

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.**

## 11 Years of Stewardship by the Numbers

- 1 - Watershed Festival celebrating the Little Falls Branch;
- 2 - CBT Grants for stormwater management for neighborhood HOAs;
- 2 - Demonstration raingardens installed;
- 3 - Meadows restored;
- 7 - Presentations on the history of the River Road African American Community and the Moses Cemetery;
- 8 - Creek Critter Days, where families hunt for macro-invertebrates;
- 13 - Board members trained at 9 Chesapeake Bay Forums;
- 14 - Eagle and Girl Scout projects sponsored;
- 15 - Times testifying before the State government, the County Council, and the Planning Board on behalf of the environment;
- 21 - Rain barrels distributed to residents;
- 69 - Special work days for office, school, and civic groups;
- 110 - Board meetings;
- 114 - Trash pick-up work days for the Little Falls Branch and Parkway;
- 318 - Work days restoring natural habitats by removing invasive plants;
- 357 - Bags of recycling cleaned from the creek;
- 1,392 - Volunteers who have picked up trash;
- 1,583 - Storm drains labeled - NO DUMPING, FLOWS TO THE LITTLE FALLS CREEK;
- 3,030 - Volunteers who have removed invasive weeds from the park;
- 15,874 - Total volunteers hours working for the environment;
- 34,830 - 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 11 years ago for our first meeting.**

**Learn how you can join our numbers at [www.LFWA.org](http://www.LFWA.org)**



# Little Falls Watershed Alliance Birthday Celebration March 3, 2019



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

## 11 Years of Stewardship

### 5:00 to 5:30: Gathering

Food and Music by the Little Falls Ramblers  
Slide Show of Activities

### 5:30 to 6:30: Program

**Sarah Morse**, Westbard Development  
**Marc Korman**, MD State Delegate  
**Dean Naujoks**, Potomac Riverkeeper  
**Honoree 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; George Wyeth;  
Emeritus: Dan Dozier, Suzanne Richman

**Executive Director:** Sarah Morse

**History Committee:** David Kathan, Amy Rispin and Paige Whitley

**Meadow Restoration:** Jane Padelford, Green Acres; Sarah Morse, Norwood and Westbrook ES.

**Salt Monitoring Team:** Frank Sanford, Jeff Seaman, and George Wyeth

**Stream Monitoring Team:** Frank Sanford, Chair, Susie Baranano, Tere Baranano, Bob Burns, Colette Cowey, Susan Hutner, Kevin Misener, Sarah Morse, Gregg Peterson, Sara Robinson, and Theresa Zmola.

**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:** Jonathan Breul, Cynthia Green, 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, and more as stewards of our watershed.

**Thank you to everyone!**

## Special Honorees

### Carole Bergmann, Founder Weed Warrior Program

Carole F. Bergmann recently retired from Montgomery Parks after a career as Forest Manager for the 35,000 acres of parkland. In 1999, she developed the Park's Weed Warrior Program which allows citizens to aid park staff in removing non-native invasive plants. The Weed Warrior Program has trained more than 1,250 volunteers who have contributed 84,000 + hours of service freeing thousands of native trees and plants from strangling vines and other invasives. It has become a model for similar efforts around the country. Carole also supervised the installation of the meadow at Norwood Park, and has partnered with LFWA on many occasions to replant trees and shrubs in the Little Falls Stream Valley Park.



Carole is a Natural History Field Studies instructor at Grad School USA and field trip leader for Maryland Native Plant Society, Audubon Naturalist Society, and many additional area environmental organizations. She is a past President of the MD Native Plant Society, and a board member on several environmental and native plant non-profits including Montgomery Countryside Alliance and Maryland Native Plant Society.

### LFWA Stream Monitoring Team

Now in it's fourth year, the job of the LFWA stream monitoring team is to assess the water quality of the Little Falls Branch by doing a survey of the macro-organisms that live in the creek. These results are shared with the Audubon Naturalist Society who uses the data to report on water quality in Montgomery County. Team members receive extensive training in IDing macro-invertebrates and survey every season putting in a total of 280 volunteer hours.



The team also runs our very popular Creek Critter Days, where the public is invited to join them in the creek to hunt for macro-invertebrates, using the award-winning Creek Critter app. We have hosted 8 Creek Critter days, introducing more than 300 families to life in a stream.

