

Expansion of expansion of Zekiah Watershed area eyed

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Charles County, MD -- The Charles County Commissioners will consider expanding the Zekiah Watershed Rural Legacy Area to include the Cobb Neck region of the County.

The expansion will allow landowners in the Allen's Fresh and Cobb Neck area to be eligible for Rural Legacy grant funds that can be used to preserve their properties through conservation easements.

Since 1998, the County has received 8 grant awards totaling \$9.4 million. With those funds, 2,328 acres have been protected on 18 properties.

The current Rural Legacy Area extends from the Prince George's County border east of Waldorf to the Dentsville area and encompasses 30,000 acres.

The area includes the state's largest natural hardwood swamp forest, as well as many farms, historic sites, and wetlands.

A Public Hearing will be held on September 24 at 6:00 pm in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, located in the County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata.

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