

SMART

Stormwater Management and Restoration Tracker

Making Every Practice Count!

University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science @ Department of Natural Resources

Towson University GIS



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Tool Overview: Origin

Why Do We Need this Tool?

Voluntary Practices Can Earn Credit
Education and Outreach → Behavior Change



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Tool Overview: Synopsis

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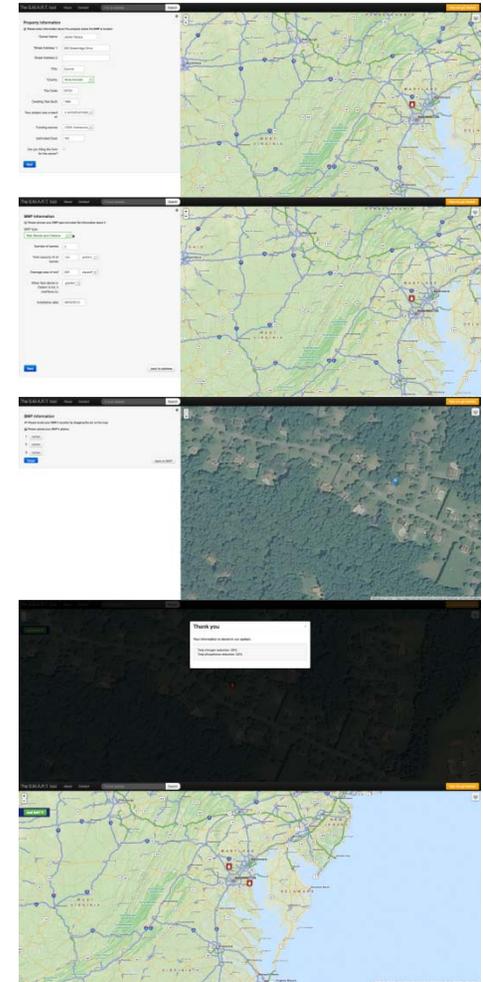
Situation: Small-scale residential Stormwater BMPs have *perceived* insignificant reductions in nutrients and sediment loading rates, but when aggregated these practices *can* result in significant measureable reductions.

Problem: Small-scale residential stormwater BMPs are most often *voluntarily* installed by environmental conscientious property owners and are not usually *tracked* by county and municipal agencies.

Solution: Create an interactive mapping and tracking tool for counties and towns to account for these *voluntary* BMPs for nutrient and sediment reductions under TMDLs and NPDES and MS4 permit requirements.

Target Audience for Tool Use: Property owners, watershed groups, local government staff

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Tool Overview: Background

Why Do We Need this Tool?

Voluntary practices will help with
Urban Nutrient Management

Reducing Pollution from Urban Areas



Data from Jim George, MDE in 2010

Urban Nutrient Loads Are Fast Becoming a Big Slice of the Bay Pie

Year	Total N	Total P
1985	2%	5%
2000	9%	15%
2009	12%	22%
2030	??	??

Urban and suburban runoff is the only Bay nutrient load sector where we are seeing reverse progress
In load reductions- source OIG (2007)

Data from Tom Schueler, Chesapeake Stormwater Network

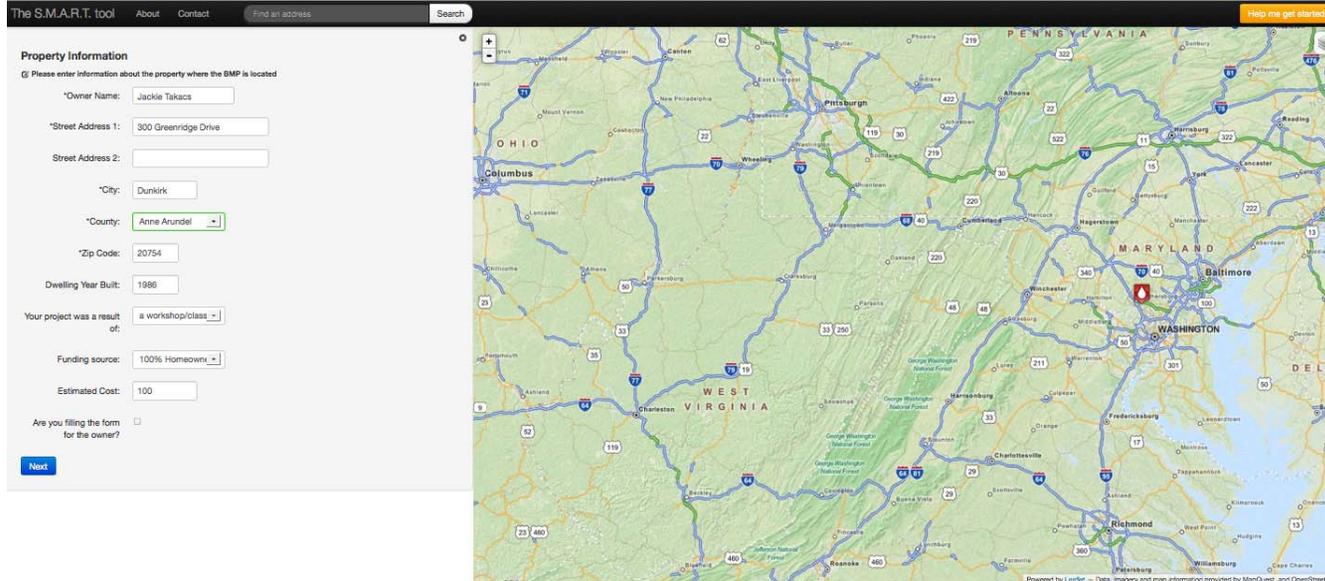
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Tool Overview: Background

Developing the Tool

Funding: grant from UMD Extension in 2011

Collaborator: Towson University Center for GIS



The screenshot displays the S.M.A.R.T. tool interface. On the left is a form titled "Property Information" with the instruction "Please enter information about the property where the BMP is located". The form contains the following fields and values:

- *Owner Name: Jackie Takacs
- *Street Address 1: 300 Greenridge Drive
- Street Address 2: (empty)
- *City: Dunkirk
- *County: Anne Arundel
- *Zip Code: 20754
- Dwelling Year Built: 1986
- Your project was a result of: a workshop/class
- Funding source: 100% Homeownr
- Estimated Cost: 100
- Are you filling the form for the owner? (checkbox)

A "Next" button is located at the bottom left of the form. On the right is a map of Maryland and surrounding regions, showing major roads and cities. A red pin is placed on the map near the location of the property. The map is powered by Leaflet and uses data from MapQuest and OpenStreetMap.

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Tool Overview: How it Works

Entering a Stormwater BMP

- Identifiers – who, where, cost and funding source

The S.M.A.R.T. tool [About](#) [Contact](#) [Help me get started](#)

Property Information
Please enter information about the property where the BMP is located

*Owner Name:

*Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

*City:

*County:

*Zip Code:

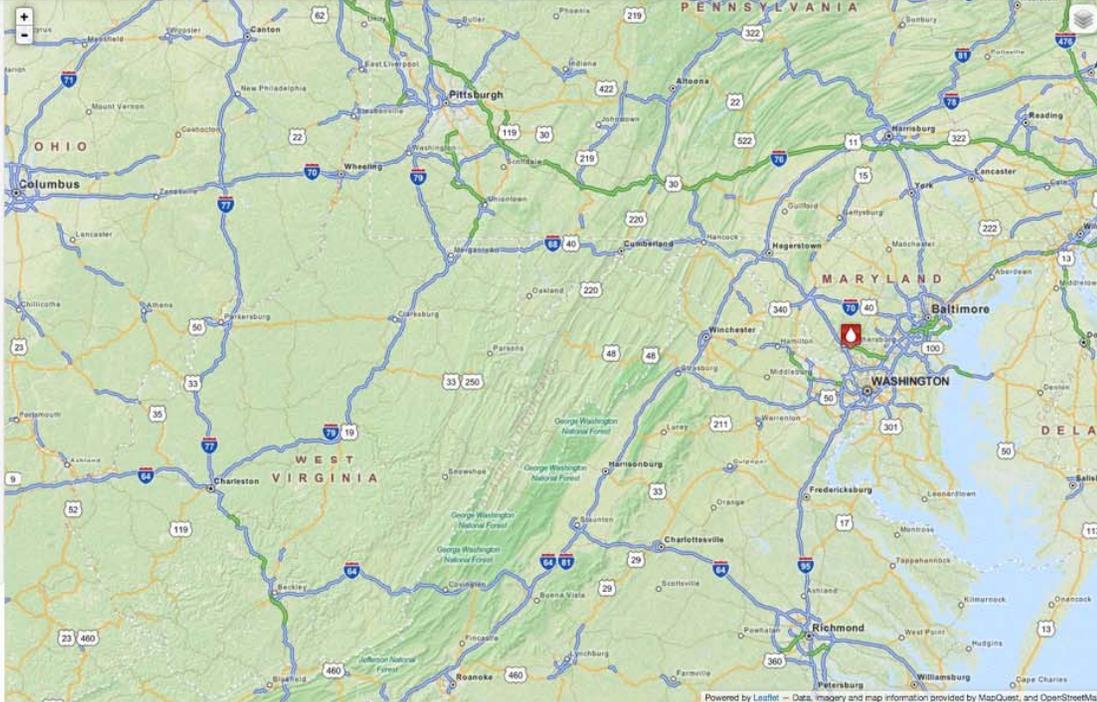
Dwelling Year Built:

Your project was a result of:

Funding source:

Estimated Cost:

Are you filling the form for the owner?



Powered by Leaflet - Data, imagery and map information provided by MapQuest, and OpenStreetMap

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Tool Overview: How it Works

Entering a Stormwater BMP

- BMP Type, size and design factors

Rain Barrels and Cisterns

Bioswales and Vegetated Open Channels

Bioretention

Tree plantings

Dumpsite cleanup

Living Shorelines

Downspout disconnection

Install pet waste stations

Attend stormwater educational events

Conversion from turf to conservation landscaping

Conversion from impervious to turf/conservation landscaping

Rain Gardens

Infiltration Trench or Basin

Permeable Pavers

Riparian buffer plantings

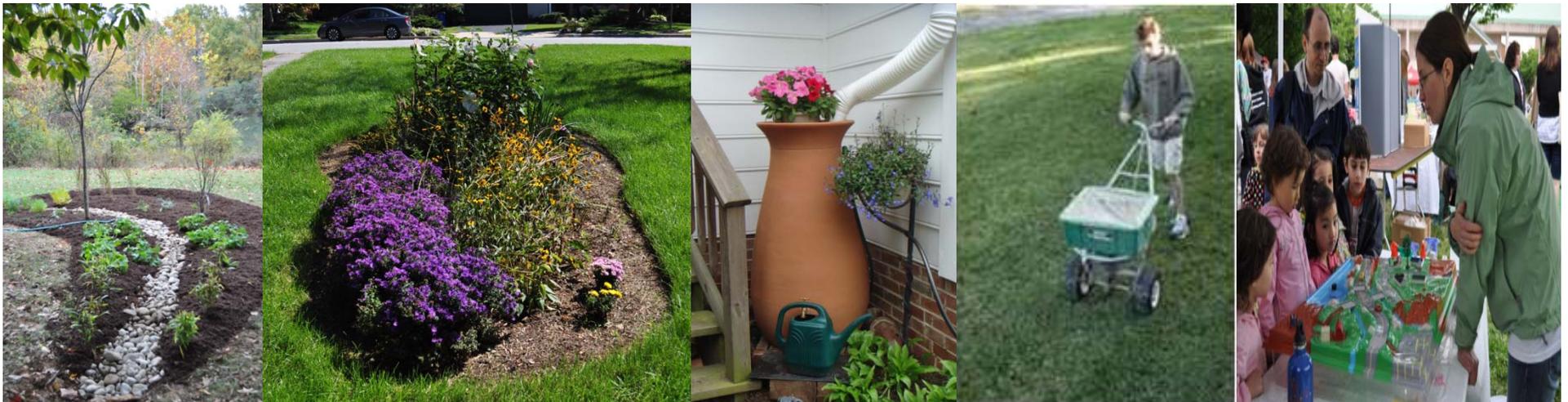
Green Roof

Certified Baywise Landscaping

Lawn depression/infiltration

Pledge not to Fertilize

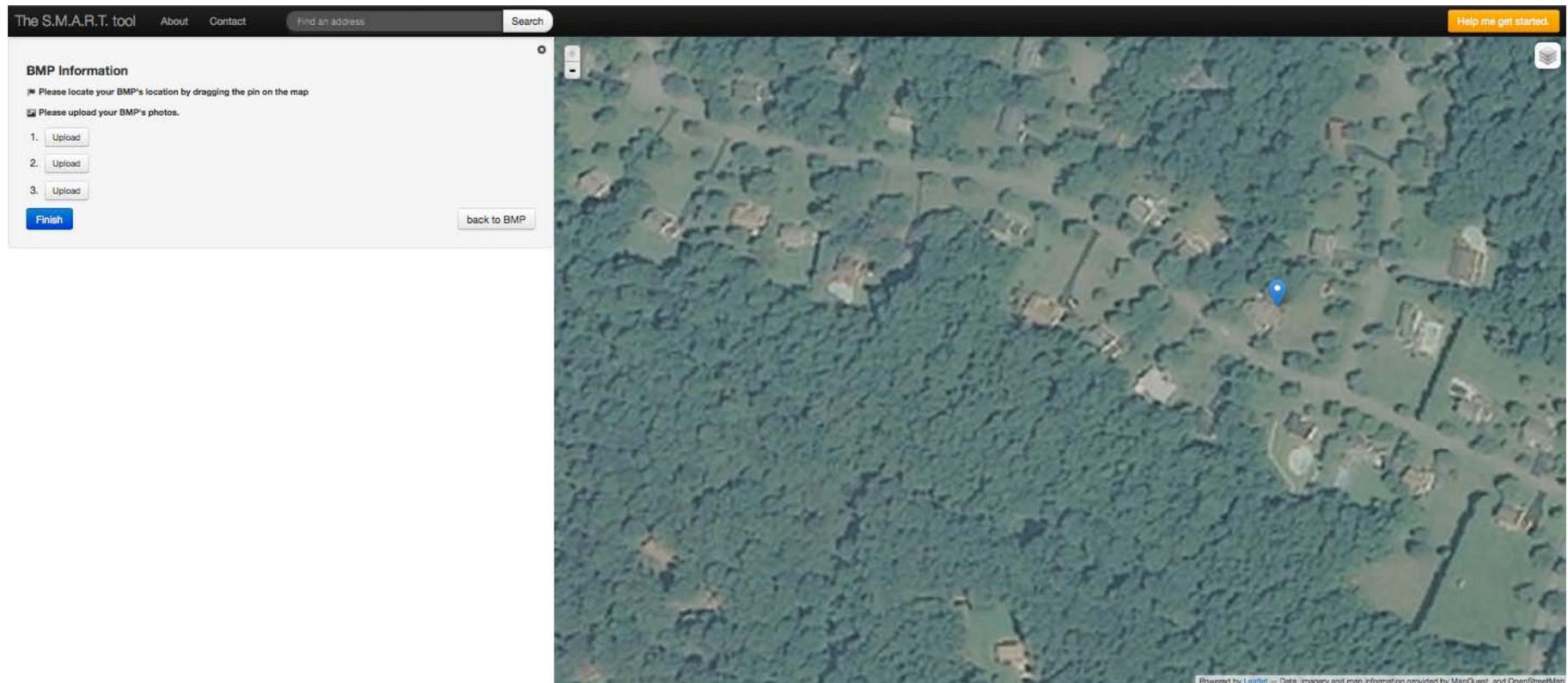
Fertilizer Management



Tool Overview: How it Works

Entering a Stormwater BMP

- Photo upload & placement

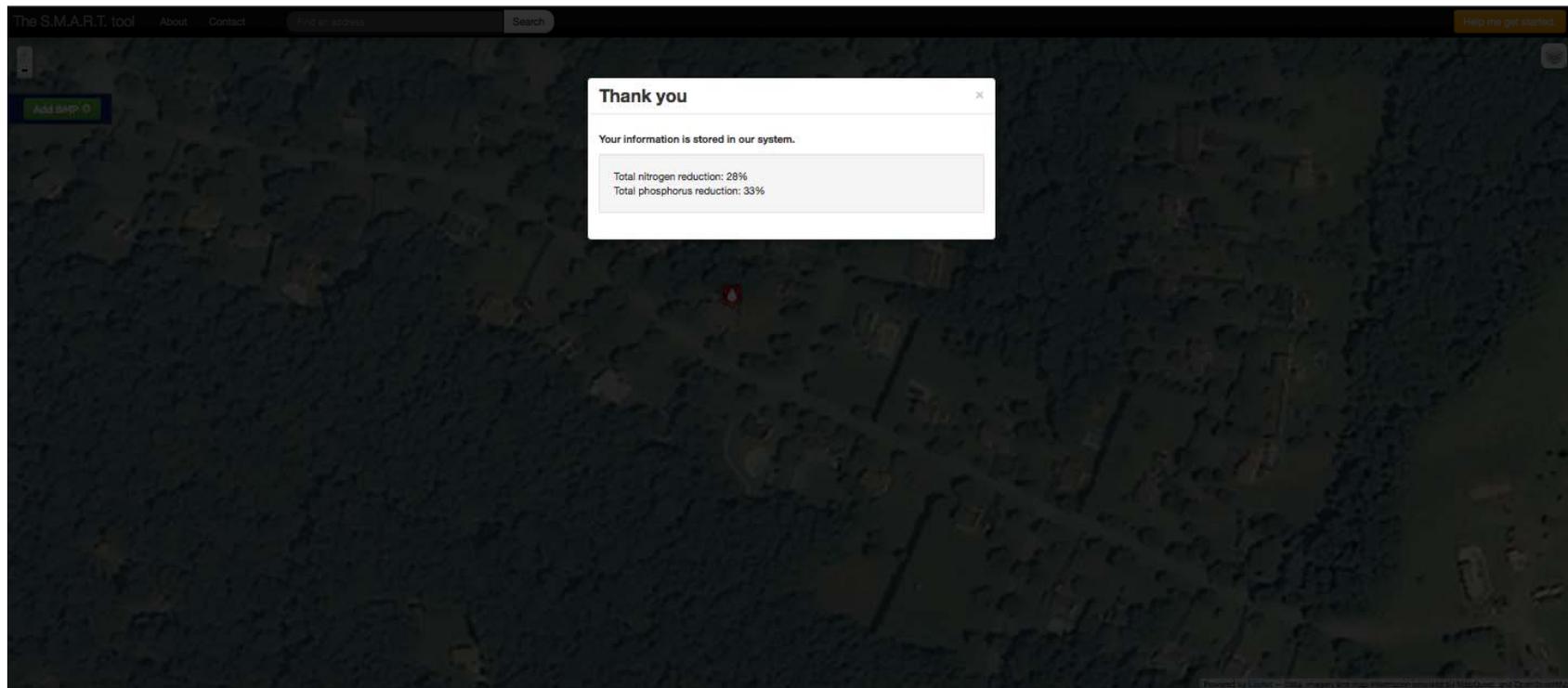


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Entering a Stormwater BMP

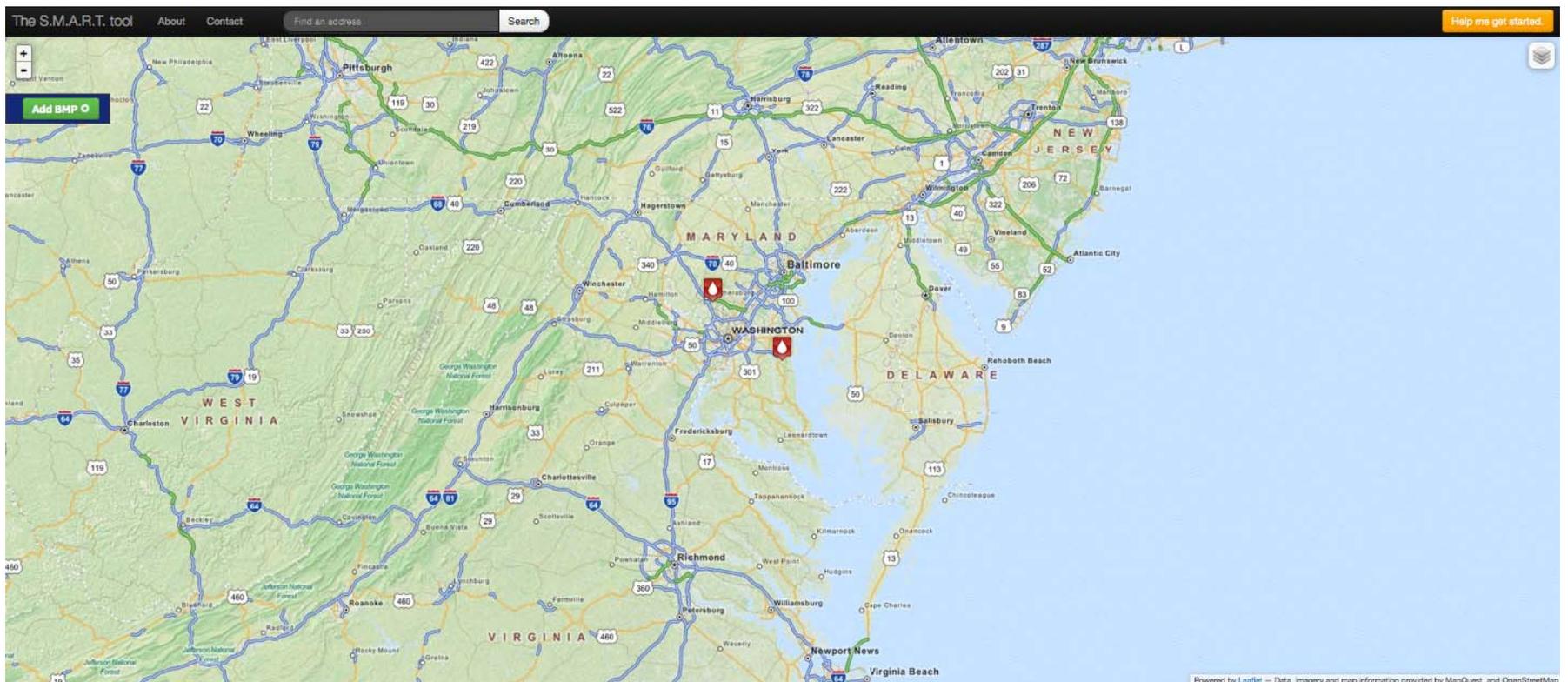
- Nutrient and Sediment reduction estimates



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Tool Overview: How it Works

Finding Your Stormwater BMP



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Tool Overview: How it Works

SMART Certification



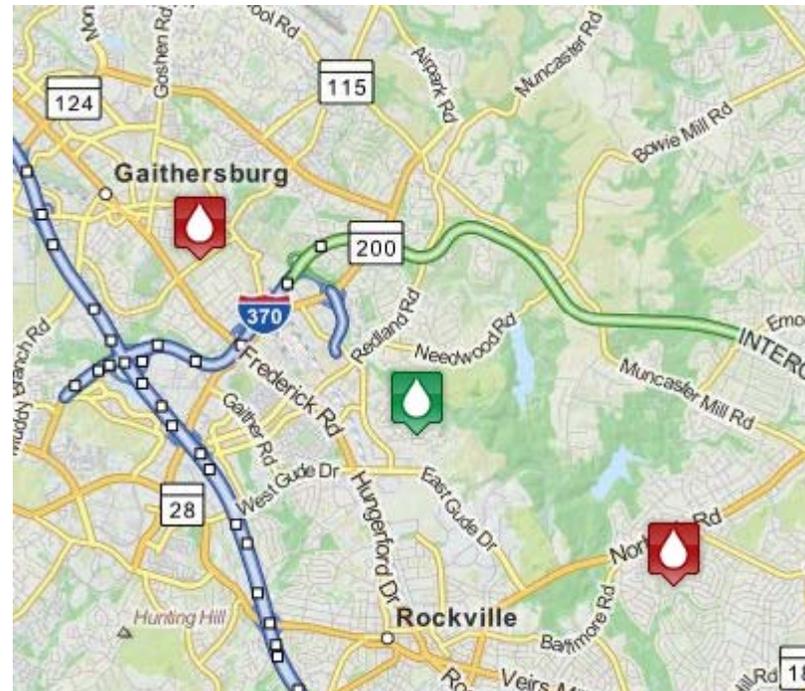
- BMP  email alert
- SMART Team Member deployed
 - Trained UME Volunteer
 - Armed with education!
- BMP icon changes from red to green
- Practice is now Certified – sediment and nutrient reductions can be used

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Tool Overview: How it Works

SMART Outputs

- Map of the BMPs – certified and uncertified
- NO Addresses: only name of BMP and picture if provided
- Reductions aggregated across practices, by county



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Tool Overview: How it Works

Reports

BMP	Total footprint
Dumpsite cleanup	0
Living shoreline	0
Install pet waste station	0
Stormwater Educational events	0
Lawn depression/infiltration:	0
Tree planting (if not already tracked through Ma	0
Riparian buffer plantings	0
Certified Baywise Landscaping	0
Pledge Not to Fertilize	0
Green Roof	0

- UME and county designees can query and download data for planning and reporting
- Excel files provide the necessary data for direct entry into MAST and NEIEN
- Edge-of-stream pound reduction info available for each BMP

Tool Overview: How it Works

Anticipated Benefits

Private Property Owners:

- Better understand their contribution to stormwater pollution
- Know their efforts count toward the larger Bay restoration effort

County Government:

- Gain capacity to track and report sediment and nutrient reductions for small-scale residential stormwater BMP projects
- Meet outreach requirements of various state and federal permits

Tool Overview: Getting There

SMART Program Elements

SMART Tool
Pilot Counties
Written Materials
UME Website
SMART Certifier
Evaluation

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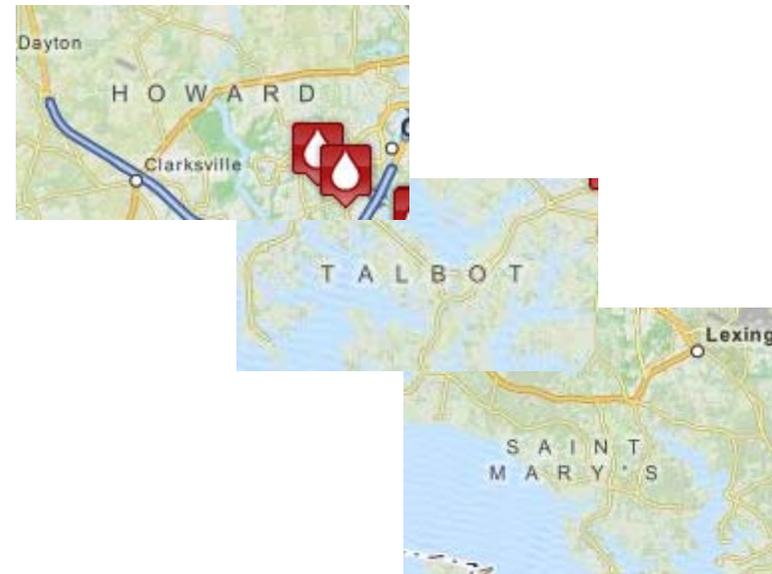
SMART Program Elements: SMART Tool

- Tool has been developed by Towson and is being piloted.
- Sea Grant Watershed team has initiated 2 new scopes of work with Towson for 1) some additional upgrades and 2) general maintenance.
- Working with Towson for a SMART mobile app.

Tool Overview: Getting There

SMART Program Elements: Pilot Counties

- Howard, Talbot, St. Mary's
- April 15, 2013 – first preview
- Feedback from Counties will shape final product



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Tool Overview: Getting There

SMART Program Elements: Written Materials

- 3 SMART Factsheets
 - SMART
 - Overview for County/Municipal Officials and Staff
 - Overview for Property Owners
- Manual
 - Data entry manual (reference)
 - Certification manual (for volunteers)
- Other Factsheets
 - BMP overview and maintenance

Tool Overview: Getting There

SMART Program Elements: Website

- UMD Sea Grant Extension
 - *extension.umd.edu/watershed*
 - SMART Tool
 - Separate page for Certifiers and Counties
 - Links to Factsheets

extension.umd.edu/watershed/smart-tool



Count My Practice!

Click on the link below to have your practice counted towards efforts to clean up your local waterways!

Use The S.M.A.R.T. Tool

This link will direct your web browser outside the University of Maryland Extension website. The site is managed by University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension.

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Tool Overview: Getting There

SMART Program Elements: SMART Certifiers



- Recruit Volunteers
- Train Volunteers
 - Online readings
 - Overview of program
 - Data entry
 - Day long workshop
 - ½ day classroom / computer session
 - ½ day field work
- Spot Check certified practices

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Tool Overview: Getting There

SMART Program Elements: Evaluation

- Pilot Counties
- Written materials
- SMART volunteers
- Private property owners



Tool Overview: Timeline

SMART Program Elements

SMART Tool	Completed
Pilot Counties	
•Contact/comments	In progress
•Rollout	October 2013
Written Materials	
•3 SMART Factsheets	In progress
•Manuals	In progress
•Other factsheets	December 2013
UME Website	In progress
SMART Volunteers	January 2014
Evaluation	October – December 2013

****STATEWIDE ROLLOUT ----- APRIL/JUNE 2014****

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Thank You!

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