

Anne Arundel County approves shoreline restoration



A living shoreline that was recently installed at Kyle Point on the Severn River. (Photo: Erik Michelsen)

Anne Arundel County will embark on a \$3 million shoreline restoration project in the Shady Side area near Annapolis as reported by the [Capitol Gazette](#).

The County plans on creating a “living shoreline” on the West River near Jack Creek Park and on the mouth of the Severn River.

Living shoreline projects use materials such as plants, coconut fiber and oyster shells to create habitat and provide protection from waves and are alternatives to traditional bulkheads and rocks.

Other benefits include reductions in erosion and sediment pollution by creating new marshes.

Memorial Day paddle at Mallows Bay

By Melissa Boyle

It was absolutely wonderful finally getting out to paddle on Memorial Day. There was beautiful weather, too. I had been wanting to paddle Mallows Bay with Rich Acuti ever since I went there several years ago for work. So we made it happen.

This was the furthest we've ventured away from home since mid-March. But we took many precautions to stay safe: packed our own snacks and water, didn't stop anywhere on our way to or from there, that sort of thing, and practiced social distancing the entire time.

Everyone was cooperative at the launch and gave us space, which was much appreciated. We had a wonderful, relaxing paddle among the “ghost ships.” We timed it to arrive and paddle at low tide, which is said to be the best viewing of the ships.

We saw lots of turtles, river cooters basking in the sunshine, but couldn't get real close without them slipping off into the water. There were many birds, too, from Ospreys and Bald Eagles to Baltimore Orioles.



Melissa Boyle and Rich Acuti venture out for a post-lockdown trip to the Mallows Bay Marine Sanctuary.

If you've never been, put [Mallows Bay](#) on your paddling bucket list for 2020!