



Researchers Study if Clean Water Best Practices Actually Working

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CAMBRIDGE, Md.- A group of scientists at Horn Point Research Labs in Cambridge have just started a new five-year study to see if various clean water "best management practices" are actually making a dent in cleaning up the Choptank River.

"We're focusing on best management practices, which are practices intended to improve water quality, to test if they actually work on a larger watershed scale." said Rebecca Fox, one of the researchers in the study, which is called People, Land, Water.

Fox says this is the first time a large scale study like this has been done, but they need help from people in the Choptank Watershed.

"It's essential that we work with the community, and we really need the residents and the farmers to work with us and we will work with them." said Dana Bunnell - Young, one of the three grad students working on this study.

Yet another focus of the study is to find out how to make these practices work if they do in fact help clean up the waterway.

"We're going to go and meet with farmers and learn their opinions about applying best management practices either to their yards at home, or on the farms in Caroline County." said Kalla Kvalnes, another researcher with Horn Point.

The group says they need cooperation from people in the study areas. Those areas are Oldtown, Broadway, South Forge, and Spring in Caroline County. If you live in any of those areas, the group asks that you please contact them in one of the following ways:

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