 2,000	Plaque at base of Power Pedestal on fixed and floating docks <i>(20 pedestals)</i>
\$ 1,000	Name on Donor Plaque in Lobby of Marina Store <i>(unlimited)</i>
\$ 250	Name engraved into Paver on walkway

# Donations and Tax Implications

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John and Jane Doe  
Maritime Center

at Chestertown Marina

Contributions to the Town of Chestertown are **tax deductible** under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code if made for a public purpose.

Donations can be made in cash, check, or stock options.

# We're on the verge of making history ....

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Chestertown Marina on September 9, 2018

Photo courtesy of Tyler Campbell

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## Help us get to the finish line!!!!