Spring/Summer 2024 Newsletter



President's Message from Bob Hoffmann

Firewater Event:

On the evening of June 10th, the Foundation hosted its Spring/Summer Fundraising Event at the Firewater Kitchen & Bar. By all accounts, it was a great success! It was great to see so many of our supporters enjoying themselves while supporting our Foundation's work at the same time. More on



the event in our next newsletter once we have fully assessed all of the results.

Rain Barrel Project:

Our Rain Barrel Training and Distribution Project led by Ashley Bodkins is in progress as I write this. Back by a great demand for more, we ordered and had delivered more barrels this year than ever before. Watch for more forthcoming information on the training and distribution dates/locations.

100th Anniversary of Deep Creek Lake:

You have probably seen mentioned that next year will be the 100^{th} Anniversary of DCL. We have representatives from the Foundation on the Anniversary Committee assisting in the planning of a variety of events throughout next Summer. Stay tuned for more information on the many activities that are being planned for this 100^{th} Anniversary Celebration!

Water Quality Project re: Tributaries:

This year we have already sampled the 29 tributaries furnishing water to DCL and plan to do it again soon to gather even more

data. Once we have completed our study of the tributaries and analyzed the data, we will ensure the work is published for you.

As you can tell from the above comments as well as the remainder of the newsletter, we are hard at work with our projects and other related activities in the community. Your continued support is vital to our continued work and its success all designed to Preserve and Protect the Deep Creek Watershed.

Please donate as you are able!!

Update on the 10 in 10 Project Planting of the Demo Garden



On May 20, dozens of native plants were installed in the demonstration garden at Deep Creek Lake State Park, at the boat launch. Julia Vache from DNR, Robert Hoffmann, president of DCWF, Carolyn Sheaffer of DCWF and volunteers, Vicky Williams, Lisa Quinn and Tom Aikens participated in this phase of the project.

Some of the varieties included Scarlet Bee Balm, Purple coneflower, native Milkweed and Little Bluestem Grasses. Plant tags to identify the plants and their characteristics will be

installed in the future, as well as walking paths. These will be added as the plants begin to take hold and mature.





10 in 10 Project - Letter from DNR

Subject: Exciting Opportunity: 10 in 10 Program for Lakefront Property Owners

Dear Valued Buffer Strip Use Permit Holder,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the beauty of your lakefront property. We are thrilled to introduce the "10 in 10" program, an initiative by the Lake Management Office partnered with the Maryland Forest Service, Property Owners Association and Deep Creek Lake Watershed Foundation.

The "10 in 10" program focuses on providing trees and planting supplies to lakefront property owners, with a special emphasis on properties with less than 10% existing vegetation. By participating in this program, you not only contribute to the conservation of our natural surroundings but also stand to benefit from the positive impact on the overall ecosystem and the visual appeal of your property. A well rooted and vegetated shoreline can be extremely beneficial for providing fish and wildlife habitat, stabilizing sediment pollution and improving water quality and increasing ecological diversity, all while also providing our property owners that extra bit of privacy!

Planting Supplies Provided

Native tree saplings

Soil amendments Mulch Tree cages

Potential Tree Species

Our program offers a carefully curated selection of native tree species that thrive in our local climate. Some options include spicebush, elderberry, button bush, red maple, black willow, service berry, black birch and more! These species are chosen for their ability to adapt to the and improve the lakefront environment while providing lasting benefits to the ecosystem and reducing the effects of erosion on our lake front properties!

Project Timeline:

Spring 2024

Inquiry: Please contact the Lake Management Office with any questions or interests!

Property Assessment: In the days following your request, our staff will perform a preliminary inspection to determine your property's eligibility for this program. During our eligibility inspection, our team will assess your property to provide recommended species and planting locations, but *you* have the freedom to choose what works for you!

Nursery Tree Delivery: Trees from the nursery will be delivered during the first week of spring.

Supply Pickup Day: Owners can pick up planting supplies, including native tree saplings, soil amendments, mulch, and other information, within two weeks of nursery tree delivery from the Lake Management Office. To best support our property owners, pick-up times and dates will be flexible, allowing for scheduled pick-ups on weeknights or weekends as needed.

Follow-Up: Our team will conduct follow-up visits to ensure the successful establishment of the planted trees and provide any necessary support.

We encourage you to participate in the "10 in 10" program and be an integral part of preserving the natural beauty of our lakefront community. To express your interest or seek additional information, please contact the Deep Creek Lake Management Office at 301-387-3545.

Thank you for your commitment to environmental stewardship, and we look forward to seeing our community flourish through

this collective effort.

Sincerely,

Julia Vache Natural Resource Planner II Deep Creek Lake Management Office

Properties with more than 40% existing vegetation coverage will not be eligible to participate in this program. This program is not offered to be combined with any state issued mitigation plans or shoreline erosion control grants programs. Property owners will be elected on a first come, first served basis with a consideration of priority.

Launch Steward News

The Launch Stewards are back at their posts and DCWF will, again, provide rain jackets for each volunteer. Hats and tee shirts will also be ordered. We are grateful for what they do to help protect Deep Creek Lake.



Preserving DCL with Riparian Buffer

A Brunch and Learn was hosted on May 15th titled "Preserving Deep Creek Lake with a Riparian Buffer". The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation partnered with the University of Maryland Western Extension office to sponsor this virtual education presentation. The 10 in 10 reforestation project focuses on providing trees and plants to lakefront property owners to achieve at least 10% vegetated buffer over 10 years with emphasis on properties with less than 10% vegetation. Erosion will steadily fill the lake's bottom with sediment if the lake shores are not stabilized in some way. A riparian buffer is an economic and earth friendly way to slow erosion. This is a voluntary program offered by DNR. This Brunch and Learn highlighted the 10 in 10 project that we, the DNR and the DCL POA are promoting.

If you missed this program, you may access it from our website. You will learn about this important program and how to get involved.

For more information on other projects that we are involved in and how this project supports the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan, click here to see our website.

2024 Rain Barrel Effort

The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation received a grant from the Community Trust Foundation to help fund a free rain barrel distribution event in Garrett County. Through the generosity of community donors to the Foundation there are going to be one hundred free 50-gallon rain barrels given to participants. The only stipulation is that you attend a free class through University of Maryland Extension to learn more about maintaining and using the barrel. Classes are planned for late June.

A rain barrel is a container that is used to capture rainwater to help mitigate stormwater. The water can then be used for non-potable tasks such as washing vehicles or watering ornamental gardens/lawns. The goal is to slow down the water and let it soak into the ground after the rain event. If you are interested in earning a free rain barrel, please contact Ashley (email abachtel@umd.edu or call 301-334-6960) with University of Maryland Extension.

For more information on the benefits and approach for rain barrels, please click here to access our Rain Barrel Fact Sheet.

DCWF Receives Grant from the Community Trust Foundation

Leah Shaffer (CTF), Doug Mohler (DCWF), Marion Leonard (CTF)



...from the Property Owners Association Dispatch regarding the Arrowhead Dredging Project

Arrowhead Cove Dredging Project

Overview Courtesey of

Bruce Michaels

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Deep Creek Lake Watershed Coordinator

Deep Creek Lake is an approximately 3,900-acre lake, serves as a public water supply provides extensive and recreational opportunities. Since the lake's construction in 1925, major sediment no removal activities have occurred, and studies indicate that more than one million cubic yards (cy) of sediment have accumulated, representing 0.6% of the lake's volume. Most of the sediment accumulation has occurred in the lake's southern coves, and while the accumulation does not impact the function of the lake or power systems, it does have negative impacts to recreational use and access.

Garrett County requested investigation that would identify one or more coves that would benefit from sediment removal by dredging for access purposes to improve public use and recreational access through Maryland Department of Nat- ural Resources' Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) Grant. Utilizing WIF grant criteria including environmental benefit, cost, safety, boating access, etc., Maryland 2017, Environmental Service and Anchor QEA developed the Deep Creek Lake Dredging Cove **Evaluation** Report, which analyzed sediment impacted coves in the lake.

Following the dredging evaluation, Arrowhead Cove was selected to advance into design. This was a result of multiple factors, but notably for being ranked first for public boating

and dredging engineering logistics such as constructability and implementation.

Arrowhead Cove is located in the main body of Deep Creek Lake, northwest of the Glendale Road Bridge. The cove has 23.5 acres of surface water, of which 9.9 acres are consid- ered to be impacted sediment by accumulation. The State of Maryland appropriated \$2.47 million for the final design, perprocurement mitting. construction of the Deep Creek Lake Arrowhead Cove Dredging Project. Maryland Environmental Service managed the project on behalf of Garrett County, with assistance from Anchor QEA, the design engineer. Through a competitive sealed bid process, a contract was awarded to Byco Enterprises, Inc. to mechanically remove up to 11,000 cy of sediment within from approximately three acres of Arrow- head Cove.

The sediment removed from Arrowhead Cove was hauled to the Garrett Landfill where the material is stockpiled and will ultimately be used as landfill cover. The dredging be- gan in November 2023, and the in-water portion of the work was complete January 2024, with the successful removal of approximately 11,000 sediment. Upland restoration of the staging area will begin in the spring of 2024. There will be inplanting native water of submerged aquatic vegetation in during the cove the early summer.

A detailed report documenting the pros and cons of Deep Creek Lake cove dredging will follow the completion of the project. For additional information, persons may con- tact Bruce Michael at bmichael@garrettcountymd.gov

or visit https://www.garrettcounty.org/wat ershed/deep-creek-lake/arrowhead-cove access improvements, low impact to development and



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SANDY BELLO 240.321.2524



Save the Date: Synergy in the Barn!

Mark your calendars for a night of unforgettable entertainment and community spirit! The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation is proud to present "Synergy in the Barn" on September 10th at the picturesque Red Barn Inn. Featuring The Synergy Twins: Prepare to be dazzled by the musical prowess of The Synergy Twins! With a

dynamic range of music styles, they'll keep you grooving all night long.

Culinary Delights by Brenda McDonnell: Indulge in a culinary journey curated by the talented Brenda McDonnell from Ace's Run, Firewater, and Brenda's Pizzeria. From savory delights to tantalizing treats, your taste buds are in for a treat!

Local Art Auction: Take home a piece of the Deep Creek community with our auction featuring amazing works of local art. Support local artists while adding a touch of charm to your home.

Save the date and join us for an evening of synergy, music, food, and art! **Tickets are now available on our website.**

Together, let's make this a night to remember! Purchase your tickets now at DEEP CREEK WATERSHED FOUNDATION PRESENTS SYNERGY IN THE BARN!

For inquiries or sponsorships, please contact Sandy Bello at 240.321.2524 or email sbello2524@gmail.com.

Our Favorite DCWF Spring Apparel



Ladies Micropique Sport-Wick Polo. LST650 \$35.00

- Smooth micropique polos that wick moisture and resist snags.
- 3.8-ounce, 100% polyester tricot
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- Low Closure: Self-fabric slide closure with brass buckle and grommet





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as many have done, you can help us keep the lake and the watershed as pristine as it is now.

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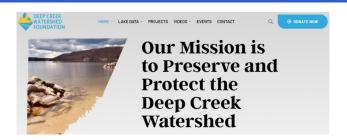
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Learn About our Projects on the DCWF Website



Our Board members have been talking with HOAs watershed and other groups about the work of the Foundation, and asking about projects that the Foundation might consider funding. If you have a group that wants us to visit and present our information, and have us hear your suggestions for watershed projects we might fund in the future, please let us know by contacting Morgan France.

Our Funding & How We Choose Our Projects

Each of our projects is chosen in accord with the recommendations of the Deep Creek Watershed Plan. The Plan can be found at www.garrettcounty.org/watershed/dcwmp.

Each project is closely examined by the people who make up our Board of Directors, and they make the selection of each project for funding. Each member of our Board of Directors, and each of our advisors, is a volunteer who has a strong connection to the Deep Creek Watershed. Their varied backgrounds and expertise make the Board of Directors and the advisors a highly effective organization for funding projects in the Deep Creek Watershed. The Board members and advisors are all profiled in our website, www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org.

Our investments in these and future projects are possible because of the generous, tax deductible gifts we get from those of you around Deep Creek Lake, throughout the Deep Creek Watershed and beyond.

Your contribution to the Foundation now at www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org will be a great investment in the terrific private-public water quality monitoring effort and the other projects funded by the Foundation.

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