

update a new truck, which was overdue," he said, adding that newer trucks run between \$52,000 and \$68,000, and \$20,000 "is a decent down payment."

As of the end of March, 39 trucks had been replaced in Virginia and three in Maryland.

Wommack is spreading the word among his colleagues, and his enthusiasm and insights have helped the program craft better ways to reach out to short-haul truckers.

Owning his newer truck, he explained, has cut his fuel costs in half. But it's the benefit to the Bay that really appeals to him.

"People think the pollution in the bay comes from farms, but we get it in the air, too," he said. "All of it takes a toll on the environment and the Bay. Anything to help the environment — I'm 100 percent for it." 🌐



To celebrate Earth Day, the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) planted a tree — a money tree, that is.

The "tree" on the wall at the MPA offices had leaves that represented pledges of both money and commitment. Each employee pledged at least a dollar and promised to do something to improve the environment; their pledges were written on the leaves and displayed on the tree.

The effort raised \$200, which was donated to the Clean Bread and Cheese Creek organization in Dundalk. Bread and Cheese Creek was so named, according to local legend, because during the War of 1812, soldiers rested on its banks, eating bread and cheese.

The MPA also participated in Cell Phones for Soldiers. The program recycles cell phones and in return for the donation of a phone provides 2.5 hours of free talk time to soldiers serving overseas so that they can call home. The MPA, aided by the Baltimore Port Alliance, donated 61 phones to the program. 🌐



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