



Oyster Garden and Oyster Reef Demonstration

Two aerial views of Pitman's Cove provide a detailed view of the dock area and an overview of the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association's (TOGA) demonstration project.

The project demonstrates to camp users and the visiting public the importance of oysters to the health and ecology of the Chesapeake Bay, and provides information on how oysters multiply and grow. It does this by

- attracting wild oyster spat (baby oysters) to oyster shell that are in cages in the barge at the top right side of the dock,
- growing oysters in floats located on the left side of the dock, and
- establishing oyster reefs (the light areas to the left of the dock).

This kiosk on the left provides information on oyster reproduction and the growing of oysters, and, on the right, a history of oysters in the Bay.

TOGA thanks the Alexandria Police Association, owners of the APAC Camp Kekoka, and the Peninsula YMCA for providing the space for this project.