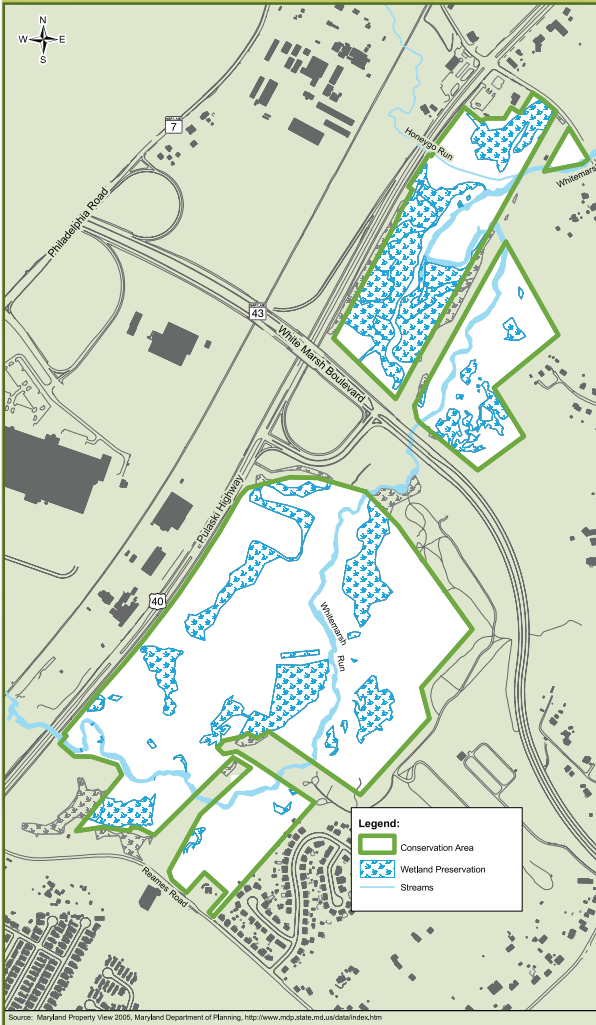


Whitemarsh Run Conservation Area

The Conservation Area, a large tract of land recently purchased by the Maryland Transportation Authority, is roughly bordered by Reames Road to the south, US 40 on the west, Ebenezer Road on the north, and by the neighborhood of White Run Estates on the east.

The heavy green line on the map below shows the limits of the conservation/project area. The white areas bounded by the green line will undergo preservation efforts, habitat improvement, wetland creation and enhancement, and reforestation over the course of the project.



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Whitemarsh Run CONSERVATION AREA



Restoring, enhancing and
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Wetland Transformation



The Whitemarsh Run Conservation Area is an environmental mitigation project initiated to offset the impacts of recent and prior activity to area streams and wetlands. Mining operations in this area between 1929 and the early 1980s caused a number of negative impacts to the natural water systems and forests. Recent construction work on the I-95 Express Toll LanesSM project (www.i95ExpressTollLanes.com) has led to some additional, unavoidable environmental impacts. This project was established in conjunction with the ETLs project as a stewardship initiative.

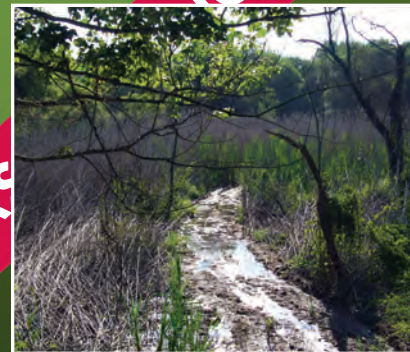
Oversight for this project is administered by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These agencies will guide and regulate the design, construction and long-term monitoring of this project.

Below: Existing fish blockage at US 40 where fish passage will be improved.



This project site, purchased by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), covers 183 acres of undeveloped, open and forested land located in White Marsh (see map on back). It will preserve ecologically valuable land at the head of the Bird River, within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Below: Erosion from off-road vehicles.



This project will restore, enhance and create a natural environment that will encourage the eco-system to recover and thrive, with the following goals:

- Preserve, create and enhance wetlands
- Control erosion and sedimentation, improving water quality
- Improve fish passage and nurture spawning habitats for successful future fish populations
- Improve the wildlife habitat and enhance the diversity of native vegetation
- Establish native forest communities that provide habitat for a variety of wildlife

Due to the sensitive nature of the wetland environment, **ALL VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** from entering this area.

ATVs and motorcycles accelerate soil erosion, compact and damage tree roots and harm the water quality and vegetation of streams and wetlands. Due to the negative impacts of off-road vehicles on the habitat, they cannot co-exist with restoration efforts such as this one.

For information on alternative off-road vehicle (ORV) recreation sites go to: www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/orv.asp.

In addition to ORV traffic, this area has a strict **NO TRESPASSING** policy prohibiting all unauthorized presence. This area will be closely monitored for signs of dumping or other types of violations. Violators will be subject to arrest and/or citation under the law.

