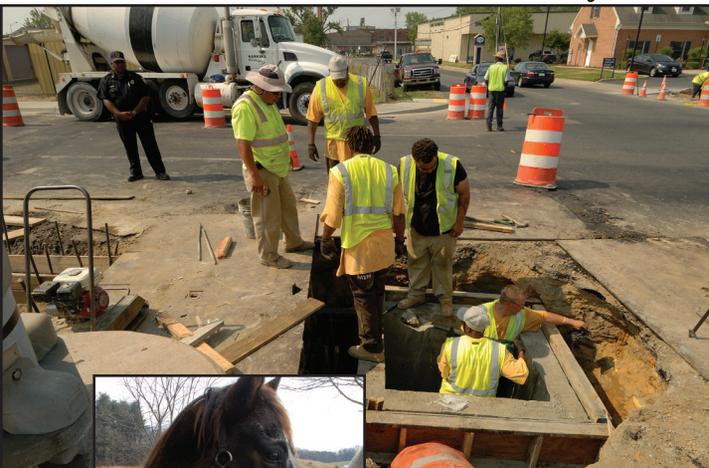


In the Community

For the Environment

Rebuilding Lives



- Projects in Cambridge and Westminster involved a public-private partnership.
- Inmates under the supervision of a contractor learn construction skills and install ADA-approved handicap curbs and sidewalks.

Mt. Auburn Cemetery

- Ongoing partnership with Sharp Street United Methodist Church reclaiming historic Baltimore City African American cemetery from 34 acres of overgrowth
- Inmates from local Westport and Cherry Hill communities are giving back one acre at a time.

Thoroughbred Retirement Farm

- In conjunction with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation inmates train on all aspects of caring for horses while learning compassion and responsibility
- Six horses are currently housed and cared for at the Sykesville Farm.

Cambridge & Westminster ADA Sidewalks & Curbs

Oyster Repopulation

- In partnership with Smart, Green & Growing's Marylanders Grow Oysters program, PSW crews build cages for a citizen growing program.
- Pre-release inmates also work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at the Piney Point Aquaculture Center to support spat repopulation, contributing more than 7,500 hours in FY 13.

Chesapeake Bay Grasses

- Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE), in conjunction with

DNR, grows native Bay grasses in a greenhouse at an institution in Hagerstown.

- The grasses are then planted on the Chesapeake Bay's Poplar Island.

Farm to Food Bank

- DPSCS partnership with the Maryland Food Bank.
- Farmers plant crops, with the help of PSW crews, intended to help feed Maryland's hungriest families through the food bank.
- To date, PSW crews have harvested more than 1.2 million pounds of food for the food bank.

America's VetDogs

- Partnership with America's VetDogs in three institutions.
- Inmates, many of whom are military veterans themselves, raise puppies that will be service dogs for wounded veterans.

Maryland House of Correction Deconstruction

- Inmates learn construction/deconstruction skills and receive OSHA training.
- This project is "green" and saves taxpayres money through the recycling of materials.



Veteran Cemeteries

- Through a partnership with the MD Department of Veterans Affairs, honorably discharged inmates are giving back to the families of military veterans by taking care of the state's veteran cemeteries.
- Some inmates receive caretaker employment at the cemeteries after release.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Restorative justice is the ultimate goal of the DPSCS Public Safety Works (PSW) program.

This initiative provides skills that are a bridge to meaningful employment. For the majority of Maryland's offender population, participation on a PSW crew is their first chance to do something positive in their communities. Community-based projects afford offenders opportunities to invest themselves into the community they have harmed – a powerful and significant tool of rehabilitation.

With more than 617,000 hours worked throughout Maryland in FY 13, PSW also provides significant benefit to other agencies, towns and cities in the state.

Additionally, these projects help develop basic everyday skills needed to be an effective employee that most people take for granted; like the need to respect a supervisor or learning how to be part of a team.

PSW crews are even available for water cleanup, as you can see below!

For more information on the Public Safety Works projects of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or to suggest a future project, please contact our Public Safety Works Coordinator John Rowley at 301-573-7175 or jrowley@dpscs.state.md.us.



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