LITTLE FALLS WATERSHED ALLIANCE
EDUCATION - ACTION - STEWARDSHIP

*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.***

10 Years of Stewardship by the Numbers

- **1** - stormwater management study for the Overlook neighborhood
- **2** - the number of demonstration raingardens installed
- **3** - the number of meadows restored
- **6** - the number of Creek Critter Days we have hosted where families can hunt for macro-invertebrates living in the water.
- **8** - the number of Chesapeake Bay Forum trainings we have attended
- **13** - the number of Board members trained at Chesapeake Bay Forums
- **14** - the number of Eagle and Girl Scout projects we have sponsored
- **15** - the number of times we have testified before the State government, the County Council or the Planning Board on behalf of the environment
- **21** - the number of rain barrels we have distributed to residents
- **61** - the number of special work days we have arranged for office, school and civic groups
- **91** - the number of trash pick-up work days we have hosted
- **102** - the number of board meetings we have held
- **242** - the number of bags of recycling we have removed from the creek
- **298** - the number of Non-native invasive weed removal days we have hosted
- **1,283** - the number of volunteers who have picked up trash
- **1,500** - the number of storm drains labeled
- **2,630** - the number of volunteers who removed invasive weeds
- **8,793** - the number of total volunteers hours
- **30,030** - the number of pounds of trash removed from the creek and surface areas

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors who have made these numbers possible.

Thank you to St. Dunstan's Church for making this celebration possible by allowing us to use this beautiful space tonight and 10 years ago for our first meeting.

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

Little Falls Watershed Alliance
Birthday Celebration
March 4, 2018

LFWA
10 Years
2008 - 2018

St. Dunstan's Church
5450 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD

10th Anniversary Celebration

5:00 to 5:30: Gathering
Food and Music by the Little Falls Ramblers

5:30 to 6:30: Program
Susan Lee, MD State Senator
Marc Korman, MD State Delegate
Mike Riley, Director, Montgomery Parks
Roger Berliner, Montgomery County Councilman
Volunteer Recognition

6:30 to 7:00: Closing
Desserts and Music by the Little Falls Ramblers

Who's Who at Little Falls Watershed Alliance

LFWA Board of Directors: President: Jack Sobel; Vice President: Mikel Moore; Treasurer: Jonathan Breul; Secretary: Sara Robinson; Wendy Cohen; George Wyeth; Emeritus: Dan Dozier, Suzanne Richman

Executive Director: Sarah Morse

History Committee: David Kathan, Amy Rispin and Paige Whitley

Plant Committee: Celia Martin, Chair; Tere Baranano and Colette Cowey, deer exclosures

Stream Monitoring Team: Frank Sanford, Chair, Sarah Baldino, Susie Baranano, Tere Baranano, Bob Burns, Colette Cowey, Susan Hutner, Lorie Leavy, Kevin Misener, Sarah Morse, Sara Robinson, and Theresa Zmola - in Partnership with Audubon Naturalist Society

Weed Warrior Supervisors: David Brooks, Colette Cowey, Celia Martin, Sarah Morse, Suzanne Richman, and Frank Sanford - in partnership with Montgomery Parks

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, picked up trash, labeled storm drains, donated money, written letters, handed out flyers and more as stewards of our watershed. **Thank you to everyone!**

Special Honorees

Westmoreland Hills Garden Club

The Westmoreland Hills Garden Club was founded in 1956 to foster community through gardening, education, and conservation. Their first project was to transform the corner of Duvall Drive and Elliott Road from a trash-filled eyesore to the beautiful garden that is there today. Other projects include an annual plant sale, the creation of the Jamestown Creek Wild Plant Sanctuary and, since the 1970s, the annual clean-up of the Little Falls Branch. LFWA has partnered with them since 2009 adding four additional locations to their popular event.

David Brooks

David Brooks is one of our first volunteers. In 2008, he started working with founding member, Lynnwood Andrews, removing non-native invasives in the Park. In April, 2008, he took the weed warrior training and two years later, David became a weed warrior supervisor. He hosts regular Wednesday morning work days along the Capital Crescent Trail where he's known for finding an old railroad car lost under the vines. David has put in over 1,600 volunteers hours clearing out invasive plants and supervised more than 400 volunteers at work days.

In the Beginning . . .

It all started with Suzanne Richman. After getting her Master Naturalist certificate from the Audubon Naturalist Society, she realized that the real need for stewardship was right in her own backyard. In early 2008, she organized a meeting of interested neighbors at St. Dunstan's Church and Little Falls Watershed Alliance was born. Articles of Incorporation were filed in May of 2008 and in January, 2009, the IRS approved our application for 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

May 2008: Founding Board members
From left: Dan Dozier, Amy Wooden, Lynnwood Andrews, Sara Robinson, Suzanne Richman, Richard Yates, Sarah Morse. Not pictured - Carole Hearle

We got right to work. A list of our accomplishments for 2008 included: a stream walk along the Little Falls Branch, 12 invasive weed-pull work days, two special group work days, 350 hours of trash pick-up, one public meeting on stormwaters issues, a website and blog, and $400 in donations which just covered our expenses. See the next page to see how much more we've done!

October 2010: Bethesda Green Award Winner