



City of Cambridge Press Release

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Trash Trap to be Installed in Cambridge Creek

Collaboration between the City of Cambridge, ShoreRivers and Trash Free Maryland

Cambridge, MD (March 11, 2025). On March 26th, the City of Cambridge, working with several partners, including ShoreRivers, Trash Free Maryland, The River Network, and Osprey Initiative, will install a trash trap in Cambridge Creek, followed by a trash cleanup, a press conference, and celebration of the installation.

Floating in-stream litter collection devices, also known as “trash traps,” are one method of removing litter and garbage from waterways. Studies show that approximately 80% of the trash found in waterways is generated by land-based activities. The hazards of this type of pollution include the bioaccumulation of microplastics in fish and birds, adverse health implications for both humans and wildlife, and compromised aesthetic, recreational, and commercial value of waterways.

Powered by Cambridge Creek’s steady, slow-moving current, the trash trap will float in the water with its booms guiding trash to a collection area. Once the collection area is filled with trash the litter will be removed weekly, sorted, and dumped. City of Cambridge staff will maintain the trap, along with Osprey, which will inspect the trap quarterly for two years, post-installation.

Cambridge’s trap and its installation have been generously funded by a grant from the River Network (rivernetwork.org). Founded in 1988, the River Network works with organizations to improve and protect their waterways and create climate-resilient communities. River Network worked with Trash Free Maryland, ShoreRivers, and the City to identify Cambridge Creek as a site that would benefit from the installation of a trash trap. The Osprey Initiative (osprey.world) is a full-service consulting firm that specializes in litter abatement. Their team worked with the City to determine the most effective type of trap and its placement in the creek.

“This initiative is a testament to the power of partnerships and our shared commitment to creating a cleaner and more sustainable future for Cambridge,” commented Drew Koslow, Cambridge’s Environmental Program manager, “Cambridge is looking forward to seeing the tangible improvement in Cambridge Creek.”

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