

# Yeocomico River Watershed Implementation Plan

## *Residential Working Group*

Local residents are our best way to gain insight as to which BMPs will be most successful in the community!

The residential working group will discuss ways to reduce bacteria coming from human and pet sources. The principal objective of this working group is to identify obstacles to implementation of practical solutions to reducing bacteria. This group will focus on:

- Ways to address/identify and eliminate straight pipes and failing septic systems
- Identify potential means of funding
- Determine educational tools that are most likely to engage watershed residents
- Evaluate ways to reduce bacteria from pet waste

### **Questions for the residential working group:**

- Do you think many homeowners are aware of septic system maintenance needs?
- What are some ways we could reach people with information about properly maintaining their septic systems?
- Is there a considerable amount of recreation that happens on the river (tubing, boating, canoeing, etc.)?
- What are some outreach strategies that could be used to encourage people to pick up after their pets?
- Are there locations that would benefit from a pet waste station (e.g. public parks)?
- Are there hunt clubs, dog kennels, veterinary hospitals, boarding facilities that should be considered potential sources for pet waste bacteria?