

To: Maryland State Assembly

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Subject: HB 1465 - Environment - Stream and Floodplain Restoration Projects -
Requirements and Limitations

I wish to voice my support for this legislation. We have experienced the actual impact of several former stream restoration projects, and while achieving credits, they did not accomplish the goals of the projects. Further, each of these projects we have seen directly resulted in unprojected damage to the environment and wildlife and ended up needing to be addressed a few years later to make repairs resulting in additional funding requirements.

It can be described as applying a temporary fix to gain credits that does little to accomplish the goals of the project, then a few years later, a need to repeat portions of the project arise, causing further harm to the environment and wildlife.

Further, I wish to express my position that the State of Maryland Legislature must resist the lobbying efforts of contractors who have a biased viewpoint about this Bill, seeking profits from these types of efforts with no proven long-term beneficial impacts. Contractors can often do great work, when applied to useful projects. The projects aimed at stream restoration, however, have been found not to be beneficial in the long-term and cause environmental damage and harm to wildlife in the process.

Sincerely,



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