



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 250, House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB613 - Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures

Dear Chair Korman, Vice-Chair Guyon and Committee Members:

The St. Mary's County Delegation supports HB0613 Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures with a vote of three (3) Yeas and no (0) Neas.

The purpose of the bill is to establish definitions, requirements and exemptions for living shorelines in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. Creating separate guidelines for these counties from the rest of the state because their shorelines are very different (often with cliffs) and the wave energy. The bill also directs the Calvert and St. Mary's County Soil Conservation Districts to manage the decisions as to what kind of stabilization to use when the property owner makes the request for shoreline mediation.

We ask for the committee's consideration of this bill and a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd B. Morgan". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Todd B. Morgan
Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation