

# OYSTER RECOVERY PARTNERSHIP'S SHELL RECYCLING & OYSTER RESTORATION LIFECYCLE

## FOLLOW THAT SHELL



EATING OYSTERS HELPS SUPPORT LOCAL WATERMEN & OYSTER FARMS. ORP'S SHELL RECYCLING ALLIANCE<sup>SM</sup> (SRA) PARTNERS WITH 225 RESTAURANTS, CATERERS, GROCERY STORES, AND OTHER SEAFOOD SERVICES IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION.



EAT

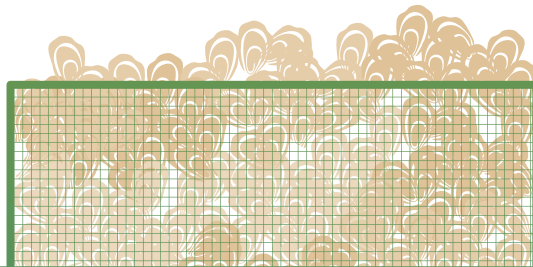
COLLECT



LEFTOVER SHELL IS COLLECTED AND RECYCLED BY ORP'S SHELL RECYCLING ALLIANCE. CITIZENS CAN DROP OFF SHELL FOR RECYCLING AT MANY LANDFILLS.



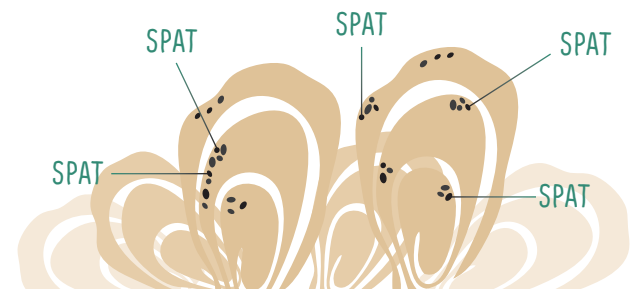
ORP TAKES THE SHELL TO THE UMD HORN POINT OYSTER HATCHERY WHERE IT'S AGED & WASHED.



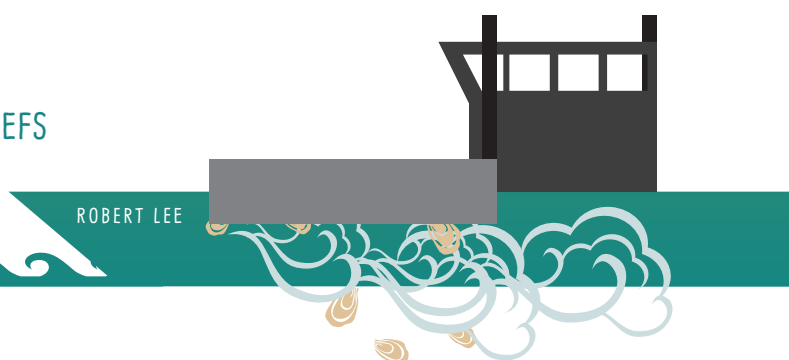
PREP

GROW

UMD SCIENTISTS PRODUCE OYSTER LARVAE, WHICH ATTACHES TO THE RECYCLED SHELL AND GROWS INTO NEW OYSTERS.



THE RECYCLED SHELL, WITH BABY OYSTERS ATTACHED, ARE PLANTED ON OYSTER REEFS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.



PLANT

REBUILD

OYSTERS CLEAN THE BAY BY FILTERING OUT SILT, SEDIMENT AND EXCESS NUTRIENTS. OYSTER REEFS PROVIDE HABITAT FOR FISH, CRABS AND OTHER IMPORTANT MARINE LIFE.

WE'D LOVE TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT HOW OYSTERS HELP THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. HERE'S HOW TO CONTACT US:



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