



Working With Oyster Recovery Partnership For A Healthier Chesapeake Bay

25,000,000
Young Oysters Planted

Since our partnership with the Oyster Recovery Partnership began in 2009, Perdue volunteers have created 10,000+ shell bags. In total, these bags have supported the planting of up to 25 million young oysters in local Chesapeake Bay watershed waterways through the Marylanders Grow Oysters program.

8,000+
Volunteer Hours

Awarded ORP
\$75,000
in grants since 2011

For nearly 12 years, Perdue Farms and its dedicated volunteers have rolled up their sleeves and put in countless hours to support the Oyster Recovery Partnership and a healthier Chesapeake Bay. Their team has contributed to a successful Marylanders Grow Oysters program on the Eastern Shore by producing thousands of shell bags for important local oyster restoration projects. We are grateful for their ongoing efforts to ensure a healthy future for our beloved Bay.

- Ward Slacum, ORP Executive Director



Oyster Recovery Partnership's Shell Recycling & Oyster Restoration Lifecycle

FOLLOW THAT SHELL



Eating oysters helps support local watermen, oyster farms and oyster restoration projects. ORP's Shell Recycling AllianceSM (SRA) partners with 225 restaurants, caterers, grocery stores and other seafood services in the Chesapeake Bay region.



EAT

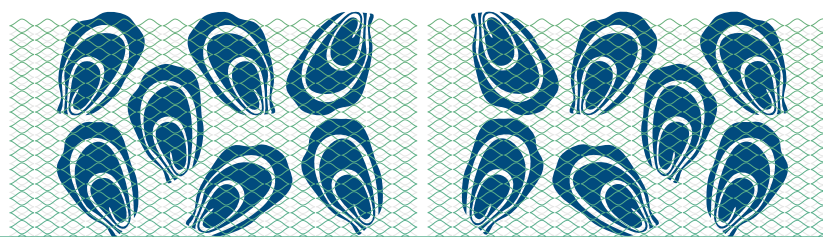
COLLECT



Leftover shell is collected and recycled by ORP's Shell Recycling Alliance. Citizens can drop off shell for recycling at many landfills.



ORP takes the shell to the UMD Horn Point Oyster Hatchery where it's aged and washed.



PREP

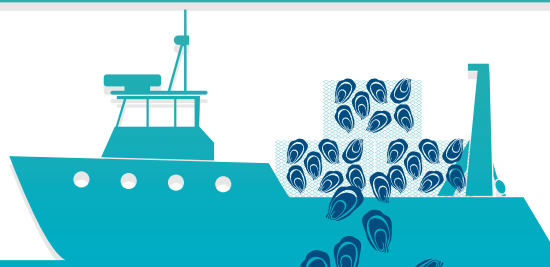
GROW

UMD Scientists produce oyster larvae, which attaches to the recycled shell and grows into new oysters.

SPAT SPAT SPAT SPAT

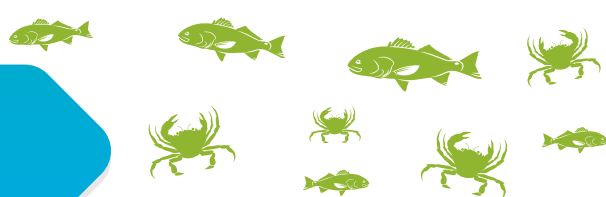


Cages of recycled shells with baby oysters attached are provided to homeowners through the Marylanders Grow Oysters program. The mature oysters are later collected planted on community oyster reefs.



PLANT

REBUILD



Oysters clean the bay by filtering out suspended sediment and excess nutrients. Oyster reefs provide habitat for fish, crabs and other important marine life.

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