

The **Little Falls Watershed Alliance** was formed in 2008 by a group of concerned citizens to protect the fragile natural environment of the Little Falls watershed located in lower Montgomery County and adjacent DC neighborhoods. We are committed to restoring the water quality, natural habitat and ecological well-being of the watershed by bringing neighbors together to build awareness, restore native plants, protect our community's heritage and enhance the community's enjoyment of the many creeks in the watershed. **We invite you to get involved.**

9 Years of Stewardship by the Numbers

- 1 - the number of grants we have received to do stormwater management design study of the Overlook neighborhood
- 2 - the number of meadows we have restored
- 4 - the number of times we have testified in Annapolis
- 7 - the number of three-day Chesapeake Bay Forum trainings we have attended
- 11 - the number of times we have testified before the County Council on behalf of the environment
- 11 - the number of Board members trained at Chesapeake Bay Forums
- 12 - the number of Eagle and Girl Scout projects we have sponsored
- 21 - the number of rain barrels we have distributed to residents
- 41 - the number of special work days we have arranged for office, school and civic groups
- 80 - the number of trash pick-up work days we have hosted
- 90 - the number of board meetings we have held
- 213 - the number of bags of recycling we have removed from the creek
- 298 - the number of NNI weed removal events we have hosted
- 1,022 - the number of volunteers who have picked up trash
- 1,500 - the number of storm drains labeled
- 1,899 - the number of volunteers who removed invasive weeds
- 6,234 - the number of total volunteers hours
- 20,760 - the number of pounds of trash removed from the creek and surrounding surface areas

Learn about how you can join our numbers at www.LFWA.org

Thank you for making this celebration possible
Maurie Kathan and Greta Swanson for the food
St. Dunstan's Church for allowing us to use this beautiful space

Happy Birthday



Little Falls Watershed Alliance

April 23, 2017

www.lfwa.org

Ninth Birthday Celebration

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Who's Who at Little Falls Watershed Alliance

LFWA Board of Directors:

Officers:

President: Jack Sobel
Vice President: Mikel Moore
Treasurer: Jonathan Breul
Secretary: Sara Robinson

Directors:

Wendy Cohen
Dan Dozier
Maurie Kathan *
Suzanne Richman *
George Wyeth

* retiring this year

Executive Director: Sarah Morse

Deer Exclosure Adopters (In partnership with Montgomery Parks)

Tere Baranano, Colette Cowely and David Mulbaum

History Committee:

David Kathan, Amy Rispin and Paige Whitley

Photography: David Kathan

Plant Committee: Celia Martin, Anne DeNovo, Victoria Elliott and Lynn Rhomber

Stream Monitoring Team (in Partnership with Audubon Naturalist Society)

Colette Cowery, Tere Baranano, Susie Baranano, Sarah Baldino, Bob Burns, Sarah Morse, Sara Robinson and Frank Sanford

Website and Graphic Design: Toby Kathan

Weed Warrior Supervisors (in Partnership with Montgomery Parks)

David Brooks, Colette Cowey, Celia Martin, Sarah Morse, Suzanne Richman and Frank Sanford

Willett Branch Park Advocacy:

Wendy Cohen, David Kathan, Reid Lewis, Mikel Moore, Sarah Morse, Sara Robinson, Jack Sobel and Sue Spock

And over **2,200 neighbors** who have pulled weeds, pick-up trash, labeled storm drains, donated money, written letters, handed out flyers and more as stewards of our watershed.

Special Honorees



Celia Martin

Celia Martin has headed up our plant committee for 4 years now. She has hosted over 100 work days in the Little Falls Park engaging more than 1,000 volunteers to remove non-native invasives and to plant native trees and wildflowers. She was instrumental in establishing the park's three deer exclosures and has worked closely with Parks to study the impact of deer on native plant population.

Susan Spock

Sue Spock showed up one evening at a meeting for people who were interested in helping bring the vision of the Willett Branch Stream Valley Park to fruition not knowing quite what she was getting into! She has become our go-to person for all things related to the Westbard Sector Plan and the development planned for the area. She has attended countless meetings with government officials, offered thorough and thoughtful comments and written pages and pages of testimony on behalf the proposed park.

Retiring Board Members

Maurie Kathan

Maurie joined the board in 2011 as our youngest member bringing new energy to the group. She's been our treasurer and secretary and is responsible cooking for the delicious food you are eating tonight.



Suzanne Richman

There would be no LFWA without Suzanne. In 2008, she saw a need for an environmental stewardship group for the Little Falls park and organized a neighborhood meeting. She was our first president and has worked tirelessly to ensure that LFWA has the organizational strengths we need to endure.



David Kathan

David Kathan has been a mainstay volunteer since our beginnings in 2008. He has participated in over a dozen trash pick-ups, four Label the Watershed events, more than 50 weed pulls and almost every work day in the Norwood Park area. He also acts as our photographer and is part of the reason why we have pictures tonight.

In 2016, David took on the challenge of chairing our History Committee to research the history of the River Road African American community and the cemetery located in the Westbard Sector. This research has been instrumental in bringing the cemetery to public attention.