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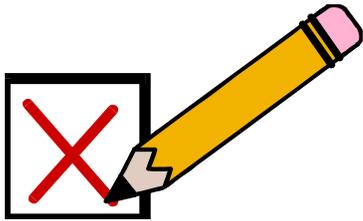
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SHORELINE EVALUATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

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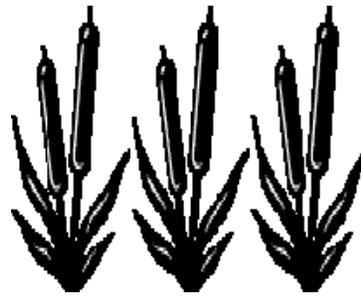
Erosion is a naturally occurring process. However, erosion can lead to loss of waterfront property and reduction in shoreline habitat for many aquatic life. Anne Arundel County's Department of Inspections and Permits has developed this quick checklist for homeowners to evaluate the condition of their shoreline. We also have created an informational DVD "Bring YOUR Shore to Life" which is available for viewing on the web at www.aacounty.org/ip.



To determine if shoreline erosion is a problem:

Identify the causes of erosion:

- Do you experience erosion after large storm events; boat wakes, or wave energy?
- Do you notice upland runoff from unbuffered areas or impervious surfaces?
- Is there noticeable subsurface drainage moving through your shoreline and destabilizing the bankface?



Assess your property for the following characteristics:

- Has your shoreline noticeably receded within the last 2 years?
- If you have marsh along your shoreline, has it been disappearing?
- Do you have to step down to walk on your beach?
- If you have trees along your shoreline, are they falling into the water?
- Is your beach submerged at high tide?
- Have your neighbors installed shoreline erosion control measures?

Tip: It may also be helpful to consult historic maps or photographs to assess long-term erosion patterns.

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If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, contact one of the following agencies for more information on how a living shoreline may benefit your waterfront property.

Anne Arundel County
Department of Inspections and Permits
410-222-7441

Maryland Department of
Natural Resources
Tidal Wetlands Division
410-537-3837
Shoreline Conservation & Management
410-260-8523

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District – Permit Section
P.O. Box 1715
Baltimore, Maryland 21203
410-962-4252

Consult the telephone directory for engineering or marine contracting firms in your area.

