



The Town of Cottage City  
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Cottage City, MD 20722

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Support for SPACES – Community-Based Flood Mitigation and Green Infrastructure Planning

Dear Review Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Cottage City to express our strong support for the SPACES project. This initiative represents an important opportunity to advance practical, community-driven solutions to the persistent flooding challenges affecting our town and the broader Port Towns region.

Cottage City faces ongoing stormwater management issues that impact our streets, homes, and public spaces. These challenges are closely tied to conditions in neighboring municipalities, reinforcing the need for a coordinated approach that reflects the shared nature of our watershed and infrastructure systems.

What makes SPACES particularly valuable is its commitment to grounding technical analysis in real community experiences. By engaging residents directly and incorporating their knowledge into mapping, assessment, and planning efforts, the project will produce solutions that are not only effective, but also realistic and supported by those who will rely on them.

The project's focus on identifying green infrastructure opportunities at both the household and community levels is especially meaningful. Many of our residents are eager to be part of the solution but need guidance, resources, and clear information to take action. SPACES will help bridge that gap by providing education, site-specific recommendations, and a pathway toward implementation.

We also recognize the long-term value of the project in positioning Cottage City to access additional funding and advance priority projects. The development of a clear, data-informed framework will strengthen our ability to plan, invest, and collaborate more effectively.

The Town of Cottage City looks forward to working with the project team and regional partners to ensure the success of this effort. We fully support SPACES and believe it will deliver lasting benefits for our community and the surrounding region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wanda Wheatley  
Commissioner Chair, Ward 3  
Town of Cottage City

