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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Fish Make Return to Culler Lake

**FREDERICK, MD – Oct. 5, 2017:** Almost on the anniversary of the restored Culler Lake's dedication, it is being restocked with a variety of fish.

Fish are being supplied today and next week from the Manning State Fish Hatchery: approximately 300 largemouth bass, approximately 10,000 golden shiners and 15,000 redear sunfish, and approximately 15,000 bluegill.

The City celebrated Oct. 18, 2016, when the project to desilt Culler Lake and upgrade mechanical features of the stormwater management function was completed. The drained lake was refilled a year ago, but fish had not been reintroduced.

During the project, silt was removed, mechanical and biological systems were put in place to improve water quality, and the iconic fountain was reconstructed. The water quality of outflows into Carroll Creek are significantly improved as a result, and that contributes to improving the impact on the Chesapeake Bay. The shared use pedestrian and bicycle path was enhanced with bridges over two aquatic wetlands.

The Friends of Baker Park, individual contributors, local, state and county agencies collaborated and supported the project. A second phase is in the planning stage to provide recreational opportunities, enhance the aesthetic character and develop educational signage.

For details of the project, visit the Friends of Baker Park [Culler Lake project page](http://www.friendsofbakerpark.org/culler-lake-project/):  
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