

# What is the Nanticoke River Worth?



## Annual Contribution to Local Economies:

**\$2.6 Billion**  
in economic value

**\$461 Million**  
in wages

**\$3.73 Billion**  
in natural benefits

Through its ecosystems, waterways, and the natural resources it supports, the Nanticoke River provides over 14,500 jobs and contributes up to \$2.6 billion annually to the economies of Delaware and Maryland.

To read the full report, go to [NanticokeRiver.org](http://NanticokeRiver.org)

## Natural Benefits

Thriving wetlands can prevent flooding and help produce clean drinking water.



**Water Quality and Supply**  
\$156.1 million

**Agriculture**  
\$1.02 billion



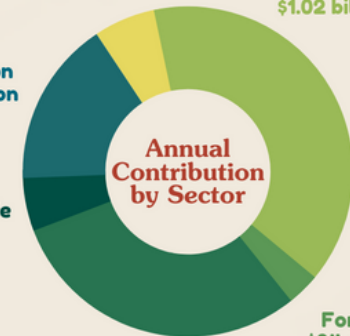
**Recreation**  
\$422 million



**Fish and Wildlife**  
\$126.8 million



Clean water means healthy fish, crabs, and oysters for commercial fishermen. Our pristine rivers and forest also attract recreational anglers, hunters, and birders.



**Public Parks**  
\$776 million

**Forests**  
\$84 million

Forests generate clean air, shade, and oxygen. Trees also cool cities, reducing AC costs for citizens, increase property value, and attract songbirds.



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