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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

December 13, 2022

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Happy Holidays to All Our Friends!



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**Need a Last
Minute Christmas
Gift?**



A satisfying gift to a healthier St. Mary's River - one Reef Ball will be etched with the giftee's name and installed into the St. Mary's River where up to 400 oysters will make it their home. [Download form](#), or [purchase online](#): Download and print this graphic for under your tree.

2022 Year in Review

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Thanks to members like you, the St. Mary's River Watershed Association was able to expand our programming, credibility, and effectiveness in 2022. We stood firm in our belief that healthy waterways and a clean environment are essential to a high quality of life today and a fundamental right of future generations. Our successes are your successes because it is you who provide the moral and financial support that make this all possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Our 2022 Successes:

- We grew six million spat (baby oysters) in our shoreside nursery and planted them in the sanctuary
- We made and deployed 374 reef balls
- We engaged 416 volunteers (830 hours) working to restore oysters
- We led shoreside field trips and exhibited at festivals
- We hired five summer interns in our Future Bay Leaders mentorship program





To:

With Love,



Give the Gift of Clean Water



- We partnered with others to plant one million oysters in Breton Bay ... and much more...

Top Challenges for 2023:

- Transitioning to new staff leadership
- Completing the comprehensive monitoring of our five-acre oyster reef project
- Fostering better working relations with local watermen through scientific studies that support their industry
- Sharing our river through shoreside field trips and work events
- Continue our summer mentorship programming for students - *Future Bay Leaders*



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OUR MISSION

To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

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Save The Date:

- Bay2Bay Cage Building
9am- Noon April 1
Goodpasture Hall Loading Dock
Inquire by text 301-904-2387
- St. Mary's River Clean Up
9am- Noon April 15
St. Mary's City
RSVP by text 301-904-2387
- Earth Day Festival
11am- 4pm April 22
Somerset Farm, Hollywood
- Crab Festival
10am- 7pm June 10
Fairgrounds

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- Juneteenth Festival
Noon- 5pm June 17
Lancaster Park, Lexington Park

- *A River Affair*

May 29 (tentative)
Inquire by text 301-904-2387



11am- 4pm September 23, 2023
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