



## *We're Still Hard at Work!*

All of our lives have been impacted by the novel coronavirus. We hope that those who have had to deal with it personally are recovering well.

Even while shut-in during this time of stress, however, the work of the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation continues. The coronavirus has not infected the environment, and issues that impacted the watershed and lake prior to the pandemic are still with us today and require our attention.

The acid mine drainage into Cherry Creek still must be neutralized. The quality of the water in our lake must be measured and anomalies need to be identified and followed-up for appropriate action. We must continue to find reliable ways to deal with storm water run-off so that soil erosion can be mitigated and unwanted nutrients and chemicals can be kept from the lake. The list goes on.

If you do not live full time in Garrett County, it is likely impossible for you to visit right now. Rest assured, however, that we of the Watershed Foundation are doing our best, while continuing to work with our many partners to keep the Deep Creek watershed and lake as healthy as possible for that time when you will be able to return and enjoy it again.

We rely on generous people like most of you, who have donated to our foundation in the past. If you feel this is a time when you can once again help us with our many projects and work to protect and preserve the watershed, please go to our web site at [www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org](http://www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org) to make a tax deductible donation. Our mailing address remains P.O. Box 376, Oakland, MD 21550.

As an added incentive, the enhanced charitable giving incentives for individuals under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) provides for a one-time, above the line deduction (available to taxpayers who do not itemize deductions) for cash contributions of up to \$300 made to charitable organizations such as the Watershed Foundation. For those who do itemize their deductions, the Act increases the deductibility of all cash amounts contributed in calendar 2020 to 100% (previously limited to 60% of Adjusted Gross Income). Both of these incentives are only for cash contributions, and do not apply to contributions made through Donor Advised Funds. For corporations who wish to support our mission, the limit on charitable deductions for cash contributions in 2020 is increased from 10% to 25%. Please consult your tax advisor to discuss your particular situation.

And if this is not the best time for you to make a contribution to the Watershed Foundation, we understand and hope you will think of us later when the time is right.

Until we can join again living in the splendor of the watershed and the lake, please stay safe and remain healthy during this most difficult time. Thank you for your continued

support of the work we do.

## *Our 2020 Focus on Funding Water Quality Monitors*

The primary focus of the Watershed Foundation this year is funding the purchase of several \$20,000 water quality monitors to be used by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These monitors, which are the focus of our brand new video, are crucial to let DNR obtain and aggregate data on the water in the lake and watershed. These data will allow DNR:

- 1) to measure the water flow and content from the watershed, and of all aspects of the water in the lake on a continuing basis;
- 2) to use remote recordings for each area of the lake to set baseline readings for those areas, then detect and compare changes over time;
- 3) to recognize the impact on water quality of storm events, boat wakes, water levels, and the entry of nutrients and sediment from the watershed; and
- 4) ultimately, to identify problems and plan appropriate remedies, including future paths of investigation, for conditions detrimental to the condition and use of the lake.

This means, in short, that DNR will have information that currently is only sporadically available. And this information will let DNR be aware of the inflow from the watershed and the condition of the lake, on a continuing basis, so they can take care of the lake, and all of us can continue the great joy of living in, on and around the lake and the watershed.



***WATCH!***  
***New Video on Water Quality Monitoring***

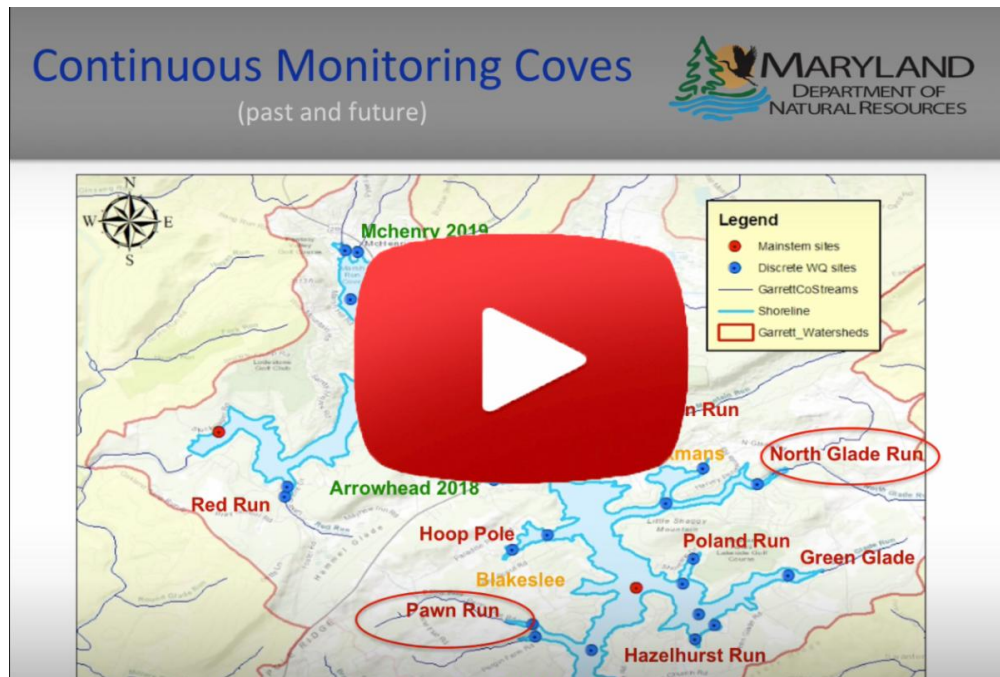


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## ***DNR'S DETAILED ILLUSTRATIONS OF THEIR WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT***

A terrific, detailed power-point presentation showing the plans and projections for DNR's water quality monitoring project is now available on our website <https://www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org/water-quality-testing>. This is a great opportunity to understand the facts underlying the determination of the Watershed Foundation Board and Advisors to fund this uniquely beneficial project for the lake and the watershed. The presentation was prepared by DNR Natural Resource Biologists Julie Bortz and Christine King.



***Maryland Awards Grant to the***

# *Watershed Foundation*

The Comptroller of Maryland has awarded a \$4,000 Clean Up & Green Up Grant to the Watershed Foundation. This grant is awarded to help community groups and nonprofit organizations statewide with neighborhood beautification activities that include litter removal, greening activities, community education, and citizen stewardship. The grant will continue the Watershed Foundation's environmental projects spearheaded by foundation Advisor Ashley Bodkins, who works for University of Maryland Extension in Garrett County as a Senior Agent specializing in Home Horticulture Education and Maryland Master Gardener Program. Look for specifics in our next newsletter.

## *New Additions to Our Team!*

*The Foundation's Board of Directors welcomes **Morgan France!***

The Watershed Foundation is happy to welcome Morgan France to the Board of Directors as our new Director of Projects. Morgan, who has been serving as an Advisor to the foundation, has been a property owner on Deep Creek since 1968, and a resident since 1987. A retired land surveyor and professional engineer, he has been in private practice since 1974, and was a vice president of Century Engineering, Inc., from 2000 to 2011. Morgan is a member of the Board of Directors of the Oakland B & O Museum and the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association, and he worked on the Water Levels Subcommittee for the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan.



Also joining our team as an advisor is Steve Bortz, a property owner here since 2010 and a permanent resident since 2012. Steve is the Executive Director of the Garrett County Habitat for Humanity, and he has served as the Garrett Regional Medical Center Vice President of Foundation with responsibilities including Major Giving, Special Events and Capital Campaigns, and, earlier, as Chief Operating Officer for the Baltimore Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

### **“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK!**

Our Facebook page is up and running. It features our marvelous video showing how the doser on Cherry Creek, whose maintenance we're funding, is neutralizing acid mine drainage.

And the Facebook page is attracting donations! An initial brief item drew \$700 in donations, and we're looking forward to more as our Facebook page grows.

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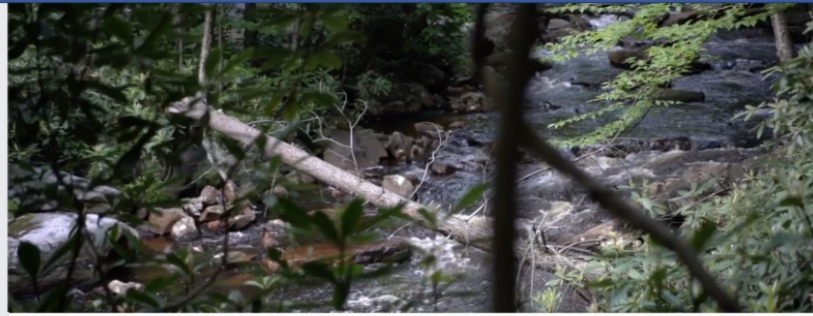
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The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation was founded in 2016 with the primary goal of raising funds to finance projects and initiatives to further implement the Watershed Management Plan which will preserve and protect the Deep Creek Watershed.

Check out our brand new website to learn more! 📄  
[www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org](http://www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org)



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Protect & Preserve Deep Creek

## 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

Each of our projects is chosen in accord with the recommendations of the Deep Creek Watershed Plan. The Plan can be found at [www.garrettcountry.org/watershed/dcwmp](http://www.garrettcountry.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](http://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](http://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.

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

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