

GOOSE CREEK



ASSOCIATION

OUR MISSION

The Goose Creek Association protects and preserves the natural resources, open spaces, historic heritage and rural quality of life within the Goose Creek watershed.

ABOUT US

The Goose Creek Association is a registered, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of over six hundred members from Loudoun and Fauquier counties who share a determination to protect and preserve the natural resources, historic heritage and rural quality of life found in this beautiful part of Virginia.

Founded in 1970 to fight the discharge of sewage effluent into Goose Creek, today the Goose Creek Association is involved in a number of critical issues on both local and state levels to maintain and improve the quality of the Goose Creek watershed.

The Association works through an active board charged with monitoring stream water quality, proposed developments, legislation, spring changes and other actions that have potential impact on the environment and quality of life in this region; and taking appropriate steps to forestall or encourage these changes.

We actively support the work of other like-minded regional groups both in spirit and with tangible support. We work to unite with the many conservation and preservation efforts to provide a unified voice for conservation/preservation-minded citizens in the area.



Goose Creek from Crenshaw Rd., Fauquier County



Goose Creek from Foxcroft Rd., Loudoun County

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnered with other members of the conservation community to achieve Scenic River status for the Fauquier portion of the Goose Creek.
- Guided Cromwell's Run through the process of designation as a Rural Historic District in 2008. GCA's Little River Rural Historic District was approved by the DHR in December 2013 and has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Monitored Beaver Dam Creek Historic Roadways District by meeting with Loudoun County representatives and organizations to ensure its continued preservation. Continue monitoring rural roads maintenance with VDOT.
- Continue with our stream monitoring program with certified monitors at 14 sites and chemical monitoring quarterly at 21 sites in Fauquier and Loudoun counties on Goose Creek and its tributaries such as Hungry Run and Little River.
- Broadened our exposure by partnering with the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition and Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Loudoun Environmental Stewardship Alliance and Loudoun Watershed Watch.
- Continued to monitor cell tower growth in the Loudoun and Fauquier Counties.
- Provided the treatise on Non-Conventional Septic Systems in Loudoun County authored by past board member Howard Lewis, to the committee that is charged with establishing the final regulation for alternative septic systems.
- Held successful Annual Outreach Forum, "The Goose Creek Challenge" in March 2012 and launched the Goose Creek Challenge initiative with the goal of planting trees and shrubs along the creek and its tributaries. Planting trees and shrubs in April 2014 on 3 farms is scheduled.
- Participated in water summits and stakeholder meetings at County and State levels.
- Supported Land Trust of Virginia in its outreach to land owners on the Goose Creek promoting conservation easements in the watershed and launched the Dot Smithwick initiative to help pay expenses of easement applicants in the watershed.
- Provided educational materials at environmental events including Earth Day Loudoun County and Family Stream Day.
- Partnered with LTV & HSAA & held screening of the documentary film *Switch* with over 60 people in attendance.
- Held our Annual Meeting in June when members and board members discuss our goals and achievements for the year.

GOALS

- Continue to pursue ongoing dialogues to educate landowners on the importance of riparian buffers, forestation and native shrubs to increase the ecological health of our streams and promote the Goose Creek Challenge initiative to plant trees and shrubs along Goose Creek and its tributaries.
- Continue research to find trends in data from existing monitoring sites and furnish results to VA SOS; DEQ, John Marshall Soil, Water & Conservation; Loudoun County Building & Development (Soil & Water Dept.) and Loudoun County Soil, Water & Conservation.
- Set environmental priorities with the Board of Supervisors through partnering with the Loudoun County Preservation & Conservation Coalition, LESA and other conservation organizations such as Journey Through Hallowed Ground to enhance GCA's mission in the conservation community.
- Monitor the rural roadways and bridges and other developments in the Beaverdam Creek Historic Roadways District and continue to advocate for BCHRDR.

MEMBERSHIP: We hope you will support our organization as we work to preserve and protect our natural resources, historic heritage and rural quality of life in the Goose Creek watershed. WE are a green organization and using less paper is a priority to us. Please provide an e-mail address so that we can send alerts and our news letter.

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