

# Happy Holidays from Restore Capital



Restore Capital Friends and Associates,

Happy Holidays! As 2011 comes to an end I wanted to take a moment to recap what we have accomplished this year and what we are poised to do next year. Since our inception in 2010, Restore Capital's mission has been to create private investment strategies that restore our environment and improve the local economy. Continuing to pursue this mission in 2011, we have been working in the following areas.



## Investing – Environmental Restoration

Our first strategy provides short-term loans to finance wetland and stream mitigation projects. These projects are a result of development projects (highways, ports, commercial building, etc.) required by law to offset their environmental damages. The restored streams and wetlands provide species habitat, filter our water, and create jobs in the green economy.

Our strategy gives investors competitive market returns on their short term loans while funding these projects with lower cost money than they had in the past. We closed our [first investment](#) in the summer and are closing the next round of investments as you read this newsletter. We expect these markets to continue to grow significantly over the next few years, and Restore Capital is leading the way with this innovative financing today!

## Advising – Funding Solutions

This year, we provided consulting services for our non-profit partners around ecosystem markets and [fishery catchshares](#). We also worked closely with the public sector in the Chesapeake region to develop innovative public/private financing solutions for issues surrounding the Bay Cleanup. As a member of Governor O'Malley's MD [Ecosystem Markets Taskforce](#), Restore Capital helped and continues to advise the State of Maryland on how to engage private funding and participation in the Bay Cleanup. We envision our role growing as current funding becomes constrained and the need for alternative solutions grows.



## Structuring – New Financing Models

New markets need [new models](#). Restore Capital continues to develop funding structures that combine capital in ways that best fit ecosystem markets. We are currently working with various groups to see how private investments can augment and support limited public funding for restoration. These new funding models provide financing that is efficient, flexible and scalable. Our current focus is in the water markets where our private funding strategies can have a transformative impact.

This year has been a productive one for Restore Capital, and we don't anticipate slowing down as we move into 2012! We will continue to keep you updated individually on specific milestones. Also, please check our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page as we continue to post new information.

Look forward to seeing you next year!

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