



Sleepy Creek Watershed Association

Protecting and Preserving Sleepy Creek in Morgan County, West Virginia

Fall 2002

Meeting Set for Nov. 21

The annual meeting of the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association will be held on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the Presbyterian Church, corner of Mercer and Market Streets (behind City National Bank).

Special guest Tim Craddock, WV Save Our Streams Program, will lead the agenda with strategies to help us get organized, set goals, and continue the work of protecting and enhancing Sleepy Creek.

Also on the program will be election of the Board of Directors. On the ballot are:

- Gale Foulds
- Kris O'Brien
- Eileen McIntire
- Charles Biggs

We also need nominations for three additional board seats to make a total of seven Board Members. To nominate yourself or someone else (please get their permission first), call Gale Foulds, 258-6155, by November 20. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

A map of Sleepy Creek will be on display, covered with clear plastic so that members may indicate on the map exactly where their property is located.

Volunteers are needed to check courthouse records for other property owners on Sleepy Creek. We hope to develop a complete map showing prop

Sleepy Creek from its origin to the Potomac River.

Your comments and suggestions will be welcome and sought during the meeting. Please attend!

The Bylaws are included in this mailing for your review. They have been revised to conform with stipulations for incorporation and approval of SCWA as a nonprofit organization..

On the Agenda

**Tim Craddock, SOS
Projects for 2003
Board Elections
Bylaws Review
Property ID**

**Door prize!
Refreshments!**

Help Wanted for Stream Bank Restoration

On November 16 & 17, The Friends of the Cacapon River will be planting for stream bank restoration all day. Lots of help is needed, so join them, exercise your muscles and get some fresh air. You will learn what is involved in restoring a stream bank—information we can use as we plan for Sleepy Creek.

The Friends will be putting in trees, bushes and livestock. It will be both fun and educational. For more information, contact FCR at 304-947-7590 or e-mail cacaponfriends@aol.com

MEMBER SURVEY

We need your help in planning activities and developing goals for SCWA. What would you like to see happen in 2003?

What kind of educational programs would you like?

- Monitoring
- Stream bank plantings—trees, etc.
- _____
- _____

What kind of projects and activities should SCWA take on?

- Monitoring
- Stream bank restoration
- Clean ups
- Stream bank education

When is the best time to hold meetings?

- Weekend nights
- Weekend afternoons
- Weekday nights
- Other (specify) _____

How would you like to help?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please bring this survey to the meeting, mail to SCWA, PO Box 991, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411, or email it to: dgfoulds@aol.com

Kudos to Susan Taylor

Many thanks are due to Susan W. Taylor, who served as president and chief motivator for the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association for several years. Her work and other commitments have made it necessary for Susan to step down from active involvement with SCWA. We wish her much good fortune with her new activities.

A Sleepy Creek Christmas! Select a Great Tree This Year

On Saturday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m., learn from an expert how to select a great Christmas tree!

Kerry Noon at Sleepy Creek Tree Farm & Bed & Breakfast, right on Sleepy Creek at Shades Lane, will demonstrate the special characteristics of different evergreen trees and what to look for in selecting a tree for your home. She will also have holiday wreaths and trees for sale then.

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The Sleepy Creek Watershed Association is an organization of citizens working to protect and preserve Sleepy Creek and to educate the community on the value of this precious natural resource in Berkeley Springs, WV.



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To reach the farm, go east on Rt. 9 about 9/10 mile, then turn right onto New Hope Road. Go 4/10 of a mile. At the point where New Hope bears sharply to the left, go 3 miles, then turn right onto Mountain Run Road. Cross over Sleepy Creek Bridge, go 1/2 mile, look on left and see Christmas tree field. Go straight onto Shades Lane, a gravel road, about 50 feet and turn left. There is a dead end sign directly across from the driveway. Pull down the road and park.

Protect Sleepy Creek: Don't Mow!

Muddy water means erosion upstream. The best way to prevent erosion is to maintain a riverside buffer of trees, shrubs and other vegetation that create a ground mat of plant roots to help hold down the soil and prevent it from eroding away.

The plants also help filter, trap and break down pesticides, fertilizers and other pollutants before they run off the land and enter the river. A canopy of trees provides shade and shelter for fish and other aquatic creatures.

If you own property on Sleepy Creek, don't mow down to the edge of the creek. Conservation experts suggest a buffer zone of at least 100 feet along waterways.

Erosion of soil along the edge of waterways and into the water can smother spawning beds of fish, kill aquatic insects and ruin good water quality.

Clearing a vista to the river, "getting rid of unsightly tangles" and "clearing away the underbrush" removes the very things that stabilize the banks and keep the water clean and healthy.



Get Them Now!

- **T-shirts** w/turtle logo in light or royal blue, yellow, red, gray, green - \$12.00.
- **Bumper stickers** (blue w/ white lettering, turtle logo) "Protect Sleepy Creek" - \$1.00.
- **License plates**, "Protect Sleepy Creek," black w/ green frog (above) - \$15.
- **Books on conservation**

**On sale
at the meeting!**

Fording Disastrous to Creeks

Cars and ATVs should not be driven through streams—even if they can. Their repeated use erodes banks and causes siltation. Even one pass can do considerable damage. Use bridges or install one if there is considerable traffic.

*Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle
and Rebuy.*