

GOOSE CREEK



ASSOCIATION

2020 Annual Report



Goose Creek Documentary
Awarded Grand Prize at the
Virginia Environmental Film Festival

Join GCA for our Annual Meeting via Googlemeet on June 16, 2021 with the Friend's of the Rappahannock to discuss our recent collaborative Report Card.

RSVP TO: info@goosecreek.org by June 1, 2021

Message From Our Chairs

Dear Members and Friends,

Oh, what a year it was! To start, it was our 50th Anniversary and we began with a bang by showing to a crowd at the Hill School the internationally recognized documentary, Biggest Little Farm and our award winning video, "Goose Creek," that you can view on Youtube (as "Goose Creek Watershed") and online at www.goosecreek.org,

But then, we paused as Covid-19 reminded us of our humanity. Yet that didn't stop us, as the Board continued to meet virtually, and we board members turned out to plant trees for riparian buffers, instead of the usual group of able bodied excited teenagers from local schools. We postponed our Family Festival celebration to September 19, 2021, as well as our stream cleanup until this fall. However, intrepid stream monitors continued their ben-thic critter collecting as the outdoors beckoned many back to nature.

As a volunteer organization, GCA was not qualified for government Covid relief, but you, our dedicated members, answered our call and we surpassed our "\$50,000 for 50 years" fundraising challenge, putting us in a good position to weather the shutdown and continue our activities while planning for program expansion. So, in 2020, GCA continued to:

- stream monitor at many of our fourteen sites in Fauquier and Loudoun Counties, under the aegis of our Stream Monitoring Program Chair, Jeff Millington;
- plant riparian buffers at four farms, with five board members and volunteers, planting 1,530 trees over 1.38 miles, organized by our Goose Creek Challenge Program Chair, Dulany Morison;
- gave away 750 native trees from "We Plant Trees," a new partnering organization with GCA's Holly Geary in the lead;
- advocate for development that respects our watershed, by speaking publicly and filing comments on the Goose Creek Overlook in Ashburn, St Louis development and proposed sale of Aldie Assemblage.
- support local opposition to Banbury Cross, Barrel Oak Hotel and the Blackthorne Inn expansion.
- prepare for our 50+ Anniversary celebration with a Family Festival at the Aldie Mill on September 19, 2021.

Thank you for supporting us in 2020—we made it through this unprecedented year with your support!

On Behalf of the Goose Creek Association Board,



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Goose Creek Report Card

The Goose Creek Association would like to thank the Friends of Rappahannock (FOR) for the data collection, design and production of an updated Report Card for the Goose Creek.

Report Card Results

The results of the Goose Creek Report Card were as follows:

Human Health	Land Use	Stream Ecology
C	C+	C



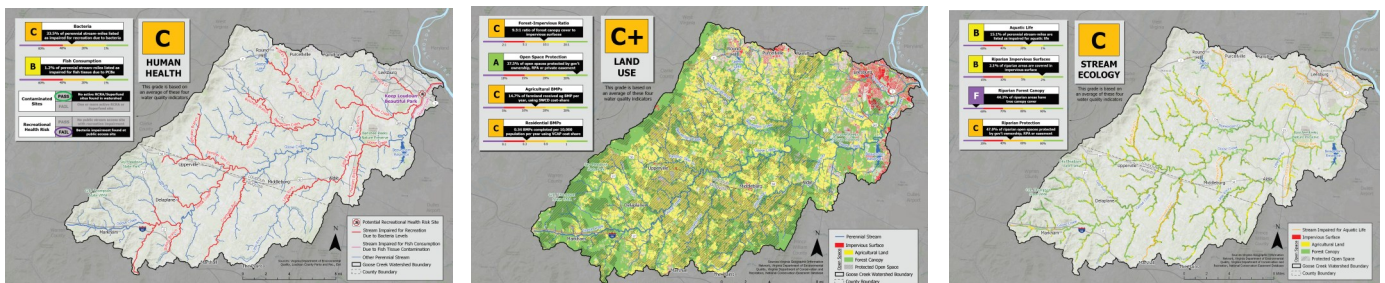
Goose Creek earned a “C” for its overall grade and was relatively consistent across the three categories that were analyzed. But the Report Card revealed a wide range of strong and poor results at the indicator level.

Goose Creek’s main strengths are in its exceptionally high levels of private land conservation and its historically rural and agricultural landscape. Goose Creek avoided the levels of industrialization that so altered larger rivers like the Potomac and James Rivers. As a result, it has low levels of heavy metals and industrial chemicals, as reflected in its low levels of “forever chemicals” in fish tissue and absence of state- or federally-listed contamination sites within the watershed. This rural character is also reflected in its low levels of impervious surfaces, especially near streams.

Unfortunately, Goose Creek’s rural agricultural character is also its greatest water quality weakness. Waterborne bacteria pollution is widespread across the watershed, attributed by Virginia DEQ primarily to runoff from livestock farming operations and septic systems in the countryside. Pasture and cropland too often intrude into sensitive areas near streams, earning Goose Creek its weakest grade, an “F” for riparian forest canopy cover. And the sheer acreage of farmland in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties makes water quality restoration a logistical challenge; high volume strains the resources of the agencies tasked with administering the agricultural best management practice installations designed to remedy rural water pollution.

Addressing water pollution in the Goose Creek watershed will require an “all of the above” strategy that combines local policy reforms, investments by many partners, and volunteer action focused especially on the most sensitive part of the river system: its riparian area.

GCA recently emailed the full report to our members and friends. It can be found on our website at <https://goosecreek.org/2021/04/30/goose-creek-report-card-2017-2020/>. The maps below illustrate the report card results.



Goose Creek Education

2020 Watershed, Conservation and History Camps

Every year GCA sponsors scholarships to several local camps. Due to the pandemic, 2020 was a challenging year, however, GCA sponsored the following:

- ◆ ***Bull Run Mountains Conservancy - Chesapeake Watershed Workshop—Cancelled***
- ◆ ***JMSWCD - Youth Conservation Camp at VA Tech - Cancelled***
- ◆ ***Clifton Institute - Young Scientist's Camp***
- ◆ ***Journey Through Hallowed Ground - “Extreme Journey History Camp” - Virtual Camp***



Clifton Institute
Young Scientist Camp



Extreme Journey Camp
Virtual



Goose Creek Documentary

The completion of our short documentary film was a tremendous success. Although we were unable to show at community events, we did submit the documentary to the Virginia Environmental Film Festival and won the Grand Prize! Since then, we have had an opportunity to present it to the Loudoun Board of Supervisors and received a warm reception with the Board and community. Please visit our website to view our award winning documentary at www.goosecreek.org/video.

Goose Creek Challenge and Stream Monitoring

Goose Creek Challenge 2020

The Goose Creek Challenge was indeed a challenge in 2020!

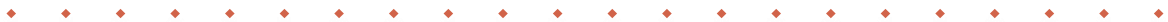
Although we could not work with the local schools and students to reach our 3000 per year goal for riparian buffer tree planting, our board and adult volunteers rolled up their sleeves and pitched in, along with the JMSWCD, to plant 810 trees along 4226 feet of stream bed on three local farms.

We also partnered with We Plant Trees.org to plant another 900+ trees in the Goose Creek Watershed.

Our semi-annual tree giveaway was also a success. We gave away 750 trees to local landowners.



PLANT TREES!



Stream Monitoring 2020

Our wonderful stream monitor volunteers are pictured here at our annual stream monitor's dinner in February, 2020. This was right before Covid-19 was announced.



Some of the stream monitors continued their semi-annual monitoring during the Covid-19 restriction mandates.



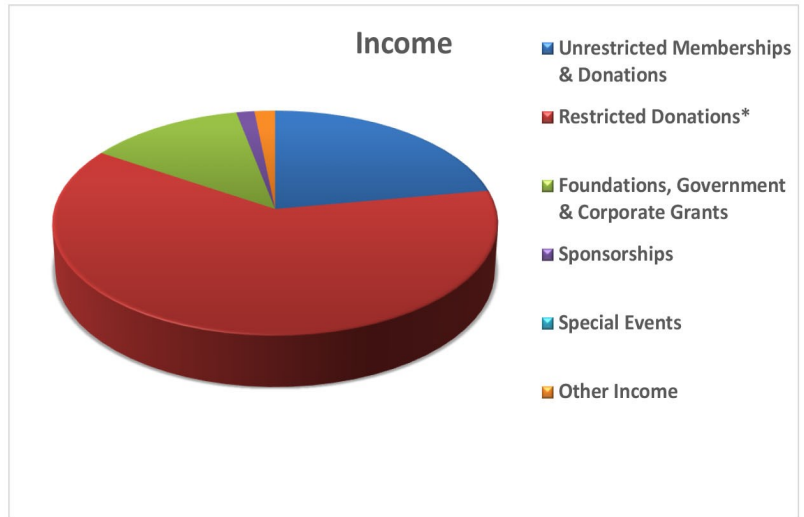
Jeff Millington is looking forward to returning to a training schedule in 2021. Contact us if you would like to become a certified stream monitor at info@goosecreek.org

Financial Report

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

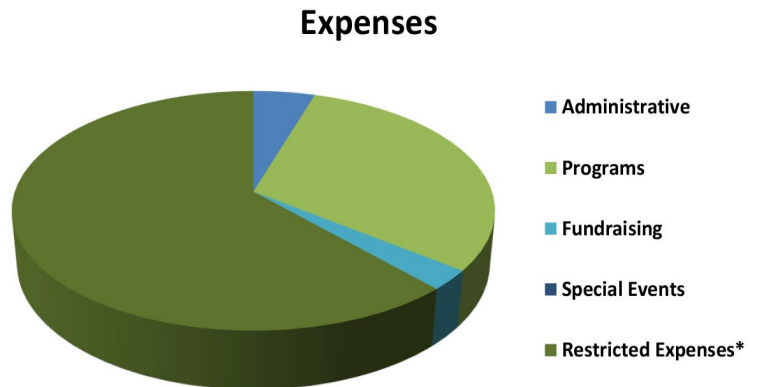
Income

Unrestricted Memberships & Donations	30,102.00
Restricted Donations*	83,555.00
Foundations, Government & Corporate Grants	17,210.00
Sponsorships	2,000.00
Special Events	-
Other Income	<u>2,270.00</u>
Total Income	135,137.00



Expenses

Administrative	7,072.00
Programs	45,174.34
Fundraising	3,947.00
Special Events	-
Restricted Expenses*	<u>91,078.00</u>
Total Expenses	147,271.34



*Land and Watershed Protection

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Grants, Sponsorships & Foundations

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Citizens for Fauquier County—\$250

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Network for Good—\$150

**Northern Piedmont Community
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Oak View National Bank—\$250

Path Foundation—\$3,500

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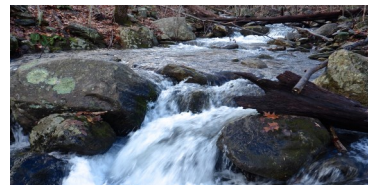
The Selheimer Foundation—\$100
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The Silver Family Foundation—\$200
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Upperville Garden Club - \$25

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Goose Creek Overlook



Bug Spotting



Tree Planting



Save the date for our 51st Anniversary Family Festival at the Aldie Mill on
September 19, 2021

Please support our efforts by joining today!

YES, I want to become a member of the Goose Creek Association.

Membership Donations:

_____ **Individual \$25** **Family \$35** _____

_____ **Corporate \$100** **Other** _____

_____ **I would like to volunteer**

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

Or donate through our website at www.goosecreek.org

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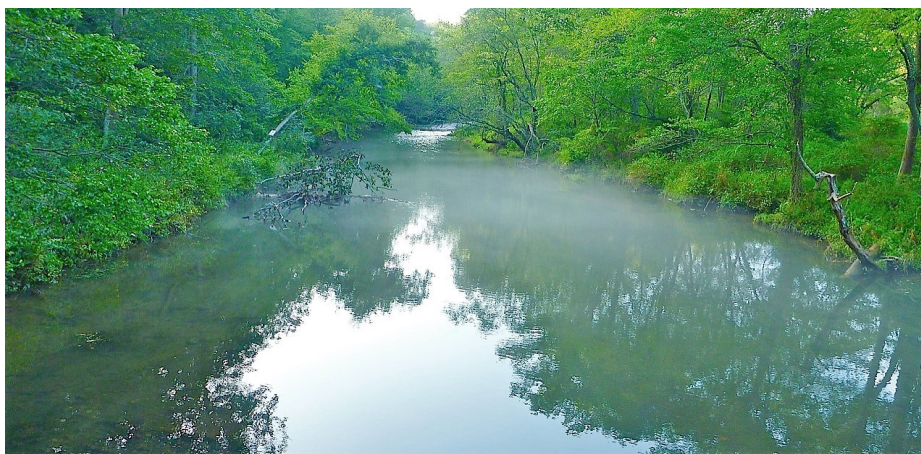
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