

You are invited to the next meeting of the

Cecil Land Use Alliance

www.cecillanduse.org

Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m., at the Perryville Library
(500 Coudon Blvd, Perryville)

Free

Featuring a video, *Weary Shoreline*, from Maryland Public Television, about the lack of enforcement of shoreline development restrictions in Maryland and the effect on the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay.

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From a review by the Chesapeake Bay Action Plan (www.bayactionplan.com):

“Despite the efforts of legislators, government officials, scientists, and environmental activists, Maryland’s coastal areas continue to face ongoing – and increasing – pressure from illegal and ecologically damaging real estate construction in so-called “critical” areas, which lie within 100 and 1,000 feet of the shore. As the excellent documentary *Weary Shoreline* (2008) makes clear, the failure of the well-intentioned 1984 Maryland Critical Area Law to limit shoreline development has resulted in declining water quality in rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, and has allowed escalating efforts to build in forested buffer areas along the water’s edge...”

“Overall, *Weary Shoreline* is an excellent introduction to an urgent problem with many facets. Though one might at times wish for a slightly clearer explanation of the natural processes at work in the Bay, as well as more background on the legal battles surrounding property rights, development restrictions, and “regulatory takings,” these are small shortcomings. What one gains, in abundance, is a quick overview of the problem (including beautiful aerial shots of the Chesapeake Bay), as well as numerous direct interviews with stakeholders on all sides of the problem, thus ensuring a balanced and fair treatment of a complicated collective dilemma.”