

CAD BULLETIN



CAD Bulletin Overview

This newsletter is designed to provide timely and accurate information about Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD), upcoming meetings, and regulatory updates. For general information about CAD, visit the [website](#). If you have any questions, comments, or topics you'd like us to cover in upcoming issues, please contact Rachael Gilde at rgilde@marylandports.com.



LATEST NEWS

Legislative Update

This Spring, the Governor vetoed the Senate Bill 168 that would have prohibited the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) from processing or making any recommendation to the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW) regarding an application for the alteration of any tidal wetland or waters of the state submitted to construct a CAD from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2029. Despite the Governor's veto, the MPA intends to hold fast to the commitments outlined in the Bill, which included a minimum four-year moratorium on applying to MDE for a permit to construct a CAD pilot cell within Baltimore Harbor. Maryland Port Administration (MPA) also commits to completing the efforts of the CAD Subcommittee and making the report publicly available, as well as notifying and engaging with the delegation from District 31 before developing any potential application to the MDE for a permit to construct a second CAD pilot project in Baltimore Harbor.

BEWG CAD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Bay Enhancement Working Group (BEWG) CAD Subcommittee Report provides a comprehensive review of the CAD Subcommittee process, including the scoring of

potential positive and negative effects on environmental and human health attributes associated with a potential second CAD pilot project, and outlines the next steps for determining the viability of a potential future CAD pilot project. The public release of the final report has been delayed.

Originally, the MPA intended to publish the report immediately following its acceptance at the most recent Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) Executive Committee meeting, which was scheduled for August 18, 2025. However, the Executive Committee Meeting was postponed due to the recent departure of Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary Paul Wiedefeld. The CAD Subcommittee's report is expected to be publicly released on [MPA's DMMP website this fall](#).

UPDATED INFORMATION



MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION SPOTLIGHT SERIES

MPA continues to produce informative videos about dredging as installments in its [Spotlight Series](#). The most recent episodes include:

- [Spotlight on Dredged Material](#): This episode provides an overview of dredged material and explores which dredged material MPA is responsible for managing and how the area it comes from influences where the material is placed.



- [Spotlight on Innovation](#): In this installment, MPA reviews innovative approaches to dredged material management to meet the capacity needs of the volume of dredged material generated each year to maintain the Port's waterways.



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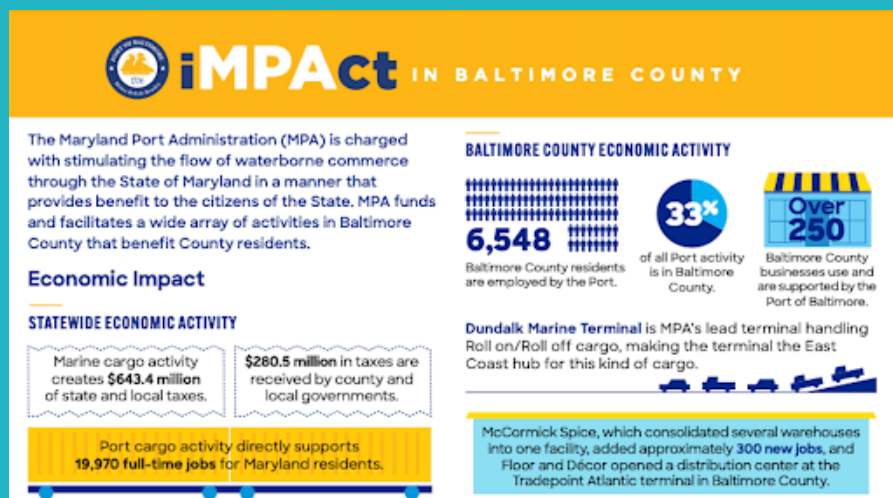
Spotlight on: Innovation



COUNTY iMPAct REPORTS



The Maryland Port Administration's Office of Navigation, Innovation, and Stewardship is excited to announce a new installment in its exciting new county-specific iMPAct Report series. These county-specific reports highlight the economic, environmental, and community benefits that the Port provides to local counties. This latest release is of the [Baltimore County iMPAct Report](#) and features information about Port benefits in Baltimore County generated by its terminals, Dredged Material Containment Facilities (DMCFs), and educational and community programs. Additional installments in this series, covering Baltimore City, Talbot County, and Dorchester County, will be available soon. The Port plays an essential role in the region, and it's great to see the specific benefits MPA delivers to each county.



THE COX CREEK OPEN HOUSE

Each year, MPA invites the public to visit the Cox Creek DMCF to explore the facility, learn about current MPA programs, including the work of the CAD Subcommittee, to access this top birding site, and to check out the future site of the new Swan Creek Nature Trail currently in development. This year, the Open House will be held on Saturday, October 18, from 10 am to 2 pm. We look forward to opening this active dredged material placement site to the public and sharing the latest MPA updates. Learn more [HERE](#).



MEET THE SPECIALIST



UMCES - Academia - Lori Staver, Ph. D.

An ecologist and Associate Research Professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Staver's expertise is in restoring tidal marshes and

submersed aquatic vegetation. Her work focuses on plant life, the influence of both living and non-living factors on plant productivity, and the beneficial use of dredged material for marsh restoration. For over 20 years, Staver has been involved in habitat restoration at dredged material placement sites, including Hart-Miller Island and the Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island. She has extensive experience working with a wide range of federal and state agencies and NGOs. Staver joined the Bay Enhancement Working Group and the CAD subcommittee when it was formed in 2024 and has been an important scientific voice on the committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24: [Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

October 18: [Cox Creek Open House](#)

October 22: [Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting](#)

RECENT EVENTS

July 23: [Cox Creek Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting](#)

HOSTING AN INFORMATION SESSION

Organizations and community groups around the region can invite MPA to present information showcasing the most recent information about dredging in Maryland. If you'd like to schedule a session for your group, please complete the inquiry form [HERE](#).

For More Information

The most up-to-date information about CAD is available on the [MPA website](#).

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