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NOTE: Interviews are available upon request. A complete program schedule can be found at mpt.org/bayweek and additional Chesapeake Bay Week® resources are available [HERE](#).

Kent County's Storied Landscape: Place – Past and Present **premieres April 18 on MPT**

***Documentary explores tales of the land, water, and people who have woven
a tapestry of cultures and customs in the Eastern Shore county***

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television (MPT) will premiere its original documentary *Kent County's Storied Landscape: Place – Past and Present* on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:30 p.m. during its 19th annual Chesapeake Bay Week®. The half-hour film will debut on MPT-HD and will be available to view live and on-demand using MPT's [livestream](#), [online video player](#), and the [PBS App](#). A preview of the program is available [HERE](#).

Maryland's Kent County lies between the Sassafras and Chester rivers on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Its cultural landscape reflects how people have managed and used its resources over centuries and how that use has shaped the land. *Kent County's Storied Landscape* explores how history can be found in a landscape, and how people can appreciate a region's past, understand its present, and imagine its future.



The documentary was produced in cooperation with the [Kent Conservation & Preservation Alliance](#) and incorporates information, stories, and resources from the [Preliminary Cultural Landscape Assessment of Kent County, Maryland](#) and the [Kent County Story Map](#), which document and share stories uncovered during a years-long survey of the history, integrity, and significance of the location.

During the film, viewers travel the length and breadth of the peninsula, enjoying views from land, air, and sea. They walk the coastline where Native Americans once lived and join an archaeologist discovering evidence of centuries-old oyster roasts. Then, they examine how the footprints of English settlements are revealing evidence of early colonial trade and follow a young man through an African American graveyard

as he seeks out his ancestors' lost heritage. Finally, they join present-day watermen harvesting rockfish, oysters, and crabs using the same fishing techniques as those of the area's indigenous inhabitants.

An encore presentation of *Kent County's Storied Landscape: Place – Past and Present* will air on MPT-HD at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, the final day of MPT's 2023 Chesapeake Bay Week observance. For more information, visit mpt.org/bayweek.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates and distributes local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and Thinkport.org. MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit mpt.org.

About Chesapeake Bay Week®

Maryland Public Television (MPT) celebrates the Chesapeake Bay region once again in April with its 19th annual Chesapeake Bay Week®, a slate of more than 30 documentaries and public affairs programs highlighting the beauty, importance, and fragility of the nation's largest estuary. During the week of April 16-22, MPT will offer more than 22 hours of content celebrating the Chesapeake Bay's history, heritage, and resources as well as efforts to protect its diverse ecosystem. Chesapeake Bay Week is a unique programming initiative and part of the statewide public TV network's ongoing commitment to celebrating the bay and examining critical issues faced by communities throughout the Chesapeake region. Content will be available to view live and on-demand on MPT-HD, the station's livestream at mpt.org/livestream, MPT's [online video player](#), and the [PBS App](#). More information is available at mpt.org/bayweek.