

# River association hires lobbyist

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Chester River Association has hired lobbyist Eric Gally, the founder of Gally Public Affairs, to push the river organization's legislative agenda in the 2009 Maryland General Assembly.

The CRA's legislative wish list includes the preservation of the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund; requiring bionutrient removal, or BNR septic, for all new homes statewide; and regulations that would prevent the proliferation of private sewage treatment plants such as the Wilson project in Kent County.

"We're thrilled to be working with CRA," said Gally, 42, whose government relations

firm has represented a number of high-profile environmental organizations, including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

Gally has a background in journalism, public relations and government relations. Among other things, he helped secure passage of the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund and the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007.

This is the first time the CRA has hired a lobbyist for its legislative platform.