

2008 LFWA Accomplishments:

- Incorporated as a non-profit corporation; papers filed for non-profit tax status.
- Established a Board of Directors and elected Officers
- Joined Stormwater Partners
- Set up a website (www.lfwa.org) and a blog (littlefallswatershed.blogspot.com)
- Operated a display booth at the Bethesda Green open house on September 24
- Various board members attended Bethesda Green meetings; Alice Ferguson's Third Annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit (June 17); and Strengthening Stewardship Workshop (November 8).
- Set up Invasive/Native Plant, Trash Abatement, Stormwater, Events Committees.

Committee Reports:

Trash Abatement Committee – Richard Yates, Coordinator

- Spent roughly 30 hours each week filling about four 30 gallon trash bags with litter/trash removed in the last year in our watershed.
- Convinced DC Department of Public Works (DPW) to place trash cans at the bus stops on Western Avenue between Wisconsin Avenue and Park Road.
- Contacted local merchants to encourage them to keep their parking lots and the streets and sidewalks adjacent to their business premises free of litter.
- Convinced the owner of the River Road 7-Eleven to do more frequent cleanings of his chronically littered parking lot and post anti-littering signs (designed and installed by Richard).
- Convinced the management of the Chase Tower office building (where SunTrust Bank and Lia's restaurant are located) and the Chase Tower retail building (where Chipotle's restaurant is located) to add maintenance services on weekends to deal with chronically overflowing trash cans and a routinely littered parking lot.
- Board member spoke as a panelist on the Enforcement Roundtable of Alice Ferguson's Third Annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit; met with Bob Hoyt, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection; and communicated with George Hawkins, Director of the DC Department of the Environment, regarding anti-litter enforcement.

Stormwater Management Committee – Sarah Morse, Coordinator

- Led Stream Walk along the Little Falls Branch adjacent to the Town of Somerset and showed the impact of stormwater run-off on this fragile environment.
- Sponsored (with Town of Somerset) a stormwater talk by Diane Cameron, who is the head of Stormwater Partners and a leading expert in stormwater.
- Two board members testified before the Maryland Department of the Environment on the draft stormwater permit for Montgomery County.

Invasive/Native Plant Committee – Lynnwood Andrews, Coordinator

The committee focused on non-native invasive plants in the Little Falls Stream Valley Park, as follows:

- Held (and continues to hold) invasive plant removal clinics every 2nd and 4th Saturday (8-10) since June.
- Sponsored two school outings to remove non-native vines and plants:
 - October 17, Sidwell Friends School students removed vines in a section of the park bordering Somerset
 - November 8, Washington Episcopal School 7th graders removed invasive plants in the Park southwest of Massachusetts Avenue and Little Falls Parkway.

Events Committee – Sara Schneeberg Robinson, Coordinator

Arranged for the upcoming talk by Councilmember Berliner, to be held at St. Dunstan's Church on January 26.