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North Beach Drainage Project to Include Environmentally Friendly Features *County Stormwater Management Effort to Help Remediate Flooding, Filter Runoff Pollutants*

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Feb. 25, 2014 – The Calvert County Department of Public Works is undertaking a drainage remediation project in North Beach that promises to alleviate flooding while helping improve runoff water quality.

This month engineers are surveying the area along 5th Street between Chicago Avenue and Greenwood Avenue where the yards of homes would routinely flood following rain storms. Plans call for the roadway ditch line to be repaired and reshaped to improve drainage.

The county is taking this opportunity to design a solution that will better filter the water to remove road runoff pollutants. Crews will convert the ditch along the southern portion of 5th Street to a grass swale engineered to collect runoff and allow it to percolate into the ground. A special filter material under the grass surface will help remove road contaminants while the grass helps reduce the velocity of the flowing water.

Following engineering and design work, construction on the drainage project will begin by this fall. For more information, contact Erica Jackson, project engineer with the county Department of Public Works, at 410-535-1600, ext. 2569. Visit Calvert County online at www.co.cal.md.us and like us on [Facebook](#).

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