

# *Wetland Facts*

Wetlands serve valuable functions that benefit everyone, including:

- Cleaning and filtering pollutants from surface waters
- Storing water from storms or runoff
- Preventing flood damage to developed lands
- Recharging groundwater
- Serving as nurseries for saltwater and freshwater fish and shellfish that have commercial, recreational, and ecological value
- Serving as the natural habitat for a variety of fish, wildlife and plants, including rare, threatened, endangered and endemic (native) species