



LITTLE FALLS WATERSHED ALLIANCE

EDUCATION - ACTION - STEWARDSHIP

2014 Annual Report

Who We Are

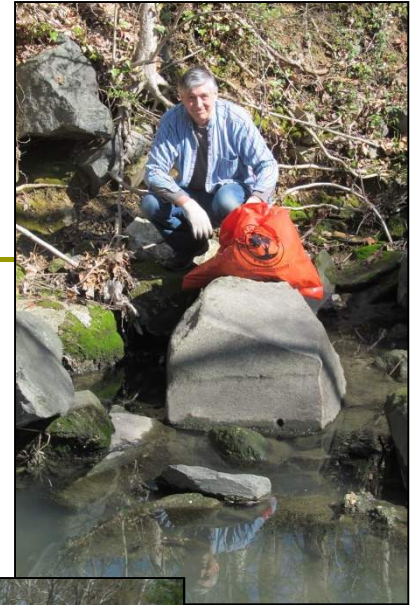


- 9.5 square miles in Lower Montgomery County and Upper NW DC
- Three Creeks - Little Falls, Willett and Minnehaha Branch
- Little Falls Stream Valley Park, Capital Crescent Trail, C&O Canal
- Four areas of focus:
 - Stormwater management
 - Invasive species control
 - Trash abatement
 - Advocacy/Education

Events:

Watershed Clean-up

- Annual Alice Ferguson Potomac Watershed Clean-up
- Three locations in the watershed
- Partnered with local garden club, school and citizen groups
- 32 bags of trash, 8 bags recycling, 60 volunteers, 160 hours!



Events:

LABEL THE WATERSHED DAY

- ❑ Community storm drain labeling raises awareness of stormwater run-off issues
- ❑ Partnership with Montgomery County DEP and DC DOE
- ❑ Labeled over 150 storm drains
- ❑ 50 volunteers



Events:

Norwood Park Day

- ❑ Celebrate a park in the watershed with music and food. Food donated by local businesses. Little Falls Ramblers entertain!
- ❑ Pick-up trash and remove non-native invasives
- ❑ Fifth Annual



Monthly Activities - Trash Pickups

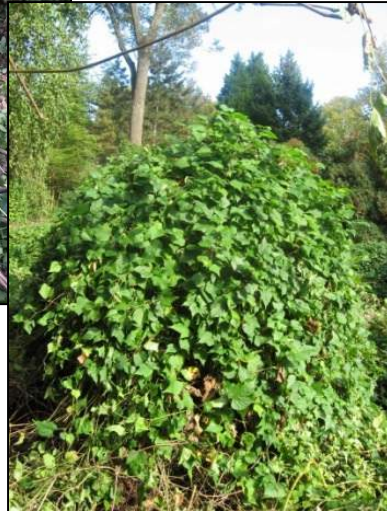


- ❑ Every Second Saturday
- ❑ 420 volunteers
- ❑ 962 hours
- ❑ 430 huge bags of trash
- ❑ 96 bags of recyclables



Top Cleaning Group, November 2012
Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Program

Monthly Activities – Invasive Weed Removal

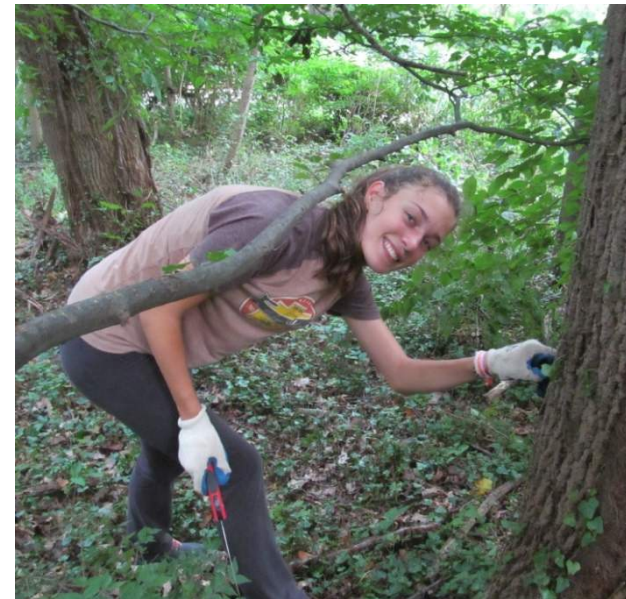


- ❑ Three times a month
- ❑ Two locations
- ❑ 321 volunteers
- ❑ Over 1,000 hours



Community Work Days

- ❑ Available to lead community service projects
- ❑ Approved Student Service Learning Organization for Montgomery County Public Schools
- ❑ We have worked with:
 - Marriot Company
 - Buddhist Temple Earth Day
 - BCC HS Summer Academy
 - Glen Mar Park Neighbors
 - Geocachers
 - French International School
 - Girl and Boy Scouts
 - HS Environmental Clubs
 - Churches, Temples and Synagogues



Norwood Park Meadow Project

- ❑ Restoration of ¼ acre meadow at the end of Norwood Park
- ❑ Partnership with Montgomery Parks
- ❑ Funded in part by a grant from Whole Foods
- ❑ Phase One: Clearing – finished
- ❑ Phase Two: Planting over 500 plants this fall –
Community Work Day: November 1
- ❑ Phase Three: Spring planting



Norwood Park Restoration

Imagine native flowers instead of this!



21 varieties, 511 plants for fall planting – November 1!

LFSVP Deer Exclosures

- ❑ Built and maintain three deer exclosures in the lower part of Little Falls Stream Valley Park as part of a study on restoring native plants and impact of deer population.
- ❑ Exclosures create control areas to assess impact of deer grazing.
- ❑ Partnership with Montgomery Parks
- ❑ Non-native invasives have been removed from exclosures
- ❑ Each exclosure has a dedicated weed warrior volunteer.
- ❑ Native plants will be introduced next year after the soil has rested and native seeds have had a chance to re-establish themselves.



SHA Highway Restoration

- ❑ Partnered with State Highway Administration to remove non-native invasives from the Massachusetts Avenue entrance to the Little Falls Stream Valley Park.
- ❑ Hosted community planting days to plant redbuds, hollies and other native shrubs.
- ❑ Work with community members to water and maintain new plants
- ❑ Installed deer fencing around shrubs.



Little Falls Watershed Restoration and Stormwater Management Effort

- ❑ Involved with Montgomery County's new watershed restoration initiative to improve stormwater management (MS4 permit requirement) in the Little Falls watershed and improve the health of the stream and other local waters.
- ❑ Attend public meetings including
 - ❑ DEP public outreach meeting in February 2014 in Potomac, MD
 - ❑ Attended the Little Falls Library project meeting in May 2014
 - ❑ Attend WSSC meetings on sewer improvement project in the Little Falls Basin.
- ❑ Accompanied DEP scientists when they conducted stream-monitoring of the creek in April 2014
- ❑ Work with Town of Somerset residents on neighborhood initiative to build rain gardens and other conservation landscaping
- ❑ Participate in County effort to mentor local watershed groups to help achieve MS4 goals. Attend meetings and workshops with County personnel as part of mentoring program.



Advocacy and Education

- Member of Save Ten Mile Creek coalition and testified on behalf of the environment. Successfully lobbied Montgomery County Council to limit building in this fragile watershed.
- Monitoring EYA townhouses to make sure they adhere to environmental protection regulations.
- Working with coalition to monitor Westbard development.
- Working with Montgomery Parks and citizens to study deer problem in the park.
- Educate members on environmental issues through monthly e-letter and community list serv notices. Monthly newsletter goes out to 1,300 members. List servs reach over 10,000 watershed residents.
- Members of Stormwater Partners, Coalition for Clean Water and other regional environmental groups.
- Report illegal dumping, erosion violations and other threats to the health of the creek.



2014-15 Budget

Income

Foundations	\$5,000
Individual	\$10,000
Total	\$15,000

Expenses

Executive Director (2014)	\$10,000
Office supplies	\$200
Room rental	\$150
Event supplies	\$200
Training for Board members	\$1,000
Shepherdstown Retreat Training	\$400
General Liability Insurance	\$250
Website hosting	\$200
Total	\$12,400

Net Income (Expense)	\$2,600
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Board Elections

- Dan Dozier, President*
- Mikel Moore, Vice President*
- Maurie Kathan, Treasurer*
- Sara Robinson, Secretary*

* Returning