# Masonville

Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF)







101 acres
10.4 million cubic yards (mcy) of capacity

**STATUS: DMCF Expansion Underway** 

Located along the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River near the Hanover Street Bridge, Masonville DMCF is named for an extinct railroad town. After purchasing the site, the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) removed more than 61,000 tons of trash and debris and launched an extensive environmental restoration effort before constructing the DMCF. Construction of the DMCF began at Masonville in 2007. All on-site and off-site mitigation from the impacts of constructing the DMCF have been completed with monitoring underway. Masonville Cove is now an urban haven for wildlife and a thriving community center that has welcomed more than 45,000 visitors and students.

### **VERTICAL EXPANSION**

After Hart-Miller Island DMCF stopped receiving dredged material in 2009, the Masonville DMCF became critical for supporting Harbor dredging operations serving the Port of Baltimore.

The Masonville DMCF is currently undergoing expansion to increase capacity with incremental dike raising with steep slope designs. Dike raising to +18 feet was completed in 2021. Base dike widening to prepare for additional elevation began in 2022 and was completed in 2023. Dike raising at the Masonville DMCF to an elevation of +30 feet is 30% complete and slated for completion by the end of 2025. The design for raising the dike to +42 feet, is taking place concurrently with construction to +30 feet and expected design completion is by the end of 2025. With the final elevation of +42 feet, the DMCF will gain additional capacity critical to maintaining the 50-foot channel system necessary for the competitive movement of cargo and the thousands of jobs associated with the Port.



First Inflow of Harbor material

Masonville Citizen
Advisory Committee
was created in 2008
to provide advice,
oversight, and
support to MPA on the
Masonville DMCF





Home to over 300 species of birds and animals and provides an abundance of programs that allow people to interact with wildlife, inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.



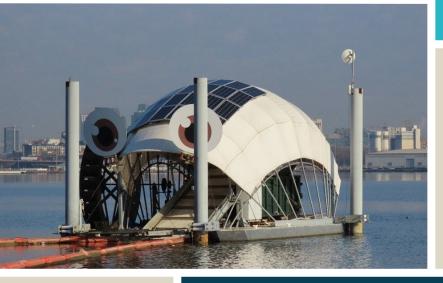
## **Masonville Cove**



### **MASONVILLE COVE CAMPUS**

MPA worked with Maryland Environmental Trust and Baltimore Green Space to secure a conservation easement on the waterfront property covering over 46 acres of restored wetlands, uplands, and nature trails. The Masonville Cove Campus is a refuge and gateway, reconnecting communities to the water by providing public access to the shoreline, piers, trails, and free environmental programming.

In 2018, Captain Trash Wheel arrived at Masonville Cove. Baltimore's third trash wheel was commissioned by MPA to help keep litter out of the Patapsco River.



#### **ACCESS**

Open to the public, this popular birding and fishing spot is home to the nation's first Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership.





In a city filled with pavement and skyscrapers, Masonville Cove serves as a green oasis for wildlife and people in Baltimore.

"I will be a lifetime advocate of Masonville Cove"

Shayla Harris, Computer Science
 Major, Coppin State University



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