



Sleepy Creek Watershed Association

Protecting and Preserving Sleepy Creek in Morgan County, WV

May 2007

Points of Note

- **May 31, 7pm: Spring Membership meeting**, featuring John Schmidt, State Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.
- **June 1st, 9am: Second 2007 Riparian Buffer Planting**, Staubert property on Earl Weber Road—only 45 trees this time!
- **June 21st, 7-9pm: Morgan County SWAP Public Meeting**, Warm Springs Middle School

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR MAY 31st

Sleepy Creek Watershed Association will hold its spring membership meeting on **May 31, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Morgan County Public Library**. All members are urged to attend this semi-annual meeting.

John Schmidt, State Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will speak on the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. Through this innovative program, the Service provides technical advice, funding, and construction assistance to help landowners realize their goals of making their land a better place for fish and wildlife, a more profitable farm, and an aesthetically pleasing place

to live. The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in West Virginia began in 1993, primarily as a wetland restoration program. In 1998, the program began assisting with riparian restoration efforts throughout the State. The program now includes woodland restoration, native warm-season grass establishment, and control of invasive species. Fish and wildlife habitats that were once in a degraded state are now providing important cover, food, water, and breeding areas for many species.

The meeting is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCWA TREE PLANTING

Members and interested volunteers are asked to make plans to participate in the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association's second riparian buffer planting this spring on Friday, June 1, 2007 at 9 a.m.

Volunteers will plant 45 trees in pre-augured holes along a 200 foot stream bank on the Staubert property on Earl Weber Road. The trees will help hold the bank and prevent further erosion.

Lunch and drinks will be provided, but participants should register in advance by contacting Gale Foulds at 304 258-6155 or e-mail at dgfoulds@aol.com. Bring insect repellent, sunscreen, shovels, small sledges, and buckets.

The project is being funded by the West Virginia Watershed Management Framework, in accordance with The Environmental Protection Agency's Use of Section 106 Grant Funds to Achieve Environmental Results, Program Activity Measures and the WV Stream Partners Network.

Directions to the site: From Rt. 9 and US 522, go south approximately one-tenth of a mile and turn left onto Johnson's Mill Road. Go 3 miles and veer onto the left

fork which becomes Highland Ridge Road. Go 1.2 miles and turn right onto Earl Weber Road. Project is located at 167 Earl Weber Road. Park along the paved road.

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Earl Weber Road

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Mark Your Calendar

June 21st

Morgan County
SWAP Public Meeting
Warm Springs Middle
School

7 to 9 p.m.

Come to participate in
the Source Water
Assessment and
Protection plan which
includes residential/
commercial use, septic
and sludge, groundwater,
surface water, and
waste/reuse water.

Help county officials
decide how best to
protect our water
sources.

SCWA HOSTS SUCCESSFUL RIPARIAN BUFFER WORKSHOP



Berkeley Springs BB&T bank provided bottled drinking water for the participants, and Creekside Creamery prepared box lunches at a discounted price.

Those participating were Jim Bell, Bob Velte, Lucinda Dick, Norman Dean, John Webster, Charlie and Margaret Biggs, Matthew Pennington, Don Bearden, Nelson

Gustin, Sylvia and Richard Thomas, Kristine O'Brien, Rebecca MacLeod, Kieran O'Malley, Susan Taylor, Larry Lower, Frank Rodgers, Don and Louise Krumm, Herb Peddicord, and Gareth and Gale Foulds.

Volunteers of the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association (SCWA) attended a Riparian Buffer Workshop on the Dawson Farm, located on Creek Road in southern Morgan County, on Saturday May 5, 2007. Twenty-three participants heard Morgan County Forester Herb Peddicord explain proper tree planting techniques and learned how to choose appropriate trees for different soil wetness. The group then planted 275 trees and shrubs to form an 850 foot riparian buffer 35 feet wide. This will filter runoff and prevent sedimentation of the creek.

Funding for the project was provided by the West Virginia Stream Partners Program.



Call
Ken Winter,
Conservation Officer
304 267-0037 (w)
258-9052 (h)

VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORS NEEDED

Learn stream
biology, help protect
Sleepy Creek, and
have fun doing it.

Call or E-mail
Kris O'Brien at
304 754-9128/
dobrien@nfis.com or
Don Bearden
304-258-4262/
dbbearden@
localnet.com

Membership and Renewal Form

Membership year is from January-December.
Dues should be paid by the first of the year.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Individual — \$10 Group/Org — \$25
Family — \$15 Sponsor — \$100

Mail to: SCWA, Bob Velte, Treasurer
P.O. Box 991, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Sleepy Creek Watershed Association
Board Members
President: Gale Foulds. VP: Charles Biggs
Treas.: Robert Velte. Sec.: Don Bearden
Board Members: Jim Michalek, David Cooper

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