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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
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## Oysters Return to Breton Bay

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US Oyster Festival  
Sat, October 21  
10am to 6pm  
Sun, October 22  
11am to 6pm  
St. Mary's County  
Fairgrounds

On Saturday, September 30th, volunteers planted one million baby oysters, known as "spat", off of Lover's Point for the second annual "One Million Oysters for Breton Bay." The volunteers included [Shore Thing Shellfish LLC](#), [Bell Marine Services](#), [Last Look Outfitters](#), and more than three dozen community members.



In 2017, the [Friends of St. Clements Bay](#) launched the Lover's Point oyster restoration project in the Breton Bay shellfish sanctuary. With help



from the St. Mary's River Watershed Association (SMRWA) and the Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization, the Friends have planted more than three million oysters at Lover's Point.

At the event on Saturday, the Friends and SMRWA announced that for the first time in decades oyster reproduction was occurring in Breton Bay!

Read the press release [here!](#)



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