



# NFWF



# Project Fact Sheet: Oyster Restoration

## PROJECT TITLE

Conducting Oyster Restoration for Max Environmental Benefits (MD)

## RECIPIENT

Oyster Recovery Project, Inc.

## AWARD AMOUNT

Total . . . . . \$560,000  
Federal . . . . . \$490,000  
Non-Federal . . . . . \$70,000

## MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Non-Federal . . . . . \$325,000

## LOCATION

Thirteen MS4 Communities in Blair County, Pennsylvania

## AWARD DATE

September 2013

## PROJECT STATUS

Closed



University of Maryland Diver to Inspect Reefs (Credit: Oyster Recovery Project)

## BACKGROUND

Since 1999, NFWF's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund has been dedicated to protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay by helping local communities clean up and restore their polluted rivers and streams. Working with the public and private sectors, the fund delivers on-the-ground conservation successes benefiting the communities, farms, habitats and wildlife of the Chesapeake Bay region.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Oyster Recovery Partnership, Inc. repopulated 39.3 acres of oyster reefs with 154.5 million spat on shell in the Little Choptank River, restoring a keystone species that will restore vital Bay habitat and improve water quality within the Choptank River Basin. The restoration built on community support as well as collected and verified data needed to maximize oyster survival and long-term environmental benefits. Research conducted as part of this project further quantifies and defines future site selection and planting methodologies as well as restoration success. In addition, in excess of 20,000 bushels of shell was recycled from 300 outlets. The University of Maryland Paynter Labs completed three years of oyster reef monitoring in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

## FUNDING PARTNERS

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- CSX

## ABOUT NFWF

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