



May 16, 2024

Mr. Joshua Kurtz, Secretary
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tawes State Office Building
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Secretary Kurtz:

The Maryland Department of the Environment has determined by sampling of the water and appropriate investigation that the area described below complies with the standards for conditionally approved shellfish harvesting. Therefore, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 4-742, MDE hereby reclassifies the area described below to conditionally approved for the harvesting of shellfish **effective June 10, 2024**.

Following rainfall events of one or more inches in a 24-hour period, MDE will close this area for the catching or storing of shellfish for a period of three days. The area will be opened after three days unless another rainfall event occurs in the same area. The closure will be broadcast over the Maryland Natural Resources Police VHF radio band 14 at 5, 6, and 7 a.m. daily. The same information can be obtained by calling a toll free number (1-800-541-1210) and listening to a recording; it can also be found daily on the MDE website

(<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Marylander/fishandshellfish/Pages/shellfishadvisory.aspx>).

Carthagen Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aN)

All of the waters of Carthagen Creek upstream of a line running in a northeasterly direction from a point of land (38° 08' 56.4" North Latitude, 76° 28' 07.1" West Longitude) on the west side of Carthagen Creek to a point of land (38° 09' 14.0" North Latitude, 76° 27' 53.9" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters downstream of a line running in a northerly direction from a point of land (38° 08' 56.6" North Latitude, 76° 28' 13.7" West Longitude) on the west side of Carthagen Creek to a point of land (38° 9' 11.5" North Latitude, 76° 28' 13.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Carthagen Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aH)

All of the waters of Carthagen Creek upstream of a line running in a northeasterly direction from a point of land (38°09'25.3" North Latitude, 76°28'20.2" West Longitude) on the west side of Carthagen Creek to a point of land (38°09'30.7" North Latitude, 76°28' 11.2" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Locust Grove Cove, St. George Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aB)

All the waters of Locust Grove Cove upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from Coombs Point (38°09'49.0" North Latitude, 76°30'53.5" West Longitude) to Sheehan Point (38°09'42.7" North Latitude, 76°30'43.9" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and downstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°09'53.1" North Latitude, 76°30'42.5" West Longitude) on the west side of Locust Grove Cove to a point of land (38°09'49.9" North Latitude, 76°30'37.6" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

St. Inigoes Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aG)

All of the waters upstream of a line extending in a northwesterly direction from a point of land (38°09'31.2" North Latitude, 76°25'41.1" West Longitude) on the west entrance of Molls Cove to a point of land (38°09'38.2" North Latitude, 76°25'46.6" West Longitude) on the opposite shore of St. Inigoes Creek and upstream of a line extending in a northeasterly direction across the mouth of Molls Cove from a point of land (38°09'31.2" North Latitude, 76°25'41.1" West Longitude) on the west entrance of Molls Cove to a point of land (38°09'36.9" North Latitude, 76°25'32.8" West Longitude) on the east entrance of Molls cove.

The following areas will remain conditionally approved:

Carthagenia Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aN)

All of the waters of Carthagenia Creek upstream of a line running in a northerly direction from a point of land (38° 08' 56.6" North Latitude, 76° 28' 13.7" West Longitude) on the west side of Carthagenia Creek to a point of land (38° 9' 11.5" North Latitude, 76° 28' 13.7" West Longitude) on the opposite shore, and all of the waters downstream of a line running in a northeasterly direction from a point of land (38°09'25.3" North Latitude, 76°28'20.2" West Longitude) on the west side of Carthagenia Creek to a point of land (38°09'30.7" North Latitude, 76°28' 11.2" West Longitude) on the south side of Barnes Cove.

Effective Date: May 30, 2022

Continued Date: June 10, 2024

The following areas will remain restricted:

Locust Grove Cove, St. George Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aB)

All the waters of Locust Grove Cove upstream of a line extending in a southeasterly direction from a point of land (38°09'53.1" North Latitude, 76°30'42.5" West Longitude) on the west side of Locust Grove Cove to a point of land (38°09'49.9" North Latitude, 76°30'37.6" West Longitude) on the opposite shore.

Effective Date: May 11, 1992

Continued Date: June 10, 2024

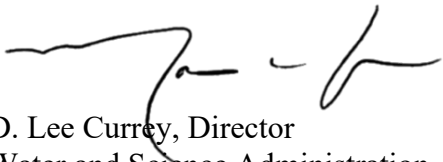
Molls Cove, St. Inigoes Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County (4aJ)

All of the waters upstream of a line extending in a northeasterly direction across the mouth of Molls Cove from a point of land (38°09'31.2" North Latitude, 76°25'41.1" West Longitude) on the west entrance of Molls Cove to a point of land (38°09'36.9" North Latitude, 76°25'32.8" West Longitude) on the east entrance of Molls cove.

Effective Date: November 4, 2002
Continued Date: October 17, 2011, and June 10, 2024

Maps of these areas are attached.

Sincerely,

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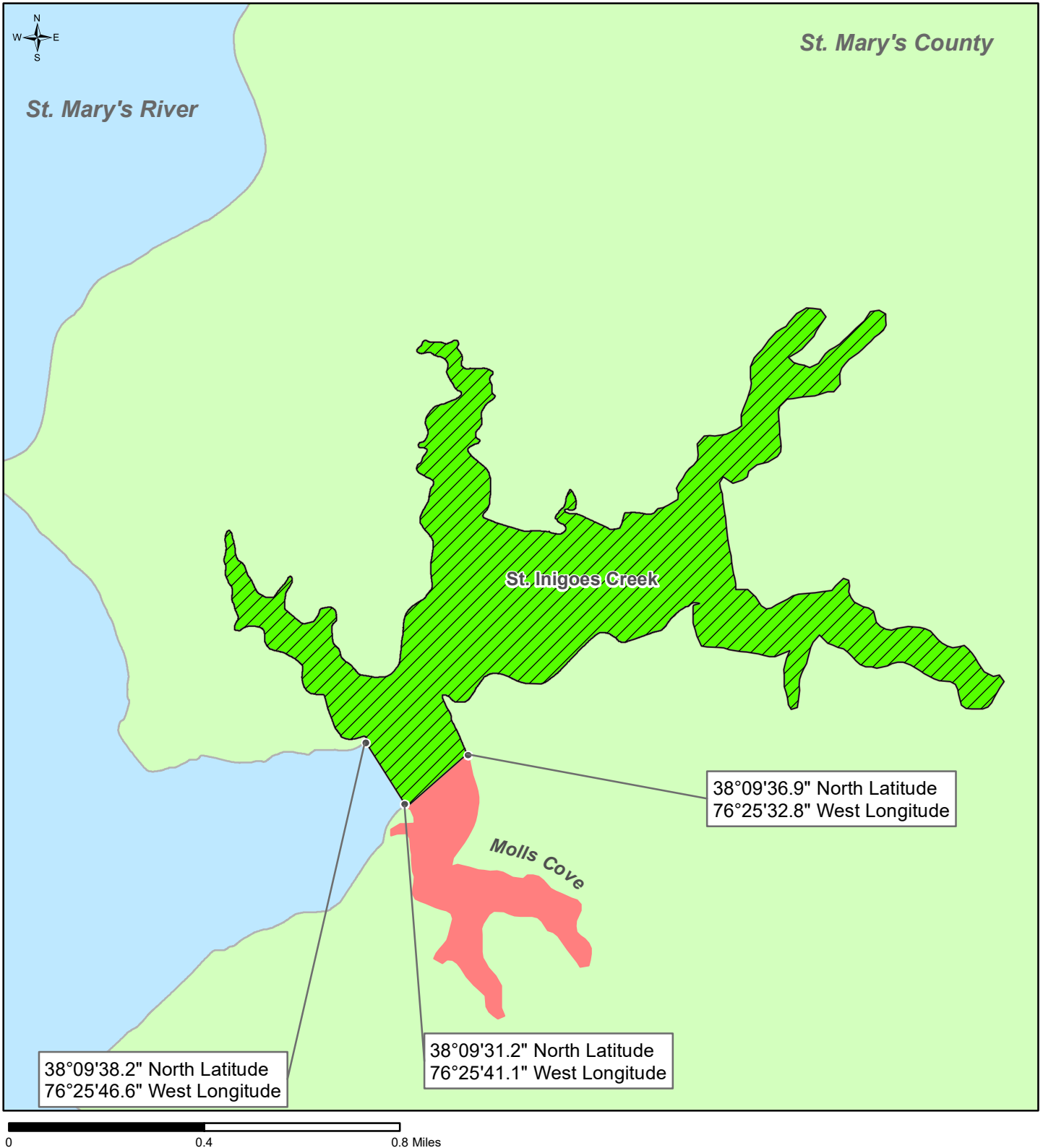
D. Lee Currey, Director
Water and Science Administration

Attachment
cc: (see attached list)




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Notice of Changes to Shellfish Waters



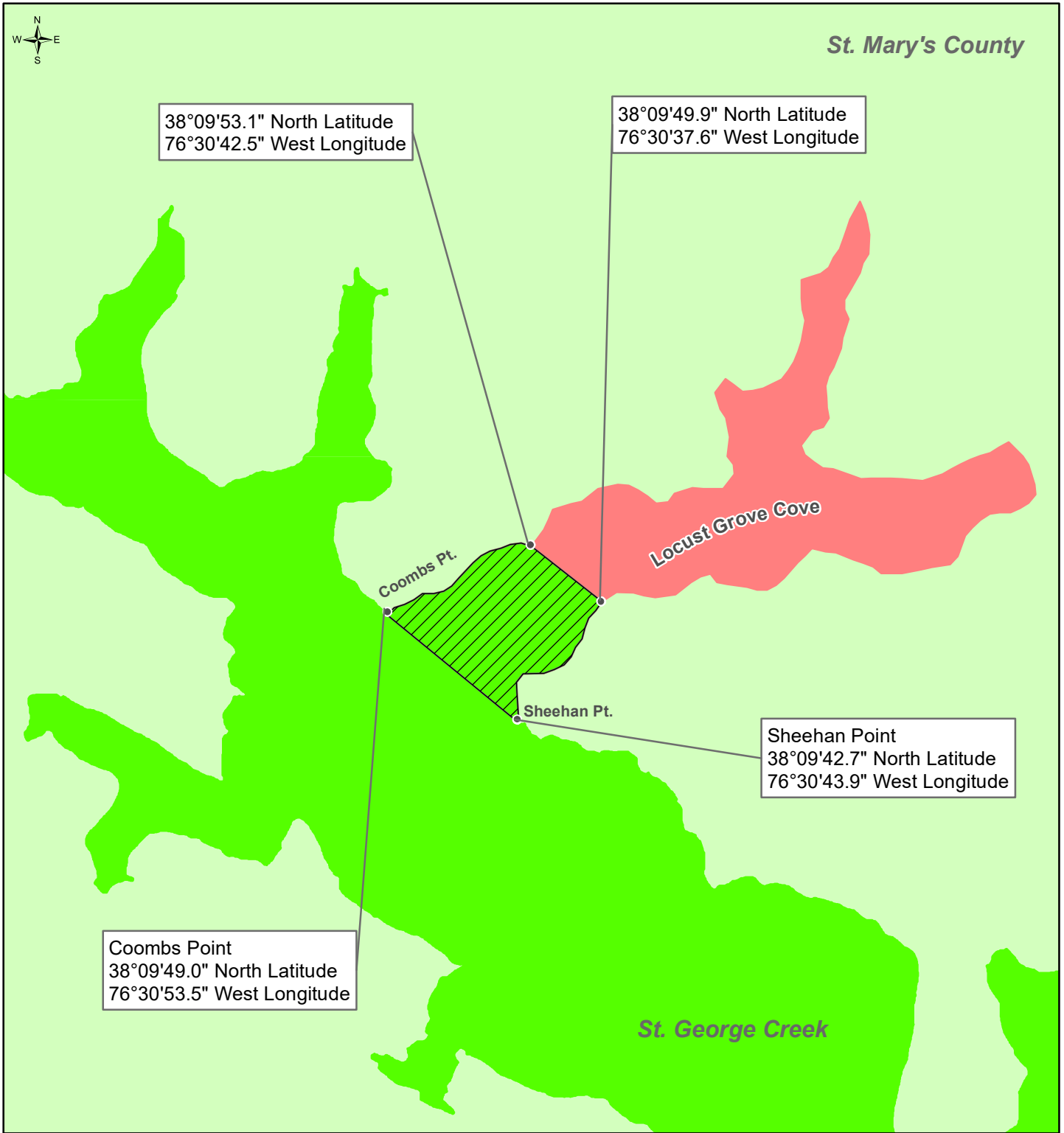
St. Inigoes Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County
Prohibited Shellfish Area Map 4aG & 4aJ
June 2024

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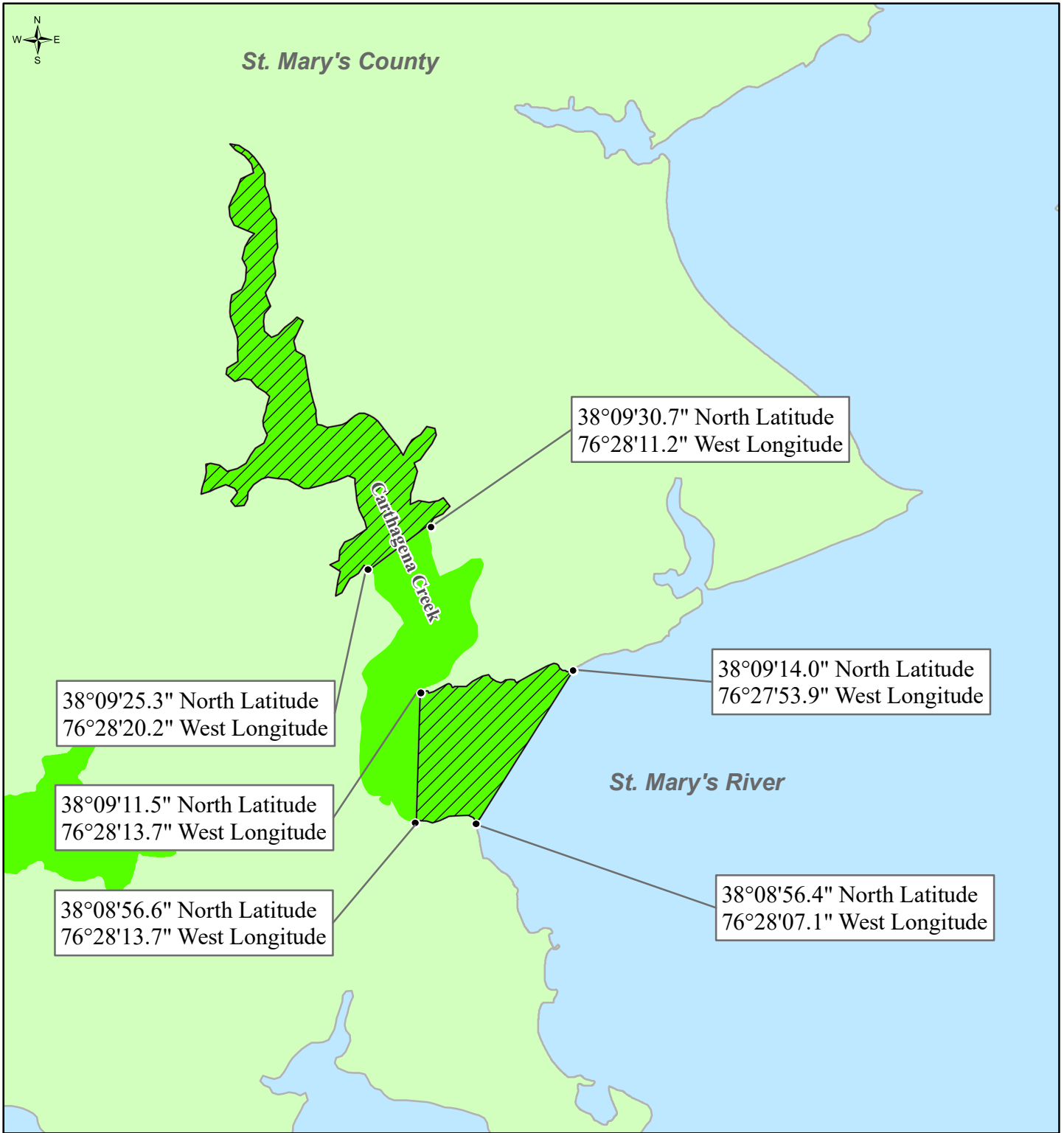
Locust Grove Cove, St. George Creek, St. Mary's River, St. Mary's County
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