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**Subject:** Wetlands we need to do more to protect

I moved in Sussex county in 2018 from Maryland who had a great protection for the Chesapeake bay. I worked in the inner harbor and walked the perimeter 5 days a week. I watched the trash fill the river jones falls into the Patapsco River inner harbor. They got a trash wheel called Mr trash wheel? That captured all the water sewer drainage trash and put in a container. Over the years I started being able to see through the water. Crabs, fish and soon Coot ducks came for the winter ❤️. I moved to DE because some family and friends who lived here. So surprised that there were no private/public agencies to protect its waterways. Developments started popping up everywhere. Terrible Island/ Terripan Island renamed Atlantic fields? Is what it is called now. How could they build on this land right on the Rehoboth side of the bay, with wetlands??? Both tidal and non tidal. How could they clear cut this property and say building on marsh land be allowed. Development was happening everywhere no stop at anything in its way. Now you see the rumination of Indian River and its tributaries. Run off from construction. Rehoboth bay went from good quality to swim to now where it is not recommended to swim. Lots of people fish and crab there, how could this happen in of matter five years!!!

I moved from Lewes to Ocean view and was so disappointed to find the same thing on the other side of development. Just heard they are building workforce development apartments right down my called Ocean View/Clarksville place. For gods sake, if this organization is protecting our waterways. Do better. They are clearing 86% of the trees for these apartments that will have no affordable housing. What the heck!!!! What is your protection???? None I see. Do better.