



Dear Friend of CBEC,

In 2019 CBEC will be celebrating its 40th anniversary! I find it amazing . . . all the changes that have occurred in just the past 16 years, since I stepped on the property on a cold, blustery January day. It was quiet then, no one was on site . . . *just the swans*.

Well, things have changed a lot since that cold day in 2003. There is a lot of activity on site daily, and quiet days are few and far between. But, that's a good thing. People are taking advantage of CBEC's unique property whether they are engaged in a program or activity, doing a volunteer service, walking the dog or birding along the trails. CBEC is here for "people and wildlife use." *By the way, the swans are still here along with 21 other species of waterfowl!*

So, what happened in 2018? In a nutshell:

- CBEC provided **428 programs and activities** for the general public and school students throughout 2018.
- **8,000 students** engaged in environmental education activities as part of the school curriculum.
- **785 adults** participated in programs and activities focusing on environmental stewardship.
- CBEC staff attended **27 calls/site visits** from residents with environmental issues at their homes, ranging from an osprey nest blocking the chimney to "bats in the belfry".
- Speaking of animals, the staff **rescued 48 wildlife individuals** that were in distress and/or injured and delivered them to a veterinary service or maintained them through release.

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- CBEC negotiated a **partnership with two commercial entities** for an ongoing oyster restoration project.
- CBEC initiated an **ACA Kayak Safety/Rescue and Introduction to Kayaking** course for individual skill assessment.
- The **property was enhanced/improved** through several Eagle Scout projects including renovation of several blinds on the property and a new observation platform overlooking Lake Knapp
- **1263 “friends of CBEC”** attended/supported 10 fundraisers throughout 2018.
- CBEC’s **facility was used at least 100 times** in 2018 by civic organizations, state agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals for meetings and get-togethers.
- Summer Camp, over a 10-week period, **engaged 348 children** in outdoor activities.

So, what is the outlook for 2019? Continued services including some new programs and activities, more partnerships and enhanced facilities are on the docket. We just completed a Five-Year Strategic Plan that will serve as direction for Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. A Business Plan is in the draft stage and restructuring with an eye on cost efficiency is in the works. These steps will only strengthen the organization for the future.

You have contributed to CBEC’s continued growth and activity. Your time, effort and donations are the support systems that keep the organization going forward.

Please consider continued support with a response to our Annual Appeal request.

With appreciation,

Judy Wink
Executive Director

P.S. Please use the enclosed envelope or make your contribution online at bayrestoration.org

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**