

TO: House Committee on Environment and Transportation Testimony on: HB 602 – Environment –
State Wetlands – Shoreline Restoration Position: SUPPORT Hearing Date: February 22, 2023 Living
shorelines offer many advantages over armored shorelines – riprap, bulkheads, and stone revetments. They perform
better in major storms by buffering floods and reducing erosion. They filter stormwater, thereby decreasing nutrient
runoff. They also create wetland habitat that attracts wildlife by providing food sources and spawning areas. This is
important for blue crabs, oysters, fish, and birds. They also store carbon. In addition, living shorelines are less costly
to install and maintain. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to issue a favorable report on HB602. Thank you for
your consideration, Lani Hummel Annapolis, MD