



Happy New Year!

A LOT HAS BEEN DONE...

The Foundation was created in 2016 as a private-public partnership to support, promote and advance scientific study, environmental protection and educational programs relating to the Deep Creek Watershed. In the short time since we began,

- We've created a water budget model to help Brookfield Renewable Power to help equitably regulate the water levels of Deep Creek Lake for the benefit all its users;
- We've helped the efforts of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to neutralize poisonous acid mine drainage traveling in Cherry Creek into the lake;
- We've supported the zebra mussel detection program with Brookfield Renewable Power and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR);
- We've supported the University of Maryland Extension's Water-Wise program to promote conservation landscapes in Garrett County; and
- We've given financial support to the multi-government Administrative Council (with representatives from Garrett County, DNR and MDE) in its oversight of the Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan.

...AND MORE IS ON THE WAY!

With your contributions, we will be working in 2020 to provide DNR with new \$25,000 water quality monitoring buoys. These instruments will measure the sediments and nutrients flowing from the Deep Creek Watershed tributaries into Deep Creek Lake, especially during storm events. They'll measure the sediments and nutrients in the near-shore areas of the lake too.

These measurements will continue a water quality monitoring program that DNR started in 2009. Over the past ten years DNR has been able to establish a baseline in the deeper waters of Deep Creek Lake to understand how the lake works.

The buoys we will fund now will let DNR do continuous and discrete monitoring in the watershed and in the shallower regions of the lake, to collect the science they need to keep up the good health of the lake.



NEW FACES ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*The Foundation's Board of Directors continues to evolve, as we welcome **Sandy Bello** and **Brian O'Brien** as the two newest members of our Board!*

Sandy is an well-established realtor in Garrett County, and has been active with the Oakland Golf Club, the Oakland Woman's Golf Association, the Tanglewood Home Owners Association and ASCI.

Sandy brings her strong accounting skills to the board, as does the Foundation's new Treasurer, Brian O'Brien.

Brian, a native Garrett Countian, brings to us his valuable 40-year experience in business advisory and consulting, primarily in the Pittsburgh office of Schneider Downs Accounting, Assurance and Advisory Services department, where, among other things, he dealt with the unique tax characteristics of governmental and not-for-profit entities, and of conservation and environmental organizations.



Leaving our Board is one of our founding members, Monty Pagenhardt, who served us long and well as our Secretary/Treasurer.

And, sadly, we lost Paul Weiler, who died suddenly on December 20. Paul served as our Director of Projects, following a stint as our President just prior to David Myerberg assuming that office, and his constant presence was felt throughout our activities. His kindness, analytical insights and tireless generosity will be greatly missed.

Paul's family asked that, in place of flowers, donations be made to the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation.



“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.

[Click here to Follow us on Facebook!](#)

A screenshot of the Facebook profile page for the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation. The page header shows the Facebook logo and search fields. The profile picture is a circular logo with a blue and yellow triangle and the text "DEEP CREEK WATERSHED FOUNDATION". The cover photo is a landscape image of a stream flowing through a wooded area. The page includes a navigation menu on the left with options like Home, Posts, Reviews, Videos, Photos, About, Community, and Groups. The main content area shows a post from October 24, 2019, with the text: "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". There is also a promotional graphic for "Today's Choices Tomorrow's Future" with the text "ABOUT DEEP CREEK WATERSHED FOUNDATION" and "Protect & Preserve Deep Creek".

A BIG THANKS TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

We already have individually thanked all of you who helped make the Deep Creek watershed cleaner and safer by contributing money to the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation during 2019. We want to say again how much the Foundation Board and Advisors appreciate your giving!

Our thanks goes, too, to

- Delegate Wendell Beitzel,
- Maryland Senator Edwards,
- the Garrett County Commissioners, and the Administrative Council and its Educational Advisory

- Committee,
- the Franklin family for donating the Flying Scot #16 sailboat that the Foundation sold at auction for \$12,000.
- the boat stewards who volunteered to help prevent invasion of Deep Creek Lake by submerged aquatic vegetation and species such as Zebra mussels,
- the many homeowners around the lake who learned about the Foundation's mission through presentations at their home-owners' association meetings,
- and to the many businesses and organizations that supported our efforts, and otherwise made an impact on protecting and preserving the Deep Creek watershed this past year.

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.

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.garrettcounty.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.

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 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.

[Click here to donate.](#)