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The Town of Betterton is pleased to announce that it was awarded a \$563,688 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund. The Town will receive one of the 14 awards made, out of 41 applicants, for its Wheeler Avenue and Main Street Outfall watershed restoration projects. The proposal includes bio-retention areas, a stormwater step pool conveyance, and engineered recharge and infiltration beds under a permeable-surface parking lot.

Mayor Donald Sutton said, “As part of Betterton’s goal to minimize polluted runoff affecting our public beach, the Sassafra River, and the Chesapeake, we are very happy to get the opportunity to implement a project that will greatly improve water quality. Betterton Beach is the Town’s greatest natural resource, and we look forward to working with Kent County to install cutting-edge, Best Stormwater Management Practices.”

Kent County Commissioner Ron Fithian added: “I’m excited to hear the Town of Betterton has received this grant. This will allow them to better control and filter the large amount of stormwater which is dumped directly into the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. Betterton borders the largest spawning area for Striped Bass in the world. We, the County Commissioners, are proud to have been a part of endorsing this project.”

Sassafra River Association Riverkeeper Emmett Duke congratulated the Town, stating, “This is exciting news. Betterton is making great strides in reducing its environmental impact on the Sassafra River and the Bay.”

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