

# ENHANCED AND RESTORED EXISTING WETLANDS TO REDUCE NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

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**STATE PROGRAM:** Maryland Department of Environment

**ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT:** City of Rockville

**ASSISTANCE AMOUNT:** \$14M

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The city of Rockville, Maryland obtained a \$14 million, 0% interest CWSRF loan to fund the planning, design, and restoration of the main stem of Watts Branch, a tributary of the Potomac River. The project included enhancements to existing wetlands, restoration of stream buffers, stabilization of 4,000 feet of eroding stream bank and upgrades to storm drain outfalls. These improvements were designed to enhance aquatic habitat and reduce pollution from stormwater runoff in the Chesapeake Bay. Funds to repay the loan will be generated from Rockville's stormwater fee. In recognition of the project's success, the Maryland Department of Environment selected Rockville to receive EPA's 2006 PICSES Award, which is presented to communities that most effectively and efficiently use funding from EPA's CWSRF program.

To read more about this case study, please visit [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/gi\\_in\\_cwsrf.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/gi_in_cwsrf.pdf).