

**Betsy Love**

Betsy is our newest board member. She has worked as a fundraiser, grant writer, program developer, project manager, entrepreneur, and now in retirement, as an environmental advocate for clean water and native habitat.

Over the last three years, Betsy has inspired environmental stewardship in a Chesapeake Bay watershed community and raised \$1.3 million to implement a comprehensive watershed restoration project at St. Luke's Church in Eastport. The project will clean polluted stormwater in a 28-acre urban stormwater pipe drainage area and provide significant reduction of nutrients and sediment from entering Back Creek.

Best management practices to be installed at St. Luke's are upland treatment with curb cuts and daylighting of storm drains at multiple bioswale points, which feed a regenerative stream channel where additional stormwater will enter through other daylighted entry. The regenerative stream will connect to re-established tidal marsh and restored living shoreline while enlarging wetlands.

The project will increase community greenspace, contribute significant TMDL reduction credits for a local jurisdiction, produce clean water habitat for aquatic species, restore a total of four acres to native tidewater habitat creating food & shelter for wildlife, and create teaching trails to inspire environmental stewardship.