



August 31, 2018

Mr. Jake Reilly
Director, Chesapeake Bay Programs
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
1133 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Reilly:

This letter serves as Blue Water Baltimore's support for the Center for Watershed Protection's (CWP) proposal to provide technical assistance to the newly established Friends of Roland Run in their effort to advance projects identified in the Northeastern Jones Falls Small Watershed Action Plan (SWAP). This Grassroots SWAP Implementation project seeks to build off of Baltimore County's momentum and progress to further engage citizens, landowners, and others to advance implementation of important water quality projects.

The existing SWAP lays out goals and objectives that include citizen-based support and partnership to accomplish the vision for the watershed. With this in mind, the Friends of Roland Run has requested assistance from CWP and Blue Water Baltimore to help provide guidance, technical support, and training to advance projects important to community members. This assistance will result in the identification and advancement of high priority and high visibility upland projects which will support the County's Roland Run stream restoration project currently under construction.

Blue Water Baltimore looks forward to partnering on this effort to assist a new and determined friends group in developing the skills necessary to successfully identify and facilitate the implementation of ESD practices for the benefit of the community and its waterway.

We are very excited about this project and eagerly support CWP in their application. We look forward to working with CWP and the Friends of Roland Run in this exciting opportunity to help restore the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 410-254-1577 ext 103 or by email at atraut@bluewaterbaltimore.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Traut". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ashley Traut
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