



# Sleepy Creek Watershed Association

Protecting and Preserving Sleepy Creek in Morgan County, WV

October 2006

## Points of Note

- **October 6-8: Apple Butter Festival** SCWA Booth, Berkeley Springs, WV—*Volunteers needed!*
- **October 10: Storm Water Workshop**, 2-7pm, James Rumsey Technical Institute, Hedgesville, WV.
- **October 13-14: SCWA-CVI Natural Stream Concepts Workshop**, 9am, Best Western Hotel in Berkeley Springs, WV.
- **November 17-19: Chesapeake Watershed Forum**, US Fish & Wildlife Nat'l Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV.

## 2006 Berkeley Springs Apple Butter Festival

Once again, SCWA will operate a booth throughout the annual Berkeley Springs Apple Butter Festival. As always, our booth will be located on Independence Street in front of Hunter's Hardware.

*Help is needed setting up our tent and booth.* If you can help out this year, please meet us in front of Hunter's Hardware just after 5pm Friday evening.

Additionally, *volunteers are needed* to man the booth on *Saturday and Sunday*. If you can spare an hour or more either or both days, please contact Gale Foulds at [dgfoulds@aol.com](mailto:dgfoulds@aol.com) or 304-258-6155 so we can work out a schedule that suits your availability.



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Fall is Prime time to drive with deer in mind!

## SCWA SPONSORS NATURAL STREAM CONCEPTS WORKSHOP

The Sleepy Creek Watershed Association and Canaan Valley Institute will offer a workshop on Natural Stream Concepts at the Best Western Hotel in Berkeley Springs on October 13 and 14. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the watershed and its tributaries. Topics include learning about the importance of healthy streams and understanding what's happening underneath the stream we see on the surface. Students will learn about the natural features of streams and how to identify different stream functions. The group will learn about the stream classification system and how it pertains to our community's stream. Everyone should come away with a better understanding of how humans and

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streams interact while learning more about the importance of restoration projects and the role watershed associations like the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association can play in a community.

On Saturday, Oct 14, we will visit a local stream where we will identify stream features and functions. Students will receive hands on training in identifying stream features and characteristics critical to stream restoration.

The workshop will meet from 9 to 4 on Friday, October 13 and from 9 to noon on Saturday October 14. Lunch will be provided on Friday. Anyone who lives in the area or has an interest in the watershed can participate. Call or e-mail Jared Bartley at 304 678-3446 or [jared.bartley@canaanvi.org](mailto:jared.bartley@canaanvi.org) or Gale Foulds at [dgfoulds@aol.com](mailto:dgfoulds@aol.com) or 304-258-6155 to *register for the event.*

## CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED FORUM

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and other federal, state, and local agencies and organization are sponsoring a Chesapeake Watershed Forum on November 17-19, 2006, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. The goals of the regional forum are to strengthen the capacity of watershed organizations, highlight new tools and techniques, stimulate effective partnerships between watershed groups and local governments, and to build capacity for more effective communication with the public about the importance of watershed stewardship.

Workshops and field trips will begin on Friday afternoon and run until Sunday afternoon. Lodging and buffet meals will be included in the registration fees. Registration materials, track session titles, key note speaker, workshop presenters, field trip destinations and forum costs will be available on the conference webpage (<http://www.alliancechesbay.org>). For more information contact Deborah Rudy at 717- 737-8622.

## UPCOMING STORMWATER WORKSHOP

West Virginia Rivers Coalition is once again partnering with WV Department of Environmental Protection, Canaan Valley Institute, WV Chamber of Commerce, and National Environmental Services Center to deliver a series of storm water workshops throughout the year. In West Virginia, storm water is one of the most

prolific sources of water pollution, and numerous activities impacted by storm water events are required to obtain NPDES permits. Community leaders, utility representatives, contractors, developers, engineers, watershed organizations, and interested citizens are encouraged to participate.

The workshop is free and will be held at James Rumsey Technical Institute on Route 9 in Hedgesville on October 10, 2006 from 2 to 7 p.m. **To register**, contact Evan Hansen, WVRC Science Advisor at 304-291-8205 or e-mail him at [workshop@downstreamstrategies.com](mailto:workshop@downstreamstrategies.com).

### WAYS TO REDUCE IMPERVIOUS COVER ON YOUR PROPERTY

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- Remove old paving stones, concrete pads, patio areas, or sidewalks that you do not use or need any more.
- Replace driving and walking surfaces with permeable or grassed pavers.
- When resurfacing driveways, consider whether they need to be as long or as wide as previously.
- Use gravel chip for paths and driveways, since it allows for some rainwater infiltration and can be designed with underlying drainage system & plastic forms.
- Consider parking strips instead of one large paved pad, thus reducing the amount of impervious surface. Parking

vegetation in between.

- Construct a vegetated or "green" roof.
- Collect rainwater by replacing undersized gutters and downspouts, installing rain cisterns, and constructing a rain garden.
- Consider creating new structures or additions to existing structures with smaller footprints by stacking space, i.e., create a two-story space rather than a larger, one-story space.

### DO I HAVE TO MOW ALL THAT?

**No!** Consider landscaping alternatives to a lawn that can be attractive and mean less work for you.

- Maintain "wild" areas—the more, the better.
- Blend homes into the landscape—consider natural contours when building.
- Plant less lawn and more "natural green" areas—a meadow of grasses and flowers, clusters of trees and shrubs, a butterfly garden.
- Make a place for wildlife—keep our water, air, and land poison-free.
- Choose native plants—they're well-adapted, hardy and drought-resistant, have attractive natural shapes, and offer the best food,

shelter, and nest sites for wildlife.

### KEEP THE NIGHT SKY DARK

Do you enjoy country evenings and seeing the stars at night, far away from the glare of all-night lights and superhighways?



Shield your outdoor bulbs to direct light to the ground. Be courteous to neighbors: don't leave outdoor lights on all night. Bright, artificial lights confuse nocturnal wildlife (like owls) and migrating birds that need the night sky dark. Nature's insect patrol, toads, and bats are hard at work after dark.

#### *Sleepy Creek Watershed Association Board Members*

President: Gale Foulds, VP: Charles Biggs  
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Board Members: Jim Michael, David Cooper

#### 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:

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