



FOUNDATION FUNDS U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY METER

The Watershed Foundation's target is gaining speed for buying five, \$20,000 water quality meters in our private-public partnership with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Now we need your donations to make this effort a reality.

On October 21, 2020, Deep Creek Lake Manager Eric Null announced that he has the green light to buy a new pontoon boat for using water quality meters on the lake. Funds previously approved have now been released to Null's office for buying the 24-foot center-console, open-deck boat and motor, and three water quality meters.

When the Watershed Foundation is able to fund DNR's purchase of five additional water quality meters, DNR will have the full complement of eight meters that it needs to assure that complete information will continually flow to DNR on the lake's health.



The water quality meters do many essential tasks at the same time. They measure the water flow and content from the watershed and all aspects of the water in the lake on a continuing basis; they use remote recordings for each area of the lake to set baseline readings for those areas, then detect and compare changes over time; they recognize the

impact on water quality of storm events, boat wakes, water levels, and the entry of nutrients and sediment from the watershed; and, ultimately, they allow DNR to identify problems and plan appropriate remedies for conditions detrimental to the condition and use of the lake. This means, in short, that DNR will be getting information continuously that currently is only available sporadically.

All this comes down to protecting your property values, and letting you swim, boat, fish and hike in a healthy habitat where all of us can continue the great joy of living around the lake and in our watershed. But to make this happen, we need your help.

STATE PRAISES WATERSHED FOUNDATION FUNDING

At a meeting of the Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board on September 19, 2020, Bruce Michael, Director of DNR's Resource Assessment Service, praised the efforts of the Watershed Foundation and the Deep Creek Lake Property Owner's Association (POA) for our support of DNR's water monitoring work.

Michael said, "We thank the POA and the Foundation for the work they are doing to help support our monitoring efforts. It's extremely critical to have the partnership we have with you all. The work that you do to help raise funds and bring attention to these critically important water quality issues...makes sure that we maintain the quality of the lake for today and for future generations. I can't thank you enough for the work that you all do; it's really greatly appreciated."



WATCH LATEST EPISODE - BOARD FAQ

Check out our website for the story of **WHAT** the Watershed Foundation is, **WHY** funding our projects is important, and **WHO** the Watershed Foundation members and advisors are. This new video shines a spotlight on some of the people who make the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation work, and reveals why they are so dedicated to making our public/private partnership such a great success. Those of you who haven't met them yet will get to meet our officers, President David Myerberg, Vice President Bob Hoffmann and Treasurer Brian O'Brien, Board member Nina Bitzel, and Advisor Kristin Skeweris, all of them volunteers. See for yourself their enthusiasm and their commitment to the mission of the Foundation. [Watch the new video by clicking here!](#)



The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation - FAQ

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We already have invested \$124,885 in projects in the Deep Creek Watershed and Deep Creek Lake to preserve and protect our wonderful habitat. We spent \$97,000 to develop a model for budgeting the amount of water that can be released from the lake by Brookfield Renewable Power, which operates the dam on the lake, while keeping the lake at the levels required by the permit under which the company operates. We spent \$10,000 to help fight acid mine drainage into Cherry Creek and on into the lake. We spent \$2,575 to help DNR test the lake for the presence of the highly destructive zebra mussels. And most recently we spent \$15,310 for a recording water level and water temperature gauge on Meadow Mountain Run Bridge (and we'll be paying the annual maintenance cost of \$9,000).

But we need to do more. This has been a difficult year for non-profit 501(c)3 organizations, and the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation is no exception. While the Coronavirus has stopped us from holding fundraisers, the Coronavirus has not infected the environment, and issues that impacted the watershed and the lake prior to the pandemic are still with us today and still require our attention.

This year is the 95th anniversary of Deep Creek Lake and we are already looking ahead to the year 2025 when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our treasured lake and watershed. We want to ensure we are able to continue to preserve and protect Deep Creek Lake and the Deep Creek Watershed for posterity. You can be a vital part of the celebration by making your tax-deductible donation now to the Watershed Foundation, and supporting the work the all-volunteer Deep Creek Lake Watershed Foundation Board and Advisors do.

We very much need your help. Our primary focus right now is to fund the purchase of the five water quality meters that will let DNR have complete information about the lake, so they can focus their actions on keeping the lake healthy and vibrant. Please give your tax deductible support to our Water Quality Meter Campaign, or select another of our Current Projects to support, when you visit our website today at www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org.

If you wish to donate by mail, please send your check to: **Treasurer, P.O. Box 376, Oakland, MD 21550**



BECOME A SUSTAINED DONOR

Visit our webpage at www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org to see the ways that you can become a sustaining donor to the Deep Creek Lake Watershed Foundation. Sustaining giving can be selected easily at any of the six levels that we have named bronze, silver, gold, platinum, diamond and elite, starting from \$10 a month.

“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK!

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

And the Facebook page is attracting donations! We’re looking forward to more as our Facebook page grows.

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

The screenshot displays the Facebook profile for the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation. 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 in a forest. The page includes a navigation menu on the left with options like Home, Posts, Reviews, Videos, Photos, About, Community, and Groups. A post from October 24, 2019, is visible, featuring the foundation's logo and text about its mission. A video player is also present with the text "Today's Choices Tomorrow's Future" and "ABOUT DEEP CREEK WATERSHED FOUNDATION".

Learn About our Projects on the DCWF Website



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 [Morgan France](#).

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.

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.](#)