

Town Run Watershed Group – Meeting Notes

March 20, 2025

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Debriefing of ACFF (American Conservation Film Festival)

~ 30 new “friends” signed up

Note: Every morning @ 7am at the Shepherdstown boat ramp folks take a “Potomac Plunge.” Year round. Another possible source of friends to TRWG.

Cara Keys, Jefferson County Commissioner, also signed up

Kay and Greg visited Laurel Schwartz’s parents (Edward and Lorri) to note two springs on their property that feed into Town Run. Town Run well buffered and heavily forested.

Other folks who have springs in the area include:

Mike Shepp/Janet Alcott, Mr. James Slack and Dan Tokar (blacksmith). Greg wants to pull water quality samples from springs to better understand inputs to the Run

Diane Suttentfield (local homeowner on the run) noted that the Town Run suffered when the Freshwater Institute started their operation.

3/12/25 Kay presented a TRWG update at the monthly meeting of the Shepherdstown Town Council and requested \$1,000 in matching contribution for the CBT grant request for a concept plan for Morgan’s Grove.

Georgette completed and submitted Bay Trust grant application to develop a “concept plan” for Morgan Grove. Gregg has talked to two contractors about submitting bids. Gregg is hoping for an informal read from the Trust on the likelihood of grant approval. Kay will post grant application on Basecamp.

Recruiting Addition Steering Committee Members

Kay approached Pete Spreen as treasurer. He is considering.

Need a membership chair for better follow-up with “Friends”

Trinity will draft position descriptions and circulate for consideration

Discussion over options for posting calendar info on Town Run activities – Google calendar vs. LGL. Bill suggested for the homepage of the website – featured news; featured events; calendar.

Greg and Kay were recently interviewed by third-graders for their science fair projects. Seven of the students did projects on the Town Run.

Upcoming Events

Sandy will set schedule for invasives removal. 2nd Saturday? Sandy will talk to Jack Deccio? to help.

Septic Outreach – another training this spring/summer

April 23; 6:30 – 7:30. – Scout meeting in Methodist Church basement. Looking for a TRWG speaker/presenter. Trinity volunteered.

May 7; 4:15-5:15. Scout Den meeting for 2&3 graders. Carolyn and Trinity volunteered.

May 1; Stakeholders Meeting 9:30-11. Library. Send agenda ideas to Kay. Kay will send out meeting notice.

May 3; Earth Fest at Morgan's Grove Park. TRWG will have a table.

May 3; 9-12. Mecklenberg Garden Club plant sale.

First annual meeting – do we want to consider as a way to celebrate our accomplishments?

June 20 - Trinity confirmed with Callie for SOS training

Driving Field Trip

Drive Town Run watershed perimeter to identify possible locations for our metal signs.

March 28 and March 31.