



Our apologies for having to resend our newsletter. We recently changed our donation link and it was not updated in our previous email version.

## From the Watershed to the Lake, We're Helping Cherry Creek Beat the Odds!

If there ever was a question about why it is crucial for us to focus on the Deep Creek Watershed, the answer is dramatically revealed in our new video highlighting the life, death and resurrection of Cherry Creek, an abundant fishing spot whose water flows directly into Deep Creek Lake.

Consider these facts:

- In the 1920s Cherry Creek was a waterway teeming with brook trout, up to 18 inches long.
- In 1957 the State of Maryland stopped its fish management programs on Cherry Creek because by then acid mine drainage from coal mines had killed all the fish.
- In 2004 biological life had returned to Cherry Creek to such an extent that trout stocked in Deep Creek Lake were moving up Cherry Creek to spawn.

Life was brought back to Cherry Creek through an intensive program of acid mine drainage remediation that today features treating the water with limestone using a doser above Deep Creek Lake's Cherry Creek Cove.

These facts come to life in the remarkable video below.

It features Alan Klotz, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Western Regional Fisheries Manager; Connie Loucks of the Maryland Department of the Environment, Abandoned Mine Lands Division; and Ian Smith, Water Quality and Restoration Specialist.



The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation has already given \$10,000 to help maintain the doser....

and ...The Word is Out, Because We've Funded Ads to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species in the Lake!

We hope you've seen our half-page display ads (pictured below) in the Garrett County Republican this summer on behalf of the Administrative Council (the partnership between the Maryland Departments of the Environment and Natural Resources, and Garrett County) promoting the need for boaters to clean, drain and dry their boats before launching on Deep Creek Lake to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

The ads were made possible because we gave \$2,300 to initially fund the Administrative Council's Educational Advisory Subcommittee, which allows them to begin outreach, of which the ads are a part, to let everyone know how they can help keep the watershed healthy.

The money that the Foundation provides for acid mine drainage remediation, and to prevent aquatic invasive species in Deep Creek Lake, comes from donors like you. We need your gifts to sustain the Foundation's funding of these causes!

Please send the Foundation your tax deductible donations. The more we receive from you, the more we can do. Thank you.

# ARE YOU BOATING THIS SUMMER?

All boaters should **CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY** their boats **before launching** and **after** leaving a waterbody. When done properly, this can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

## CLEAN

Inspect your boat and trailer and **REMOVE** all plant, mud and debris before and after outings to prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers



Use high-pressure water, well away from the water's edge, to properly clean and decontaminate your boat and gear.

## DRAIN

Drain **ALL WATER** from your boat, motor, ballasts and live wells on land to prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers



Some organisms can survive in wet areas for days or weeks, making it essential to DRAIN and DRY your boat completely.

## DRY

Allow your boat, trailer and all equipment to **DRY COMPLETELY** between outings to prevent the spread of aquatic hitchhikers.



**AT A MINIMUM, PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 48 HOURS FOR BOATS AND GEAR TO DRY**

## Why Should You Care?

**AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS** are plants or animals that are not native to a water body and have been known to cause significant economic or ecological harm, such as:



**RECREATIONAL BOATING** is a major cause of the spread of invasive species from one water body to the next.



## STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

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This educational message comes to you from the Administrative Council which represents a partnership between the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of the Natural Resources, and Garrett County with cooperation from the Educational Advisory Committee.

For more information pertaining to Deep Creek Lake go to [www.garrettcountry.org/watershed](http://www.garrettcountry.org/watershed)

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## Let us tell you about us, and let us hear about projects you'd like to see us fund!



Deep Creek Watershed Foundation Board members have been talking with homeowner associations 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 [madray@drayrai.com](mailto:madray@drayrai.com).

## Our Funding & How We Choose Our Projects

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.

Each of our project choices comports with the recommendations of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan.  
(See <https://www.garrettcountry.org/watershed/dcwmp>.)

Each project is closely examined by the those 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](http://www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org).

Please consider a tax deductible contribution to support these important activities.

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