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ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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A River Affair

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Thanks go out to more than 125 people who attended our sixth annual *A River Affair*, held last Sunday on the State House Lawn in Historic St. Mary's City. We are also grateful to those who could not attend but supported our fundraiser with their donations and services. The day was a big success!



While the weather forecast was dismal, we had a great sunny afternoon with a gentle breeze coming off the river. This event is important as it funds our restoration projects on the St. Mary's River. We could not have done it without our attendees, auction winners, generous donors, and our hosts: David A Reumont CPA PC, Bob & Susan Paul, and Tommy Jones's Breakfast Buddies.

Congratulations to this year's River Champions—Lexington Park Rotary Club and Dr. Bob Paul. Rotary has committed more than one hundred volunteer hours over more than 37 work days and has given thousands of dollars toward our oyster reef project. Dr. Paul is a founder of our Association and he provides vital scientific knowledge and understanding of the health of our river, advises us on what is needed to make our river healthier, and assesses the progress our efforts are making. Join us next year for our seventh annual *A River Affair*!



From Your Dock to Our Sanctuary

CPCS & STEM Oyster Planting

All of you that have missing MGO cages from might be wondering where they went. Well... we stole all 681 of them! On May 28th, we planted them on our current reef with the help of Great Mills High School STEM Academy students, middle school Chesapeake Public Charter School students, and accompanying teachers and



parents. We had a great turn out with lots of hard workers that were eager to help and eager to learn! Students fearlessly jumped in the water to help pull up full-to-the-brim cages onto the barge. Later, a seine net provided an excellent catch and the kids saw the abundance of life that the oysters provide habitat for - everything from a pipe fish to a blue crabs!

Calling All St. Mary's River Watershed Homeowners! Rain Garden Installation

There are numerous ways to positively impact our beloved river from collecting trash to arresting rainwater runoff *before* it reaches the river. Summer is now in full swing which makes it prime time to have a rain garden installed with our 50/50 cost share program! This natural water filtration system is not only aesthetically appealing, but also a big help in reducing runoff by catching storm water from your roof and/or driveway and filtering it through plant use and organic materials. And best of all—we have grant funding to assist you in designing and building your dream rain garden!



You must be within our watershed to qualify for our program. If you are interested, are unsure about your location qualifications, or have questions concerning a rain garden, please contact us at

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Upcoming Events:

- **CRABFEST**
10:00 to 8:00 June 11
Leonardtwn Fair Grounds
- **JUNETEENTH**
Noon to 8:00 June 18
John G. Lancaster Park



- 11:00 to 4:00 September 24
Historic St. Mary's City

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