



Sleepy Creek Watershed Association

DECEMBER 8 SCWA ANNUAL MEETING TO FEATURE PROGRAM BY LAND TRUST

2012 Dues are due January 1!



The Sleepy Creek Watershed Association will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting on December 8, 2011, at 7 P.M. at the Board of Education Building at 247 Harrison Street. There will be a short business meeting for election of three members to the SCWA Board of Directors.

Officials of the Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle will present the program on establishing conservation easements in Morgan County. The Land Trust currently holds conservation easements which

permanently protect over 3700 acres in Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan Counties. More can be done to protect the Sleepy Creek Watershed where only one landowner has preserved his land from future development via a conservation easement. Such easements ensure not only continuation of scenic views but also protect water quality and the permanence of farms and forest. Even those holding only a few acres may be able to encourage neighbors with larger parcels to consider the benefits of the Land Trust pro-

gram, and all will benefit. The speakers will explain the possible tax advantages of creating a land trust and the procedures necessary to initiate the transaction. Farmland is not necessary.

The meeting is open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Gale Foulds at 304 258-6155.

We all live in a watershed!

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Successful Tree Planting Event!

Volunteers and members of the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association planted 200 trees on Saturday, September 24, on Washington Homeopathy property in the Morgan County Business Park. Participants represented the Berkeley Springs Lions Club, Morgan County Master Gardeners, the Berkeley Springs High School Leo Club, the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, SCWA and local residents. Funds for the project were provided by the Sleepy Creek Project Team's 319 Grant to reduce fecal coli form within the Sleepy Creek Watershed. The tree planting project will help slow storm water pollution into Sleepy Creek and its tributaries.

Chesapeake Bay Forester Herb Peddicord provided instruction

to the 35 participants on correct tree planting techniques. BB&T Bank donated bottled water for the workers and Creekside Creamery furnished bagged lunches at a reduced rate.

The event was a collaborative effort of the West Virginia Conservation Agency, West Virginia Division of Forestry, Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, Washington Homeopathy and the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association.



Sleepy Creek Watershed Association Wins State Award

On November 5, 2011, the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association was awarded a Project Implementation award during the 13th Annual Watershed Celebration Day at Jackson's Mill. The Sleepy Creek Watershed Association has been recognized by the West Virginia Watershed Network for its accomplishments in improving watershed health through its project implementation efforts.

In 2011, the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association (SCWA) volunteers have worked to involve residents and partners in many aspects of environmental protection. They sponsored an "Introduction to Marcellus Shale Drilling" forum, continued to develop septic clean up solutions, educated residents of the importance of planting trees along stream banks, and installed a porous pavement parking lot in the Morgan County Industrial Park. The paver project was designed using three types of pavers, two of which are suitable for residential use. The porous paving will enable the company to design a smaller stormwater management system and serve as a demonstration area for other businesses in the park and for homeowners who want to explore alternatives to concrete or asphalt driveways.

"Sleepy Creek Watershed volunteers are a great example of how a small group of people working at the local level can make a difference," said Jennifer Pauer, WV WATERSHED NETWORK member. "This group of people is thinking outside the box. They have sponsored projects that get people involved and help them understand how they can do a little better job of watershed protection. They can be proud of what they have accomplished."

SCWA also received a second place award in the state photo contest for a photo submitted by member Alison Carter of a mink sitting on a rock in Sleepy Creek.

Charles Biggs, Margaret Biggs, Gale Foulds, President of SCWA and Gareth Foulds accept award on behalf of SCWA.



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