



**CHESAPEAKE HAVEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
158 Ohio Avenue  
Earleville, MD 21919  
[www.chesapeakehaven.com](http://www.chesapeakehaven.com)

Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Chesapeake and Coastal Service  
580 Taylor Avenue, E-2  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Attention: Nicole Carlozo**  
**RE: Grants Gateway Proposal, Outcome #3 – Chesapeake Haven Living Shoreline Project**

Dear Ms. Carlozo:

The Chesapeake Haven Homeowners Association (CHHOA) Board of Directors, on behalf of our members, are expressing our support and gratitude for the opportunity to apply for this grant. Our private development relies solely on the homeowners for the maintenance of our roads and beach right of way granted to us in the founding deeds for Chesapeake Haven. This opportunity provides hope that we will be able to restore our shoreline, address the pollution from the storm water runoff into the bay, and address the erosion issues that are threatening the eagles and other wildlife. The erosion has resulted in the damage to the cliffs and vegetation that wildlife relies on for survival. One of the most fantastic sites here are the eagles that inhabit the wooded area and nest in the trees near the cliffs. We are hoping that with restoration and protection of this environment that the eagles and other birds and wildlife will be protected.

Our members also enjoy the waterfront for recreation and enjoying the beautiful landscape of the Chesapeake Bay. The proposed design by Unity Landscape Design/Build to design and construct a nature-based living shoreline also provides a safe and natural environment for all of us. Our families can enjoy the beauty of the bay. This area is also the navigational entrance to Cecil County and having this living shoreline is an excellent welcome sign and example of our dedication to preserving our natural resources.

Being a small community, with limited funds, we are very encouraged with the wonderful support of the primary project partners of this application: Delmarva RC&D, who is sponsoring the application and who will manage the grant once the project has commenced, and of Unity Landscape Design/Build for designing, building, and facilitating this project and assisting us with the coordination of activities involved in a large scale initiative such as this. We also have the support of Cecil County Executive, Dr. Alan McCarthy.

Once the project is complete, we also would be willing to offer DNR this location as a demonstration site for future projects of this nature. This will provide the opportunity for advertising and promoting the project for case studies to show how important it is to put our resources to such an important cause. With planned visitations and through coordination with DNR, we are also open to long-term support for future projects that would benefit from this type of sponsorship.

Along with the support of our sponsoring partners and Unity Landscape Design/Build, we are off to a great start and pray that our application is considered, and are recipients of the grant so we can proceed with the project.

Sincerely,



Jan Bickford-Morrow, VP

o/b/o Chesapeake Haven Homeowners Association