Challenges and Successes of Collaborative Planning

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Where are We?
Why Plan Together?

Baltimore City and Baltimore County
What is a SWAP?

- Small Watershed Action Plans
- A strategy that outlines how we clean up our streams.
- **Small plans better than large**
- Do they cross jurisdictional boundaries?
- Why do we do them?
- Clean Water Act A-I Criteria
Who participates in a SWAP?

Stakeholders:

- Neighborhood leaders
- Local watershed associations
- Businesses
How Do the City and County Work Together on Plans?

• Baltimore Watershed Agreement Planning Goals

• Steering Committees

• Stakeholders meetings

• Share Data and Staff
SWAP’s: A Game Plan for Success

- New stormwater management facilities
- More street trees and forest buffers
- Rainspout disconnections
- Neighborhood rain gardens and rain barrels and fertilizer reduction
- Community awareness about stormwater
- Stream restoration projects
Examples: Two SWAP’s

1. Lower Jones Falls SWAP
2. Upper Back River SWAP
Two Watersheds: Lower Jones Falls and Upper Back River
Lower Jones Falls Watershed SWAP
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Lower Jones Falls SWAP
Lower Jones Falls SWAP-Vans Warped Tour
Upper Back River SWAP

• Character of Back River Watershed
• Successes/Challenges
Thank You