



# Kent County Maryland

## Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption Program

### Exemption Criteria:

- Property must be owner occupied
- Property owner must be receiving the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit
- The applicant must also meet one additional condition:
  - Receiving energy assistance subsidy
  - Receiving food stamps
  - Receiving Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI)
  - Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
  - Veteran's Disability Benefits

### Application procedure and forms:

- Applicant completes the Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption Application and submits the application to the Kent County Department of Social Services at 350 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620.
- Social Services certifies that the applicant is receiving benefits from one of the specified public assistance programs and forwards the application to the Finance Office.
- The Finance Office verifies with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation that the applicant is eligible for the Homeowner's Tax Credit. If the applicant meets all criteria, the Bay Restoration Fee will be removed from the applicant's account for the current fiscal year. The applicant will be sent a letter advising them of their approval or denial.

### Exemption time-period:

- Maximum of one year based on fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Applicant must reapply every year.
- County will send applications to previously qualified property owners.

### Estimated number of residential users that may qualify for exemption:

- The maximum number of accounts that would receive the exemption is approximately 320 based on the number of properties receiving Homeowner's Property Tax Credits.