

MEDIA ADVISORY
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**PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO ANNOUNCE APRIL 30th COUNTY-WIDE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE**

Assateague Coastkeeper in partnership with Berlin Police Department, Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Worcester County Health Department will hold a **press conference on Friday, April 8 at 10:00 am** in front of the Atlantic Hotel, Main Street, Berlin, MD to announce the launch of OPERATION MEDICINE DROP / SAFE COMMUNITIES-HEALTHY WATERWAYS, a one day take-back effort scheduled for April 30 in Berlin and Worcester County. By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings, drug abuse and helps protect our waters.

Please join us April 8 at 10:00 am in front of the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, MD for more detail about the program and statements from Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, Worcester County Sheriff Reggie Mason, Dr. Andrea Mathias – Worcester County Health Department, and Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips.

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Assateague Coastal Trust works to protect and enhance the natural resources of the Atlantic coastal bays watershed through advocacy, conservation, and education.