

South Bethany's 3rd Annual Earth Day Celebration

In honor of Earth Day, the Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) gathered on a gorgeous spring day to landscape the area located adjacent to the Anchorage Forebay. The planting took place on Earth Day – Wednesday, April 22, 2015. As part of its Adopt-A-Canal/Road-End Program, the CEC selected this area because of its high visibility and need for improvement. In addition, Chris Bason, Executive Director of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) presented South Bethany with a new informational sign, “*Capturing Stormwater....for Cleaner Canals.*” Residents and visitors will now be able to relax on the new bench, enjoy the view and learn more about our stormwater management efforts and their impact on South Bethany canals and surrounding bays.

The pictures tell the story – fun and work make a great combination! We invite you to walk down the pedestrian pathway and see the transformation and read our new community education sign!



What a Team Effort! Public Works staff Don Chrobot, who organized the event, Rick Gentile who created the landscape design, and new Public Works assistant Ryan Crowson who learned how to auger holes, CEC Chair Sue Callaway, and CEC members Lori Cicero, Donna Farrow, Kathy Jankowski, George Junkin, Diann Nazarian, Kent and Bobbe Stephan (who has volunteered to maintain the landscaping), Carol Stevenson (photographer), and Pat Weisgerber joined the community initiative and celebration of our part of the earth we love so much – South Bethany! Thanks to all who made this a special time!



Stormwater runoff is a major source of pollution to the canals and Little Assawoman Bay, contributing to poor water quality for aquatic life and recreation.

Capturing Stormwater ...for Cleaner Canals

Working with the community and partners, the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays implemented a plan to improve water quality in the Assawoman Bay by capturing and filtering polluted stormwater before it enters the discharge canal. Fully implemented, the strategy is designed to beautify the area and reduce pollutant loads into the Canal by 40%.

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These gardens have been placed in the 40-foot median and along the multiple canals to capture water from the driveway and the road. As the driveway precipitates into the wet, the wet garden's filter captures and filters it.

The 10-inch x 10-inch of pipe captures water from the storm drain system adjacent to the median before the water enters the canal. The storm drain is perforated along the entire length.

