LEARN ABOUT THE ISSUES

A single storm in Baltimore can generate hundreds of millions of gallons of stormwater runoff, carrying pollution and causing erosion as it rushes into local rivers and streams. This problem is caused when rain falls on impervious surfaces throughout our region, causing flooding that leads to sewage overflows. To address this issue, Blue Water Baltimore works with government officials, partners, volunteers, community members, religious institutions, and schools to achieve clean water in the Baltimore watersheds.

SEWAGE
The primary cause of sewage spills is the dilapidated state of Baltimore’s underground water infrastructure. Rain infiltrates the sewer system during storms, causing widespread overflows. When swimmers, boaters, fishermen, and others come into contact with water contaminated with sewage, they are exposed to pathogens and toxins.

STORMWATER
Stormwater pollution occurs when rainwater runs off of impervious surfaces, such as rooftops and streets, picking up trash, nutrients and sediment, and other pollutants. This runoff washes down storm drains and is carried untreated directly into our neighborhood streams, and ultimately into the Baltimore Harbor and Chesapeake Bay.

TOXIC POLLUTION
Toxic pollution poses a threat to our lives, health, property, and environment. Toxic pollution occurs when chemicals are discharged into the environment, causing reactions to wildlife, degrading ecosystem functions, and threatening human health.

TRASH
Debris in our streets—whether caused by illegal dumping, littering, or carelessness—ends up in our streams. Trash in our waterways is harmful to human health, our economy, and the environment.
2014: Working Together with Partners, Volunteers, and Government Leaders

I hope you will enjoy Blue Water Baltimore’s 2014 Annual Report. This year’s report is dedicated to the diverse people and institutions we work with to accomplish our mission of clean water and strong communities. We truly value all those who engage with us as partners in our shared vision of better water quality and a healthier, more vibrant Baltimore region.

We face many challenges in improving water quality, especially in the urban environment. Sewage and stormwater pollution continue to foul our local streams, pathways, and streets during heavy rain fall. Updating and replacing aging water infrastructure is complex and expensive. Our neighborhoods are still blighted by trash, illegal dumping, and large areas with no trees or open space.

We can address these challenges and achieve significant pollution reduction only through the support of and partnerships with citizens, businesses, schools, and religious institutions. Much of the work must be accomplished by our local and state governments, so we collaborate on identifying pollution, seeking funding for project implementation, and finding ways to accelerate infrastructure improvements. We mobilize citizens to advocate to our public officials that clean water must be a priority as we look toward a better Baltimore.

The pages inside are filled with the actions Blue Water Baltimore and our partners take every day to address these urgent issues that threaten our waters and living environment. We know that success depends directly upon the help of our many partners, supporters, and volunteers who are working toward the mission of clean water and strong communities. The knowledge that improving our local environment will also improve public health and safety, support neighborhood revitalization, and provide a more robust economy inspires the programs and priorities described in this report. Blue Water Baltimore connects all of the amazing people of the Baltimore region who care about the protection and restoration of our waterways. Thank you for your help in making a difference!

Sincerely,

Halle Van der Gaag,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Building Power Through Coalitions

WORKING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS ON LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Blue Water Baltimore works with partners and decision-makers at the state and local levels, focused on passing or defending strong laws that protect the environment and public health. We organize community support for the issues people care about and help ensure citizens’ voices are heard.

While we work hard on legislative bills, we do not do so alone. We work closely with other organizations as part of the Clean Water, Healthy Families (CWHF) coalition to maximize the impact of the environmental advocacy community.

“Clean Water, Healthy Families is a water-focused coalition advocating for legislation and policy at the state level in Maryland. Blue Water Baltimore is an integral member of CWHF given their prominence and location in Baltimore. The work completed on the ground by Blue Water Baltimore gives the coalition tremendous credibility when discussing polluted runoff with public officials. Organizing and advocacy work done by Blue Water Baltimore was a vital part of recent CWHF victories,” said Clean Water, Healthy Families Leader Brent Bolin.

Our collaboration with CWHF strengthens our efforts and ensures political support by requiring local governments to address pollution. This advocacy work includes strategic campaign planning, engagement with legislators, and testifying at committee hearings. We are proud to bring urban water quality issues to the forefront and into the larger strategy of cleaning up the bay.

Blue Water Baltimore staff, along with more than 200 local supporters, gathered in Annapolis at a rally for Clean Water. Maryland residents support major cleanup measures that continue our progress toward restoring our rivers, streams, and Chesapeake Bay.

In 2014, Blue Water Baltimore helped Clean Water, Healthy Families defeat more than 20 bills aimed at repealing the state’s polluted runoff law.
Corporate Engagement

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF BALTIMORE WATERWAYS

Blue Water Baltimore is committed to providing opportunities for employers to meet their social responsibility goals. We support businesses in our community through educational opportunities and experiences that enhance the well being of employees and their families. In 2014, more than 50 organizations volunteered with us to help reduce pollution in our rivers, streams and harbor.

Our corporate volunteers invest in our mission to restore the quality of Baltimore’s waterways by planting and maintaining trees, stenciling storm drains, tending to native plants, and participating in trash cleanups. They serve the community and work with us to build a healthy environment for generations to come.

We are proud to partner with these organizations to facilitate team building and raise awareness of innovative programs that reduce stormwater runoff.

“Corporate volunteering is a great way to get out into the community that you live and work in, learn more about how it is all connected, and what you can do to help keep it clean and thriving,” said Amy Rogers, AOL manager and Blue Water Baltimore corporate team leader.

She added, “Working with Blue Water Baltimore has expanded my views on water quality and the environment, for you learn that what you do really does impact the overall goal.”

Each year, employees from companies such as AOL (pictured above and below) lend their time, talent, and resources to help us achieve our goal of clean water and strong communities.

Much of our work is made possible through the generous financial support of a diverse group of corporate partners, who recognize that clean water is a valuable natural resource to us all.
Blue Water Congregations
AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE TO POLLUTED RUNOFF

With funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Blue Water Baltimore and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake have developed Blue Water Congregations, a program to identify and implement stormwater reduction strategies at faith-based institutions in Baltimore.

Blue Water Congregations provides free technical, design, financial, and landscape expertise to help religious groups determine potential opportunities for managing stormwater pollution in an eco-friendly manner.

Through the program, Blue Water Baltimore engages and educates congregations about stormwater issues, and collaboratively identifies greening opportunities while embracing their ethic of Care of Creation, a religious response to environmental challenges. This important investment with our partners works to restore water quality and connects members of all faiths to the environment.

“The environmental impact that remediation can bring from large faith-based institutions is tremendous. Not just in terms of scale from the physical projects, but also in providing a take-home message to congregants. We call this the ripple effect, and it is exciting to see the progress as we move forward. There are over 5,000 places of worship in Maryland, and we can't wait to see more projects in the ground to share with others on what is possible,” said Jodie Rose, executive director at Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake.

In 2014, Blue Water Baltimore conducted site visits at 29 congregations to assist with selecting projects, securing funding, and developing stormwater design plans.

Leaders of the environment and faith-based communities, along with Senator Cardin, celebrate the completed rain garden at the Baltimore Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Our goal is to work with 84 congregations to help them remove 25,000 square feet of pavement, plant 12,000 square feet of rain gardens, and redirect 75 downspouts.
"A good example of the synergy between our two organizations is the work Blue Water Baltimore has performed for stream restoration and the re-establishment of riparian buffers. These efforts in turn affect the quality and quantity of our urban forests’ woodlands, and are an important part of our upcoming forest management plans for major parks in Baltimore City,” said City Arborist and Chief of Urban Forestry Erik M. Dihle.

Collaborative Partnership
INCREASING THE REGION’S TREE CANOPY

Through our partnership with TreeBaltimore, a program of Baltimore City Recreation and Parks that strives to establish and preserve urban trees, we are committed to increasing the region’s tree canopy. This requires not only maintaining Baltimore’s current stock of trees, but also expanding the existing tree canopy from 27.4 percent to 40 percent, a recommendation for healthy cities from American Forests.

Trees have measurable impacts, including slowing and absorbing stormwater runoff, filtering out pollution, and cooling our homes, yards, and streets.

In 2014, Baltimore City and its partners, including Blue Water Baltimore, planted more than 7,500 trees on park and school grounds, on neighborhood streets, and on private property with institutions and residents. In addition, with the help of YouthWorks, Blue Water Baltimore watered and maintained 6,003 native trees, across five watersheds, at 68 sites throughout Baltimore.

The partnership of “TreeBaltimore and Blue Water Baltimore is a shining example on how trees help solve so many different problems our city faces. Water quality is so important to Baltimore, with the Chesapeake Bay downstream, we are glad that trees are a big part of the way Blue Water Baltimore targets their mission of clean water,” said Charles Murphy, TreeBaltimore operations manager.
Investing in Baltimore’s Waterfront

PARTNERING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A SWIMMABLE, FISHABLE HARBOR

Together with the Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Blue Water Baltimore is committed to the Healthy Harbor Initiative, which aims to restore and protect the harbor and the waters that flow into it. Jointly we develop and distribute educational materials that raise public awareness about the state of our waterways.

Each year we collaborate on the Healthy Harbor Report Card, which grades the region’s water quality and conveys how different types of pollution affect our rivers, streams, and harbor.

In 2014, Waterfront Partnership supported the development of our Harbor Alert website, which features an interactive map that tracks water quality throughout Baltimore. The same year, we partnered with Trash Free Maryland and Waterfront Partnership to create a campaign to promote the use of reusable bags instead of disposable bags.

“We have been partnering with Blue Water Baltimore since day one of our work to create a swimmable and fishable Baltimore Harbor, and we couldn't imagine our work without them. We jointly fund and produce the Healthy Harbor Report Card, we strategize together, and we rely on Blue Water Baltimore's expertise and upstream work with the residents of Baltimore City,” said Healthy Harbor Initiative Manager Adam Lindquist.

Through this unique partnership, we leverage the strengths of each organization to meet a common interest in advancing the goal of cleaner water and combating the major sources of pollution. We share the viewpoint that a clean harbor promotes economic development and encourages investment in our downtown businesses and neighborhoods.

On May 28, 2014, Blue Water Baltimore Executive Director Halle Van der Gaag (center), along with Congressman John Sarbanes, Director of the Department of Public Works Rudolph Chow, Chairman of Waterfront Partnership Michael Hankin, and Healthy Harbor Initiative Manager Adam Lindquist, released the 2013 Report Card with an (F) grade of our waterways.

Our Waterkeeper patrols 26 miles of the Patapsco River and its tidal tributaries, collecting data on water quality and pollution issues.
Volunteering for Native Plants

PROMOTING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND CREATING A CULTURE OF GIVING

At Herring Run Nursery, we focus on both plants and people to bring nature back into our communities, schools, and residential yards. The nursery is a place where customers gather and learn about growing a garden of native plants that will create a habitat to support wildlife and reduce stormwater runoff. Plant sales at the nursery support our goal to improve the health of ecosystems in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The staff and volunteers at Herring Run Nursery are leaders in the garden community who share their knowledge and expertise at our spring and fall nursery sales, workshops, and plant lectures.

Certified Master Gardener and Nursery Volunteer Gail Ritscher said, “Caring for our environment crosses all boundaries including politics, age, and ethnicity. That means volunteering with Blue Water Baltimore will bring you in contact with people from all walks of life, some of which might surprise you. So not only are you helping the environment, you're enriching your own life and expanding your horizons in the process.”

She added, “Because of Blue Water Baltimore, I have created a garden on my property that has become my refuge, my therapist, and my creative outlet.”

In 2014, Herring Run Nursery provided more than 22,000 native plants to more than 1,400 customers. The nursery offers more than 250 varieties of native trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers.
DONOR LIST

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Blue Water Baltimore is grateful to the following partners who supported our work in 2014.

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Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks
Baltimore City Office of Sustainability
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Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
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Patterson Park Community Association
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Clear Ridge Nursery
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- Cadie Palmer
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- Food Depot
- Joe Squared
- Loading Dock Liquors
- McCormick & Company
- Michele’s Granola
- MOM’s Organic Market
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- New Belgium Brewing Company
- Nick’s Fish House
- The Oceanaire Seafood Room
- Red Canoe Café
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- Touloulou
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- Varia Systems, Inc.
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- Zeke’s Coffee

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WHAT WE DO

ADOPT-A-STREAM trains volunteers to monitor and protect sections of their local stream and assist with advocacy and education efforts.

BALTIMORE HARBOR WATERKEEPER monitors water quality, reports pollution, organizes cleanups, advocates for government responsibility, and takes legal action when necessary.

BLUE WATER CONGREGATIONS offers congregations the technical and organizational support to embark on construction projects that address polluted runoff and reduce stormwater utility fees.

CLEAN WATER COMMUNITIES, a part of the Healthy Harbor initiative, helps Baltimore City neighborhoods integrate actions for a healthy community and Chesapeake Bay.

HERRING RUN NURSERY grows and sells native plants for restoration efforts and retail customers. The nursery offers hundreds of plants native to the Chesapeake Bay region to help reduce polluted stormwater runoff and to support biodiversity.

PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY works to support the passage and implementation of local, state, and federal laws and regulations that will help support clean water objectives. We organize and galvanize citizen to ensure that their voices are heard and are a part of the decision-making process.

SCHOOL RESTORATION focuses on transforming underutilized school parking lots and hardscapes into living, vibrant, engaging outdoor gardens that dramatically reduce stormwater runoff while providing urban youth positive experiences in natural settings.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT uses innovative and traditional methods to beautify communities. Our practices reduce pollution through the removal and replacement of conventional concrete with pervious materials, and the installation of green bioretention facilities that filter and absorb runoff. We implement projects on public and private lands by engaging neighborhood residents, local schools, communities of faith, and city agencies.

URBAN FORESTRY program improves the city’s forest canopy, air quality, and quality of life one neighborhood at a time by planting trees in our parks and along our streets and streams. Through Urban Forestry we employee YouthWorks, to teach youth valuable life skills while also developing their job skills.

For more information about our other programs and projects, visit us at www.bluewaterbaltimore.org.
FINANCIALS

EXPENSES

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* According to the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), restricted grants must be recognized in the period in which they are received. In prior fiscal years, funds for multiyear programs were received and recognized. Expenses for these programs are included in the 2014 financials, which creates a deficit for this year because the funds were received and recognized in prior years.

A complete audited financial report is available by writing to: Controller, Blue Water Baltimore, 3545 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21213

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IN 2014 ALONE
Our work resulted in
1,827 TREES PLANTED,
85,964 POUNDS OF TRASH REMOVED,
AND 26,419 SQUARE FEET OF PAVEMENT REMOVED.