

Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance 2008 Calendar of Events

January Events:

- **January 10th at 1pm:** The Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance meeting at Berrywine Plantations/Linganore Winecellars, 13601 Glissans Mill Road, Mt Airy, MD, 21771 office: 410.795.6432 or 301.831.5889. Following our meeting, all who are interested will be offered a 30 minute tour of the winery. Contact Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741 with questions.
- **January 12th from 10-11am:** The Brunswick Garden Club Gardening Speaker Series presents Ilene Freedman from “House in the Woods” CSA. She will be speaking about Community Supported Agriculture, Heirloom Vegetables, and Organic Practices. The speaker series will be held at the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Lutheran Church, 109 First Avenue, Brunswick, MD 21716. For additional information contact Michelle Turwiner at loving_life@mac.com.
- **January 12th at 1:30pm:** Winter Photography Seminar - Lighting nuances, animal tracks in the snow and breath-taking detail are some of the most visually appealing aspects of the winter forest. They are also some of the most difficult to capture with a camera. Local freelance photographer and avid hiker Tim Jacobsen will share his expertise on capturing the winter landscape during a Winter Photography Seminar at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center. Participants are encouraged to join Mr. Jacobsen for an outdoor digital photography workshop. The group will choose an area near the Visitor Center to utilize their artistic talents and improve their photographic techniques under the direction and with suggestions from a professional photographer. The group will return to the Visitor Center at 2:30 to review their work.

Photographers and others who enjoy visual artistry but would rather stay inside are encouraged to join the indoor portion of the program. While it is not required, everyone is encouraged to bring samples of their nature photography. The group will review shots from the outdoor workshop as well as images brought on camera cards and CD's. Please be prepared for kudos as well as suggestions to help make your next shot even more spectacular.

- **January 30th at 7pm:** Green Forum held at the Emmitsburg Town Offices. The theme of the forum is: Doing Our Part to Reduce Global Warming. For additional information contact Libby Briggs at ebriggs@briggsassoc.com or 301.447.3110 or Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741.

February Events

- **February 9th from 10-11am:** The Brunswick Garden Club Gardening Speaker Series presents Kay Schultz who will speak about the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance and Ways We Each Can Improve Stream Health. The speaker

series will be held at the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Lutheran Church, 109 First Avenue, Brunswick, MD 21716. For additional information contact Michelle Turwiner at loving_life@mac.com.

- **February 16th from 1-3pm:** Blacksmith Shop Demonstration in the Blacksmith Shop at Camp Round Meadow - If you are not prepared for winter hiking, a Blacksmith Shop Demonstration could be the perfect solution for your family's cabin fever. Come enjoy the warmth from our forge as volunteers demonstrate the age-old craft of blacksmithing from 1:00 through 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16 at the Catoctin Mountain Park Blacksmith Shop, located in Camp Round Meadow. The smithies will explain how the craft of blacksmithing evolved and the role of blacksmiths in the community while demonstrating some of the fundamentals of the trade.
- **February 16th from 8:30am-3:30pm:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Waders Volunteer Stream Sampling Program training session held at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro. Register by February 8th! DNR needs your help to "fill the gaps" in areas being sampled by Maryland Biological Stream Survey crews in 2008. Click here for a map of sampling watersheds and other important information regarding training. The green watersheds are priority areas for DNR and the orange ones are requested for sampling by the Maryland Department of the Environment. So please come learn how you can continue to help Stream Waders contribute to Maryland's statewide water quality monitoring on a Saturday.

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(8:30 – 3:30)

We usually start around 9:00 A.M. but we ask that you come a little early to check in and enjoy a small complementary, continental style breakfast (juice, coffee, water, donuts, etc.)

Please pack your own lunch as we will be taking a break between the indoor lecture training and the outside field training.

Remember to pack plenty of warm clothes that you don't mind getting wet. Waders are a plus!! Capacity is limited so PLEASE register in advance by the date listed above!!

To register for a FREE training session or to receive more information, email streamwaders@dnr.state.md.us or call the Stream Waders hotline at 1.877.620.8DNR

(x8623). Please provide your name, contact information, and expected training location.

A very informative Frequently Asked Questions page can be found by clicking here .

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- **February 26th from 8am-3:30pm:** The 2008 Bay Area Fruit School held at the Wye Research and Education Center in Queenstown. Dr. Stephen Miller of the USDA Appalachian Fruit Research Station, along with MD Department of Agriculture, and University of Maryland specialists, will be presenting various topics of interest. Completion of this program will qualify for 5 CCA and Pesticide Credits. Click here for an agenda and registration form. Registrations must be received by February 21st.
- **February 27th at 7 pm:** Green Forum held at the Emmitsburg Town Offices. The theme of the forum is Developing Healthy Yards with native plants and using backyard buffer program. For additional information contact Libby Briggs at ebriggs@briggsassoc.com or 301.447.3110 or Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741.

March Events

- **March 1st from 8:30am-3:30pm:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Waders Volunteer Stream Sampling Program training session held at West Nottingham Academy in Coloma, MD (Cecil County). Register by February 22nd! DNR needs your help to "fill the gaps" in areas being sampled by Maryland Biological Stream Survey crews in 2008. Click here for a map of sampling watersheds and other important information regarding training. The green watersheds are priority areas for DNR and the orange ones are requested for sampling by the Maryland Department of the Environment. So please come learn how you can continue to help Stream Waders contribute to Maryland's statewide water quality monitoring on a Saturday.

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- **March 8th from 10-11am:** The Brunswick Garden Club Gardening Speaker Series presents Jennifer Willoughby from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB). She will speak about Harvesting Rain Water. The speaker series will be held at the Fellowship Hall, Bethany Lutheran Church, 109 First Avenue, Brunswick, MD 21716. For additional information contact Michelle Turwiner at loving_life@mac.com.
- **March 10th and 11th:** Potomac Monitoring Forum 2008 - "Better Monitoring for Better Water Resources Management" held at the Cacapon Resort State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV. Sponsored by: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Click here to view the announcement. Click here for the agenda.
- **March 13 at 1pm:** The Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance and CAMBI (Catoctin, Antietam, & Monocacy Brookie Initiative) joint meeting at the Emmitsburg Town Offices at 300A S. Seton Ave Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727 301-600-6300. The meeting will include a presentation by Alan Heft on the MD DNR brook trout management plan. Contact Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741 for additional information.
- **March 17th from 6:30-8:30 pm:** Applying Water Conservation Practices in your Garden workshop held at the Agricultural & Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Adams County Master Gardeners Suse Greenstone, Roy Thomas and Phil Peters will teach you about the truths, myths and principles of xeriscaping in your garden. They will present groups of plants that do well in our region and will tolerate our ever changing environment. Soil health, soil testing, fertilization, mulches and composting as well as home irrigation systems and rain water collection will be discussed. \$5 registration. Click here for additional information and registration form.
- **March 20th:** The second MWMC-sponsored Vernal/Seasonal Pool Workshop to be held at Flag Ponds Nature Park near Lusby, Calvert County, Maryland. Workshop agenda, registration form, call for posters, travel directions, and other details will be forthcoming soon. Stay tuned to the Maryland Water Monitoring Council website (www.marylandwatermonitoring.org) for more information. Click here for flyer.
- **March 22nd at 1:30pm:** Basic Orienteering at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center. This class requires advance reservations. Please call the Visitor Center at 301.663.9388 to reserve your spot today!
- **March 22nd from 9am-12pm:** Tree planting event at Waterford Park. Click here for additional details.

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- **March 27th from 10am-3pm:** Kemptown ES tree planting - join fourth grade students and community volunteers in planting more than 200 native tree seedlings on their school grounds, while kindergarten classes and volunteers plant seedlings in Kemptown Elementary School's seedling grow-out station. Contact Heather Montgomery for additional information at 301.608.1188 x 209 or montgomery@potomac.org.
- **March 27th at 7pm:** Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance, Inc. will hold a Membership Meeting and the Quality Inn, 1101 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD. Come and meet the Board of Directors, learn how you can participate in a variety of exciting projects, and earn "community hours" too. If you have questions, please contact Ron Rosensteel, President, at ronr@myactv.net.
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- **March 29th from 9am-1pm:** Volunteer Tree Planting Event at Holly Hills. Help plant 600 native trees. Contact Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741 for additional information.
- **March 29th at 10am:** Rain barrel workshop at Stadler Nursery hosted by ICPRB. Click here for additional information.
- **March 29th to April 25th:** 3rd Annual Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum - A School-Based Outreach Tool for Watershed Leaders. The Cacapon Institute invites you to join the 3rd Annual SCE Forum, an academic activity for high school classes that challenges students to seek solutions to non-point source pollution - a complex issue relevant to their lives. The SCE Forum's off-the-shelf lessons and activities can be used by watershed groups or government agencies to engage students in local issues. Last year more than 500 students from schools in eleven counties across the Chesapeake Bay region participated in the eForum. Teaching is one of the best ways to strengthen your own knowledge. So, share the flyer with a high school teacher and consider being a mentor on the importance of self-education and civic engagement in watershed restoration. In the SCE Forum students role play as stakeholders, consensus builders, and problem solvers, in a moderated peer-to-peer,

multi-state dialogue. When coupled with a hands-on outreach, conservation, or research project, the SCE Forum is part of a complete Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (a requirement in D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia schools). For more information visit www.cacaponinstitute.org, click on the "e-school" tab, the high school door and then the "phone" or "Info and Sign Up" sheet. Or contact: Frank Rodgers, Education & Outreach Director, ISA Certified Arborist, Cacapon Institute, P.O. Box 68, High View, WV 26808, 304.856.1385, frodgers@cacaponinstitute.org. Click here for additional information.

April Events

- **April 5th from 9am–1pm:** Stream Buffer Planting, Upper Potomac Farm Stewardship Program in Adamstown, MD - When completed this project will restore a fifty foot wide buffer along 9,600' of stream banks on Tuscarora Creek. The project is located on a 175 acre farm and will be completed in two phases, spring and fall. The first phase consists of planting 1,000 native trees and shrubs. Partners include: Future of Life, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maryland DNR, Frederick County Dept. of Planning, New Forest Society, Catoctin & Monocacy Watershed Alliance and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Dress for the weather, equipment and refreshments provided. To register, send your complete contact information to Marcy Damon at 443-482-2156 or email MDrestoration@cbf.org
- **April 5th from 9am-12pm:** 20th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup - Join the Potomac Conservancy and the Alice Ferguson Foundation along the C&O Canal at the Mouth of the Monocacy. Contact Bryan Seipp at seipp@potomac.org for additional information. You can also visit the website at www.potomaccleanup.org. Click here for a flyer with additional information.
- **April 10th at 4pm:** Efforts to Understand Harmful Algae - a public seminar on harmful algal blooms that will be taking place in Annapolis at the Chesapeake Bay Program "fish shack". Speakers include international experts from Maryland, California, Ireland, England, and China, who will speak on the ecology of harmful algal blooms and discuss their prevalence. Light refreshments will follow. Please RSVP to Dave Nemazie at nemazie@umces.edu. Click here for a flyer with additional details.
- **April 12th from 9am-1pm:** The Potomac Conservancy is seeking volunteers to help plant trees, along Bennett Creek in Frederick Maryland. This event is part of the Bennett Creek Restoration Initiative, a collaborative project to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat and reduce impacts associated with development and agriculture. The event is rain or shine. Come for the entire day or simply a few hours. Click here for a flyer with additional details. Contact Bryan Seipp at seipp@potomac.org for additional information.
- **April 12th from 10-11am:** The Brunswick Garden Club Gardening Speaker Series presents Kathy Heinsohn, PhD. Entomologist and Bee-Keeper. She will speak about

Bees and Pollinators. The speaker series will be held at the Grace Episcopal Church, 114 East A Street, Brunswick, MD 21716. For additional information contact Michelle Turwiner at loving_life@mac.com.

- **April 12th from 9am-1 pm:** Volunteer Tree Planting Event - Come help plant native trees and shrubs at Mt. Airy's Village Gate and Windy Ridge parks on Prospect Street in Mt. Airy. Bring water, gloves, shovel and a wheelbarrow if you have one readily available. For additional information, contact Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741 or Patty Williamson at patty.williamson@insi-md.com or 301.865.6522 with questions or for additional information. Event will proceed rain or shine. Click here for the press release about the event.
- **April 12 th at 10am:** Rain barrel workshop at Stadler Nursery hosted by ICPRB. Click here for additional information.
- **April 15th from 1-3pm:** Kemptown ES tree planting - join fifth graders and community volunteers in planting 20 native trees to expand a site planted last fall on their school grounds. Contact Heather Montgomery at 301.608.1188 x209 or montgomery@potomac.org for additional information.
- **April 19th from 9am-1pm:** Volunteer Tree Planting Event in Emmitsburg at Memorial Park and Elementary School. Help plant native shrubs along Willow Rill. Contact Kay Schultz kschultz@fredco-me.net or 301.600.1741 or Aaron Cook at acook@dnr.state.md.us or 301.791.4010 for additional information.
- **April 21st from 9am-3pm:** Wolfsville ES tree planting - join students and community volunteers who will be planting 105 native trees and shrubs on Wolfsville's school grounds to establish the first part of their schoolyard habitat near a stream that runs through the property. Contact Heather Montgomery at 301.608.1188 x209 or montgomery@potomac.org for additional information.
- **April 26th from 9am-12pm:** Audubon Society of Central Maryland Annual Native Plant Sale - the popular annual native plant sale fundraiser for the Audubon Society is held at its Audrey Carroll Sanctuary, west of Mount Airy on Old Annapolis Road. The sale offers native grasses, perennials and shrubs. For additional information contact Bill Becraft, Sanctuary manager at us013410@mindspring.com or 410.795.6546 or check the web site at <http://www.centralmdaudubon.org/index.htm>.
- **April 26th from 9am-1pm:** Stream Buffer Planting, Antietam Stream Stewardship Program in Hagerstown, MD - We will be planting 700 native trees and shrubs to restore a 50-foot wide riparian buffer along 1,500 feet of Little Grove Creek, a tributary to Little Antietam Creek. Partners include: Brook Lane Health Services, Antietam Creek Watershed Association, Beaver Creek Watershed Association, and the Western Maryland RC & D. Dress for the weather, equipment and refreshments

provided. To register, send your complete contact information to Marcy Damon at 443-482-2156 or email MDrestoration@cbf.org

- **April 26th at 9am-12pm:** Streamside Tree Planting Project - Help plant native trees and shrubs along Carroll Creek Greenway, meet friends, and help improve the health of this important stream. For details contact Aaron Cook, Watershed Forester at 301.791.4010 or acook@dnr.state.md.us. Meet at 330 Montevue Lane - the parking lot of the Maryland Cooperative Extension Office. Event is rain or shine.
- **April 28th from 9am-3:30pm:** "Trends, Issues and Prospects in Managing Urban Stormwater" - Regional Stormwater Workshop at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at the Civic Center in Rockville, Maryland. The cost is \$12.00 to cover lunch. Click [here](#) for additional information and to register (scroll down to the April 28 workshop entry; one more click will take you to the workshop web page).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone with a keen interest in new and emerging issues in managing urban stormwater. Those outside the COG region are welcome. Directions are available through the workshop web page. There is ample parking on site and there will be shuttle service, courtesy of the City of Rockville, from the Rockville Metro station.

The objectives of the of the proposed workshop are twofold: (1) to provide information about developing trends and current issues expected to alter the principles and practices of managing urban stormwater in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia; and (2) to provide a forum for helping shape policies and regulations at the federal and state levels.

Morning plenary session: will focus on regulatory issues, including pending regulatory changes in Maryland and Virginia, presented by state agency staff; new and innovative MS4 requirements covering the District of Columbia, presented by District staff; and emerging regulatory trends, presented by a VAMSA/SWAM* representative. Lunchtime speaker: will provide the Chesapeake Stormwater Consortium's recommendations for establishing Environmental Site Design as the norm for managing stormwater. Afternoon Track #1: will focus on the capability of Low Impact Development to achieve quantity control. Afternoon Track #2: will focus on stormwater program funding.

May Events:

- **May 10th from 10-11am:** The Brunswick Garden Club Gardening Speaker Series presents Elyse Phillips, a Frederick County Bay-Wise Master Gardener. She will speak about the Bay-Wise Yardstick Program. Topics include how to assess your own yard for Bay-Wise recognition for your efforts to conserve the Chesapeake Bay in your own backyard!The speaker series will be held at the Grace Episcopal Church, 114 East A Street, Brunswick, MD 21716. For additional information contact Michelle Turwiner at loving_life@mac.com.

- **May 10th at 10am:** Rain barrel workshop at Stadler Nursery hosted by ICPRB. Click here for additional information.
- **May 16th:** Bike to Work Day - Bicycle enthusiasts and novices alike are invited to join in this yearly celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work! Meet up with your co-workers at the Frederick pit stop located at the Frederick Transit Center (MARC train station) from 6:30 -8:30 a.m. and enjoy this FREE event full of fun, food, and prizes. You could be the lucky winner of a new bike donated by the Bicycle Escape! Be sure to pre-register at www.waba.org by May 9th to reserve your free T-shirt.

You can bike to a TransIT bus stop, load your bike on the bus bike rack, and ride TransIT to work. Instructions for loading and unloading bicycles and suggestions for commuting by bicycle are included in the TransIT Bike Program brochure.

Biking to work improves air quality, reduces gas costs and commuting stress, and improves fitness. We invite you to try bicycling to work as an alternative to solo driving. Over 7,000 residents in the region biked to work last year--join us and let's make '08 even bigger! Call TransIT, Division of Planning, or visit www.waba.org for details.

- **May 17th at 9am:** Upper and Middle Potomac Tributary Team Monocacy River Canoe trip. The cost is \$25 and includes canoe, gear, and shuttle. Bring lunch and water. Contact Claudia Donegan at cdonegan@dnr.state.md.us for additional information. Click here for a flier with additional information.
- **May 22nd from 1:00-2:30pm:** Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance meeting at the Common Market in Frederick. Come early to enjoy a showing of the short animated film, "The Man Who Planted Trees", starting at 12:30. For additional information, contact Kay Schultz at 301.600.1741 or kschultz@fredco-md.net.
- **May 22nd at 7pm:** Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance meeting in the Nature Center at Mt. Aetna Camp. For additional information about the meeting, contact Emilie Cooper at 301.791.4733. Click here for a flier with additional information.
- **May 28 at 7pm:** Green Forum held at the Emmitsburg Town Offices. The theme of the forum is Developing a Strategy for Greening Emmitsburg. For additional information contact Libby Briggs at ebriggs@briggsassoc.com or 301.447.3110 or Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741.

June Events:

- **June 11th-14th:** Beyond Wetlands: Engineering the Landscape - Eighth Annual American Ecological Engineering Society Meeting in Blacksburg, VA. Paper topics related to the conference theme may include, but are not limited to: Landscape Design (regional planning, watershed management, Stream Restoration/Design (floodplain

and channel), Urban System Design (low impact development technologies, green infrastructure design, restoration of ecological services in urban systems), Ecological Remediation/Treatment Systems (phytoremediation, wetland design) and Teaching and Professional Development. Click here for additional information.

- **June 25th:** Upper Potomac Tributary Team meeting - a grant administrator will talk about the Local Government Implementation Grant / 2010 Trust Fund newly released RFP -- and how the team can assist in getting local projects funded. The meeting will be held at: Washington County Division of Environmental Management, 16232 Elliott Parkway, Williamsport, MD 21795, 240.313.2621.
- **June 30th-July 2nd:** 2008 AWRA Summer Specialty Conference - Riparian Ecosystems and Buffers: Working at the Water's Edge - The 2008 Riparian Specialty Conference will focus on emerging science and new studies on: the structure, function, and management of riparian ecosystems, conservation buffers, and coastal shorelines, including water quality, aquatic habitat, and terrestrial habitat, while focusing on new techniques in landscape prioritization and targeting, measuring and monitoring effectiveness, and the application of riparian buffer practices and restoration approaches in urban, agricultural, prairie, and forest landscapes. A major aim of the conference is to foster interactions among scientists and practitioners in the field.

Click here for additional information. Currently, there is a call for abstracts. Submission deadline is February 4th.

July Events:

- **July 12th from 10am-3pm:** Growing Green - Field Day & Farmers Market at Fox Haven Farm. Come learn about sustainable living and farming practices. Everyone welcome. Event will occur rain or shine. Click here for a flyer with additional details and directions to the farm.
- **July 17th at 1pm:** Meeting of the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance at the Monocacy National Battlefield, Gambrill House. Join us at our summer meeting of the Alliance at the recently renovated Gambrill House on the Monocacy National Battlefield park property to learn about current policy issues and coordinate our outreach and restoration activities. For further information, contact Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741. Click here for directions.
- **July 19th from 3:30-9pm:** Year Round Kitchen Gardening - Lower your Food Bill, Raise your Nutrition - Lecture by Steve "Sproutman" Meyerowitz. Steve "Sproutman" Meyerowitz shows you how to achieve food independence. The best selling author of *Wheatgrass Nature's Finest Medicine* and *Sprouts the Miracle Food* demonstrates how simple it is to add living foods to our diet anytime of the year whether you live in Alaska or Atlanta. Find out how to incorporate supercharged micro-greens into your everyday diet and save thousands of dollars per year on your

food bill! And you'll get the science and nutrition behind these amazing foods that give them their impressive healing potential for cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and more. Enjoy many of the benefits of having a backyard garden, but in the kitchen instead and soil-free. No green thumb required. More info on Sproutman: www.Sproutman.com

Location: Spirit Bliss Farm, 1851 Florence Rd., Mount Airy, MD 21771
Questions & RSVP: 301-703-4116 ext. 112 or email helen@naturalzing.com

Event Schedule:

3:30pm Lunch (Raw Vegan Potluck)

5pm Sproutman Presentation

7pm - 9pm: Open Jam Session. Bring your instruments!

- **July 23rd from 12-2pm:** Stormwater 101: The Basics - Confused about the stormwater requirements and where they come from? Want to learn the truth about some "urban legends" of the stormwater program? This webcast will present an overview of the NPDES stormwater program, including a discussion of the laws, regulations, and permits that shape this complex regulatory program. If you are a newcomer to the stormwater program or just want a refresher, this webcast is for you. We will offer a light-hearted quiz so that you can test your NPDES knowledge and we'll reserve plenty of time for questions from the audience. To register for this webcast, please visit www.epa.gov/npdes/training

August Events:

- **August 7th from 9am-2:30pm:** Soil Conservation District Conservation Tour - Join the Frederick Soil Conservation District to tour The tour will visit several outstanding Frederick County farms, including Paradise Stables, the Sugarloaf Alpaca Company and Hedgeapple farm. The farms that you will see have implemented a variety of conservation practices that complement their operations and protect the soil and water resources on the farm. The tour will start and end at the District parking lot at 92 Thomas Johnson Drive Frederick, Md. The tour bus will depart at 9:00am and return at 2:30pm. Lunch will be a barbeque chicken buffet and is included in the \$10 registration cost. Interested persons should contact the District by telephone at 301.695.2803 x 3 to make a reservation for the tour. Reservations should be made by August 1, 2008.

September Events:

- **September 3rd from 12-2pm:** Stormwater Webcast – Tools and Guidance for Developing Your Post-Construction Stormwater Management Program. Join us for a discussion on the Center for Watershed Protection's new manual "Managing Stormwater in Your Community: A Guide for Building an Effective Post-Construction Program." This webcast will feature a detailed look at the tools and key features of the new manual, including conducting a program self-assessment, developing effective stormwater management criteria, incorporating credits for LID

and runoff reduction, building a local guidance manual using off-the-shelf resources, and more. To register for this free webcast, please visit www.epa.gov/npdes/training

- **September 11th:** TMDL Development and Implementation: Current Progress and Future Direction at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center, Baltimore, MD. Organized by Water Environment Federation and held in cooperation with the U.S. EPA. <http://www.wef.org/ConferencesTraining/Seminars/TMDLDevelopment>
- **September 13th-20th:** The Great Frederick Fair - Be sure to visit the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance booth in the City Streets, Country Roads Exhibit. The fair is open every day from 9am-9pm. Click here for additional fair details or a map of the fairgrounds. If you are interested in volunteering to help man the booth, please contact Shannon Moore at 301.600.1413 or by email at smoore@fredco-md.net.
- **September 13th at 9:00 am:** Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance (ACWA) will hold its third Rubbish Round-Up in heavily trashed areas of Antietam Creek, Hagerstown, MD. Volunteers are asked to assemble at the Funkstown American Legion Post 211, just off Alternate Route #40. Transportation will be provided to put-in sites. Owners of life jackets, kayaks, rafts, and canoes are asked to bring them. Water and light refreshments will be provided. Contact person is Dave Biser at biserd@msn.com. ACWA is a watershed group in Washington County, Maryland with IRS status as a public charity. Further information is available on its website at www.acwamd.org.
- **September 14th from 1-3 pm:** Get Out and Get Nuts! for Growing Native - Become a Growing Native Ambassador by attending this training held in the Browning Building at Pinecliff Park. Click here for a flyer with additional information.
- **September 16th and 17th:** Stream Information Exchange - Fine Sediment and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. This information exchange is an opportunity for watershed managers, scientists, regulators, engineers, and environmental restoration professionals to present and obtain new information related to the watershed sediment science and policies that have developed since the interagency workshop entitled "Sediment and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed – From Top to Bottom" in 2002 and the USGS publication entitled "A Summary Report of Sediment Processes in Chesapeake Bay and Watershed" in 2003 (<http://www.mgs.md.gov/coastal/pub/wrir03-4123.pdf>).

The Stream information Exchange will be held at the Maritime Institute of Technology in Linthicum, Maryland. Registration is \$60/person and pre-registration is required. Click here for an agenda, registration form, and additional details.

- **September 17th from from 9:30am-12pm:** Managing Japanese Hops - What We've Learned. Japanese Hops is an invasive exotic vine that can damage crops, restrict recreational uses, and kill young trees near waterways. Learn about this weed and what we have found out about managing it. There is no fee, but pre-registration is

required and is limited to the first 50 people responding. Contact Aaron Cook by phone at 301-791-4010 or 301-416-7261, or by email acook@dnr.state.md.us. Click here for the agenda.

- **September 18th at 6:30pm:** You Can Make a Difference in Maryland for Future Generations - Public Listening Sessions around the State for You! Held at James Blake High School in Silver Spring. Attend and be heard. You are invited to share your thoughts on responsible growth and development. You can help chart the future of growth. Your ideas will guide Maryland's State Development Plan. Click here to read the press release. Click here for a flyer.

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For directions and additional information, please visit www.mdp.state.md.us/listeningsessions.htm

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For special accommodations, please contact Sharon Reichlyn at 410-767-4500 or 877-767-6272 14 days prior to the Listening Session you will attend.

- **September 19th:** Deadline for submitting proposal for the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) 24th Annual Conference - Shades of Green: Exploring Diversity in Our Environment. Be a part of the nation's largest state-wide environmental education conference, help build the capacity of close to 600 formal and non-formal educators, network with organizations, agencies, companies, and schools, and share your knowledge – expertise – proven programs. The conference will be held February 27-March 1, 2009 in Ocean City, MD. For more conference details, log on to www.maeoe.org
- **September 23rd at 4pm:** Attorney General Gansler's Town Hall meeting and Monocacy River Audit held in the Whitaker Center at Hood College. If you have any questions call 410.576.7299. Click here for a press release with additional information.

- **September 25th at 6:30pm:** You Can Make a Difference in Maryland for Future Generations - Public Listening Sessions around the State for You! Held at Bridge of Life in Hagerstown. Attend and be heard. You are invited to share your thoughts on responsible growth and development. You can help chart the future of growth. Your ideas will guide Maryland's State Development Plan. Click here to read the press release. Click here for a flyer.

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- **September 27th from 10:30am-12:30pm:** Join Potomac Riverkeeper Ed Merrifield and Michelle Merkel, the Chesapeake Regional Coordinator for Waterkeeper Alliance, as they teach residents how to stand up to the polluters who contaminate our drinking water supply. In our new "Get the DIRT Out" training, residents will learn how to evaluate the pollution on construction sites, report violations of existing clean water laws, and help ensure that construction sites are not contaminating our rivers and streams. Participants will receive free Potomac Riverkeeper hats! The training will be held at the Urbana Regional Library, 9020 Amelung Street, Frederick, MD 21704, 301.600.7000. Click here to register FREE online.
- **September 30th at 12pm:** The Maryland Comprehensive State Forest Assessment and Inventory - Speakers are Harry Kahler and Alexander Clark, Maryland Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources. This seminar will start at NOON in the C-1 Conference Room, Tawes Building, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis. Directions to the Tawes Building are on the internet: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/map.html>

October Events:

- **October 2nd-5th:** Save the date for the 3rd Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum hosted by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay in Shepardstown, West Virginia. Check back for more details.
- **October 2nd from 6-8:30pm:** Around the Paddock - A series of workshops to showcase and discuss conservation practices to benefit horse owners. Registration is free but a RSVP is required. Contact Corey Brink at 301.695.2803 x3 or Corey.Brink@md.usda.gov. Click here for a flyer with additional information.
- **October 4th from 11am-2pm:** Chestnut Science and Education - A regional workshop presented by the Maryland Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. Click here for a flyer with additional details.
- **October 5th from 10am-12pm:** Growing Native Seed Collection at Pinecliff Park - contact Kate McNamee, Outreach Coordinator with the Potomac Conservancy at 301.608.1188 x211 or mcnamee@potomac.org for more information.
- **October 5th from 11am-5pm:** Clean Energy Open House in Takoma Park, Md - Come see solar panels! View electric, biodiesel, and hybrid cars firsthand! Eat solar-baked cookies! Learn how to landscape your yard with native plants! Buy wind power certificates and energy-saving light bulbs! Test drive a tofu-powered lawn mower! And more!

A tour of the first home in Maryland/Virginia/DC powered almost entirely by renewable energy and landscaped with native plants.

WHERE: 7125 Willow Ave, Takoma Park, MD

DIRECTIONS:

By Metro: Take the red-line train to Takoma Station and walk east along Carroll Ave. toward downtown Takoma Park. After three blocks, turn left on Willow Ave. We're the fourth house on the right. Five-minute walk from the Metro.

By bike or car from DC: Take 16th Street north to Aspen. Turn right on Aspen and follow under the Metro Bridge. Take your second left after the bridge onto Willow Street. At the first light, turn right on Carroll Ave and take an immediate left onto Willow Ave.

By bike or car from the Beltway: Exit at New Hampshire Ave heading south. Take a right on Piney Branch and a left on Carroll Ave. Follow Carroll till you're almost in downtown Takoma Park and take a right on Tulip Ave. Take your next left onto Willow Ave and we're the third house on the left.

PARKING: Please park in the parking lot at the corner of Willow Ave. and Carroll Ave, just four houses down from the expo.

For more information or to volunteer call 240.396.2025 or send email to jay@chesapeakeclimate.org

- **October 13th from 8am-5pm:** Effectiveness Monitoring for Stream Restoration - Can We Improve Methods, Process, and Communication? A 1-day charette hosted by the Maryland Water Monitoring Council and the Maryland Stream Restoration Association. Click [here](#) for information on the call for posters. Please note that the registration deadline has been extended. The cost per person for the event is \$30.00. While pre-registration is strongly encouraged to allow for the planning of the Charrette, registration and payment will be accepted on the day of the Charrette as well. Please refer to the Registration Form (page 3) for further information.
- **October 14th-16th:** Center for Watershed Protection's (CWP) Stormwater Institute - Join CWP and Institute Partners in Savannah, GA this fall for a unique learning experience!

Learn how to...

- Develop or improve municipal stormwater programs;
- Integrate volume reduction and green infrastructure credits into your stormwater toolbox; and
- Strengthen stormwater design, construction, and maintenance skills for innovative practices in coastal and non-coastal settings.

Registration is limited to the first 80 participants. These slots fill up fast!

Registration: \$400 (private sector)

Special Discounted Rate: \$200 (public sector - government, non-profits)

Visit the Southeast Stormwater Institute web page for the draft agenda, to register, and all the other important stuff!

- **October 18th from 9-11am:** Audubon Society Nature Walk - enjoy a walk through meadows and woods at the most pleasant time of year: many birds including hawks are migrating and the fall foliage should be near its peak. The walk will be held at the Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary at 1601 Boyer's Mill Rd. Bring binoculars if you have them, as well as your camera. For more information, contact Cheryl Farfaras at cfaras@comcast.net or Bob Schaefer at robert.schaefer@gmail.com.
- **October 20th from 6:30-8:30pm:** The Frederick County Division of Planning will hold public outreach meetings to discuss proposed changes to Agricultural and Resource Conservation zoning districts. The meetings will be held in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. Click [here](#) for the press release.

- **October 22nd at 5pm:** Upper Potomac Trib Team meeting at Cumberland City Hall - come hear about Cumberland's Urban Tree Canopy Program and the Trib Teams role in putting together the Upper Potomac Basin Plan. Click here for an agenda. This meeting will be available for viewing on the web. Click here for instructions on how to connect. Click here for directions to Cumberland City Hall.
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- **October 24th:** CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - River Rally 2009 held May 29-June 1, 2009, Baltimore, MD. The River Network is bringing its annual River Rally to our home town of Baltimore! We have started working with other local non-profits and watershed groups who will be taking part in the program planning. Be sure to submit your ideas for a workshop soon! http://www.rivernetwork.org/call_for_proposal.php
- **October 25th from 8am-12pm:** Frederick County Residential Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Day at the Public Safety Training Facility on Reichs Ford Rd. Click here for a flyer with additional information.
- **October 30th from 12:30-2pm:** Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance bimonthly meeting at the Thurmont Library meeting room. For additional information, contact Kay Schultz at 301.600.1741 or kschultz@fredco-md.net.
- **October 30th from 7:30-9pm:** Sustainable Frederick County: making the transition with economic, environmental and social success - Planning to Green Frederick with green roofs, alleys and buildings: what are the steps? - with guests Sheila Gregg, AIA, NCARB, LEED Accredited Professional, President of Sol Aqua Terra, Holistic Architecture and Corrine Chearis, LEED Accredited Professional, President, ATTUNE Development. Seminar will be held at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 E. Patrick, Frederick City. For more details visit www.friendsoffrederickcounty.org.

November Events:

- **November 2nd from 5-9pm:** 3rd Annual American Chestnut Restoration Feast at the Comus Inn at Sugarloaf Mountain. Click here for a flyer with additional details. Reservations are still being accepted by direct contact.
- **November 6th from 7:30-9pm:** Improving Frederick County's Energy Efficiency and Management: what are the steps to make the transition? Home Energy Efficiency - with guests Damien Edwards, Certified Home Energy Performance Audits, Noble House Residential Services and Delegate Sue Hecht (invited). The seminar will be

held at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 E. Patrick, Frederick City. For more details visit www.friendsoffrederickcounty.org.

- **November 13th from 7:30-9pm:** Voluntary and Regulatory Land Preservation in Frederick County: what are the options? with guest Tim Blaser, Frederick County Land Preservation Program. The seminar will be held at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 E. Patrick, Frederick. For more details visit www.friendsoffrederickcounty.org.
- **November 15 from 9-11am:** Audubon Society Nature Walk - as the weather turns colder, birds from the north arrive to spend the winter with us. Leaves have fallen so some of them are easier to see. Come and see what we can find. The walk will be held at the Audrey Carroll Sanctuary at 13030 Old Annapolis Rd. Bring binoculars if you have them, as well as your camera. For more information, contact Cheryl Farfaras at cfaras@comcast.net or Bob Schaefer at robert.schaefer@gmail.com.

December Events

- **December 2nd from 12-1pm:** Introducing the Watershed Forestry Resource Guide - a free webinar hosted by the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area and the Center for Watershed Protection. The Center for Watershed Protection and the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the Watershed Forestry Resource Guide, a new online resource for all things related to forests and their role in watershed and stormwater management. This website contains pages specific to Forest Planning and Assessment; Reducing Stormwater Runoff; Forest-Friendly Development; and Planting and Maintaining Trees.

Whether you are an engineer needing information on using forests to provide stormwater treatment, or an urban planner working towards an urban tree canopy goal, this site will equip you with all the fact sheets, slideshows, how-to videos, training exercises, research papers, reports and essential websites you will need.

Key topics to be covered:

- An introduction to basic concepts in watershed forestry
- A quick tour of the Watershed Forestry Resource Guide
- Time for questions and feedback on the site

Speakers: Karen Cappiella, Center for Watershed Protection and Al Todd, USDA Forest Service To register for this webinar, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/62wmxl>

- **December 3rd from 1-3pm:** EPA Watershed Academy Webcast on - Using Rain Gardens to Reduce Runoff: Slow it down, Spread it out, Soak it in! Many communities across the country are struggling to address impacts from stormwater runoff due to increased development. Green or low impact development practices such as rain gardens can help manage runoff effectively as well as provide aesthetic

benefits. Rain gardens can increase property values, add beauty and habitat, reduce a community's carbon footprint, as well as provide important water quality benefits. Join us for this exciting Webcast to learn more about these natural solutions to water pollution. Our speakers will discuss the benefits of rain gardens and share their experiences with successful community rain garden programs.

Instructors:

Jenny Biddle, with EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, focuses on activities used to prevent and mitigate nonpoint source pollution. Ms. Biddle received a B.S. from Penn State University in Horticulture and an M.S. from George Mason University in Environmental Science and Policy. Presently she is working on a cost calculator for bioretention areas, including residential rain gardens.

Pamela Rowe serves as the RainScapes Program coordinator with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Since the early 1990's, she has worked to protect and restore local watersheds, including as a planner with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In her present role, she promotes innovative approaches to stormwater management. She also spends as much time as she can paddling and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Lynn Hinkle an award-winning small business owner, founded ASTRA Communications, Inc. and Goin' Green to encourage citizens to take action in their own communities. Her company developed the nationally recognized "10,000" Rain Gardens" initiative in Kansas City, Missouri, launched the renown "Conversations on the Environment" series, and facilitated the Climate Protection Planning process for Kansas City. The "How to Build a Rain Garden" video was produced in her backyard and is available at www.worldgoinggreen.com.

Registration

You must register in advance to attend this Webcast. Register at the Watershed Academy Webcast Web site at: www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts. Note: Your computer must have the capability of playing sound in order to attend this Webcast. To view archived Webcasts, go to www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/webcasts/archives.html

Questions? Contact Amber Marriot at amber.marriott@tetrattech.com. The Watershed Academy is a focal point in EPA's Office of Water for providing training and information on implementing watershed approaches. The Academy sponsors these Webcasts and also has more than 50 online distance learning modules through the Watershed Academy Web at www.epa.gov/watertrain. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watershedacademy.

- **December 3rd from 5-7pm:** Schoolyard Habitat Celebration held at 7630 Hayward Rd, Frederick, MD 21702. Click here for a flyer with additional information. Please see the attachment for details. This informational celebration is sponsored by FCPS, Community Commons, and the NOAA BWET Grant Program. Schools will have displays of their projects and teachers from each school will be available for questions. There are currently 10 schools scheduled to display.
- **December 4th from 6:30-8:30pm:** Gypsy Moth Meeting - Presented by the Frederick County Forestry Board and Gypsy Moth Task Force located in the Community Room at C. Bur Artz Regional Library, 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

If you own forestland in the mountainous areas of Frederick County or in the Walkersville – Woodsboro region your forest may be in danger from gypsy moth next spring. Local experts estimate that up to 20,000 acres in this region may be at risk of defoliation by this destructive forest pest. If you live in this area or are interested in learning more about this destructive insect you are invited to attend an informational meeting on gypsy moth at the C. Bur Artz Regional library on December 4, 2008 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. This meeting is free of charge. Local experts will be on hand to help you identify gypsy moth, advise you if your forest is at risk, and instruct you of your options to control this pest to protect your forest. Members of the MD Department of Agriculture will talk about the State sponsored suppression program and members of the Frederick County Gypsy Moth Task Force will speak about a Supplemental Program. A panel of experts will also be on hand to answer questions you may have. For more information about this meeting please contact Mike Kay, MD Forest Service at 301.473.8417.

Sponsorship of this meeting is provided by: Frederick County Forestry Board, MD Department of Agriculture, MD DNR, Forest Service, and Frederick County Gypsy Moth Task Force.

The C. Bur Artz library does not promote or endorse the views of this program sponsors or presenters.

- **December 4th:** Maryland Water Monitoring Council 14th ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Announcement and First Call for Contributed Papers/Posters - The Maryland Water Monitoring Council will hold its 14th Annual Conference at the Maritime Institute, North Linthicum, on Thursday, December 4, 2008. The one day conference, Monitoring for Solutions: Protection and Restoration of Aquatic Resources, will focus on the challenges and rewards of effective monitoring for conservation and restoration of tidal and non-tidal waters. A plenary session will include a keynote address by Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary Shari Wilson, a plenary talk by Dr. Walter Boynton of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory and three concurrent technical sessions with up to three talks each. A buffet luncheon and a poster session with up to 25 posters will occur at noon. Posters will be on display throughout the day. The afternoon will consist of six concurrent

technical sessions with up to three talks each. Session topics currently include Restoration Monitoring, Data Management, Fisheries, Conservation of High Quality Waters, and Maryland's Critical Area Law. Additional session topics will be finalized following review of submitted abstracts.

The registration fee, which includes a booklet of abstracts, giveaways and lunch, is \$65. To save money, the early-bird registration (postmarked before November 15) is \$50. [Click here for the registration form.](#)

First Call for Contributed Papers and Posters

We are requesting titles and abstracts for contributed papers (oral presentations in the technical sessions) and posters. Preference will be given to papers/posters that relate to the above conference theme. Abstracts submitted for oral presentations should describe completed projects with documented results. Abstracts that focus on project plans or updates to projects in progress are more suitable for posters.

Please limit the abstract to approximately 250 words (in 12 pt. Arial font) and include a title, presenter's name, affiliation and email address. [Click here for an abstract form.](#) Please indicate whether your abstract is for a technical session (oral presentation of 20 minutes) or a poster.

All abstracts are due no later than 5 pm on October 1, 2008. The Conference Planning Committee will review the abstracts and notify everyone on the status of their submittal no later than October 15, 2008.

Successful submitters will have their titles and abstracts printed in the Conference booklet which will be distributed to all conference attendees. Technical session presenters will be asked to allow their Power Point presentations to appear on the Internet at www.marylandwatermonitoring.org for a period not to exceed one year. Selected oral paper and poster presenters may register for the conference at the reduced fee of \$45 payable on or before November 15, 2008.

Mail or email titles and abstracts to:

MWMC Conference Abstracts
c/o Dan Boward (Executive Secretary MWMC)
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tawes Building, C-2
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401
dboward@dnr.state.md.us

- **December 4th from 8:30am-4pm:** Developing Best Management Practice Definitions and Effectiveness Estimates Reflective of Operational Conditions - the forum is designed for anyone working on conservation in the agricultural, forestry, or urban stormwater arenas. The forum will be held in Frederick, MD at the Holiday Inn located at 999 West Patrick St. Click here for a flyer with additional details.
- **December 6th at 10am:** Work day at Sugarloaf Mountain - We will work in West Field clearing vines and dead wood around the chestnuts. It was mowed in late September, so it is not hard to walk in the orchard. I would suggest people bring gloves and pruners or loppers. We will break around noon and go the short distance to Turner Farm and have a picnic lunch at the picnic tables there. I am asking everyone to bring a sandwich, and we will provide water, drinks, chips, and cookies. There is some work, replacing broken wooden stakes, at Turner Farm. Then people can return to West Field for more work, if they can spare the time. We will quit before 2:00 pm.

Directions to West Field: Take I-270 south from Frederick, or north from Washington, to the exit for Route 109 -- Sugarloaf Mountain -- and go west. It is just a few miles to the Comus Inn, on your right, where you will turn right onto Comus Road. At this point, you can see Sugarloaf Mountain straight ahead of you. Proceed on Comus Road past East Field and into the Square with the entrance to Sugarloaf Mountain on your right. At the far side of the Square, take the left fork, leaving the large pond on your right. Then, make the first right onto Mt. Ephraim Road. As soon as you pass the stables on your left, you will see a turn into West Field, also on your left. We will have the chain open, and you can drive right into West Field and park.

If it is raining, we will cancel; if anyone wants to check on the status, Essie Burnworth - home phone is: (301) 762-6715, cell phone is (301) 520-2196.

- **December 10th from 9am-4pm:** Potomac Watershed Partnership Information Exchange and Forum held at the Browning Building in Pinecliff Park, Frederick, MD. The exchange has been broken into a morning and afternoon session.

Morning Session: Community & Urban Tree Canopy Goal Programs During our morning session, representatives from Fairfax County, Baltimore, Leesburg, Frederick County Public Schools, and the District of Columbia will share innovative approaches to preserving and increasing community tree canopy.

Afternoon Session: Low Impact Development Challenges & Solutions During our afternoon session, our expert panel members will use local projects to illustrate Low Impact Development (LID) challenges and solutions including: Using LID on a programmatic basis; Green Streets design; Retrofitting LID in urbanized settings; and Installation. Followed by audience Q&A.

To register (full or half day): Contact Heather Montgomery at 301.608.1188 x209 or montgomery@potomac.org. For more information: www.PotomacWatershed.org.

[Click here to download the full agenda.](#) [Click here to download a flyer with additional information.](#)