

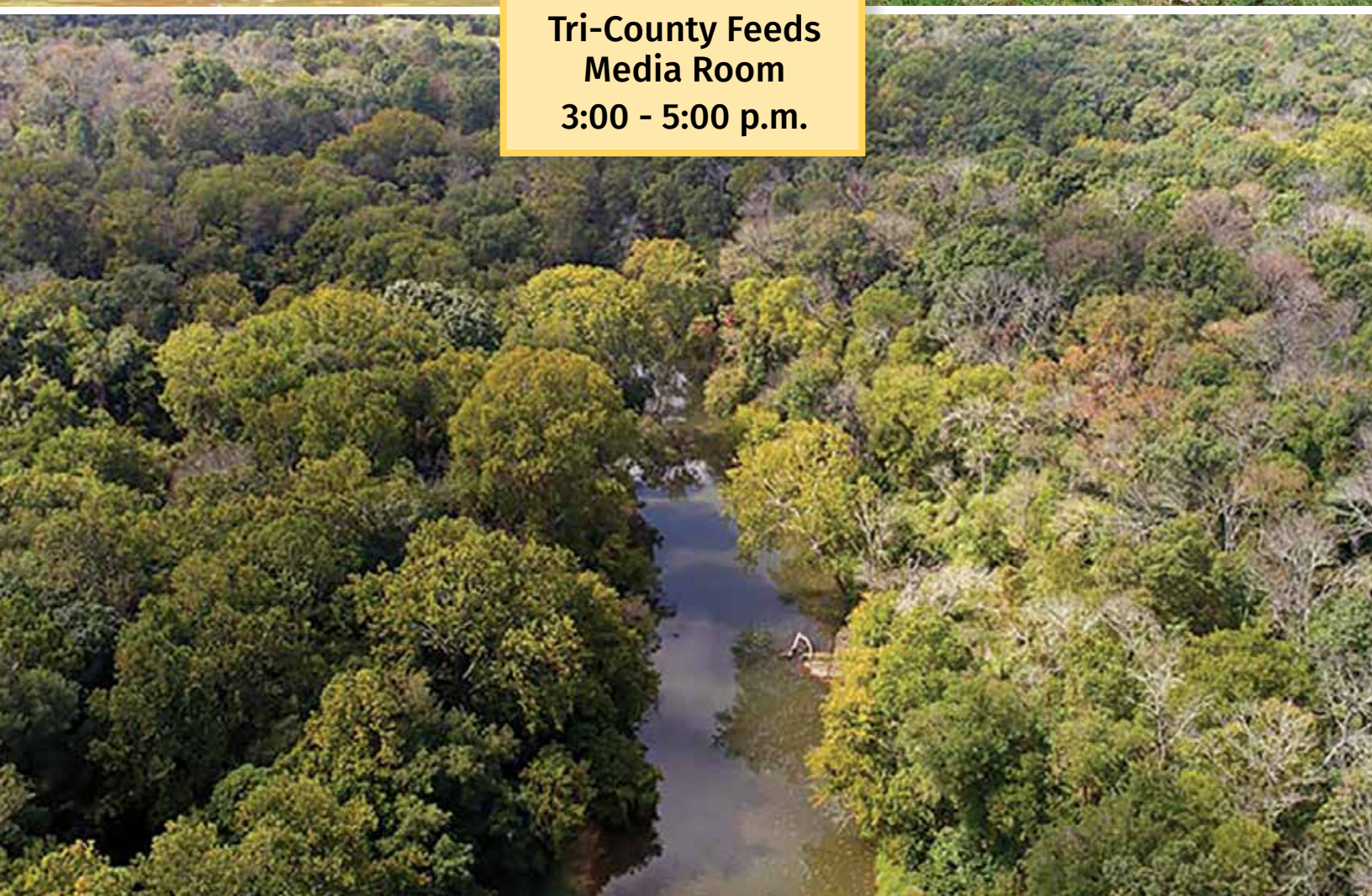


2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Dedicated to protecting and preserving the environment and quality of life in the Goose Creek Watershed in Fauquier and Loudoun Counties, Virginia



Save the Date!
Annual Meeting
June 15, 2022
Tri-County Feeds
Media Room
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

Dear Members and Friends,

The past couple of years have made us more grateful than ever to live in this beautiful part of Virginia. We've been fortunate to be able to enjoy the outdoors from the comfort of our homes in the Goose Creek watershed. During this time, Goose Creek Association (GCA) has been able not only to maintain its programming, but also to expand its activities to preserve and protect our countryside.

2021 was a banner year for GCA: we won the Virginia Environmental Film Festival Grand Prize for our documentary, *Goose Creek*, that profiles the history, culture and threats to our area. We then had our own virtual environmental film festival with a raffle, while producing a new report card on the Goose Creek last spring that demonstrated the ongoing impaired quality of the Goose Creek, due primarily to e-coli and sediment from cattle in the water and excess fertilizer run-off from farming and development.

To address these issues, we continued Goose Creek Challenge riparian buffer program by planting 7,328 feet of riparian buffers with 1530 plants on four farms with 69 volunteers. In addition, we partnered with both the Piedmont Environmental Council and Friends of the Rappahannock to plant an additional 5,600 trees in the Goose Creek watershed. We also gave away 1500+ trees provided by We Plant Trees.

We held our 50+ celebratory anniversary party and Family Festival in September at the Aldie Mill, both of which were highly successful and well-attended events. The Hon. Phyllis Randall, Chair of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors, received our 2021 Golden Goose award for her ongoing environmental leadership and successful effort to reverse a vote that would have allowed a dense development along the Goose Creek in Ashburn near Leesburg.

Last fall we also embarked on a new, chemical monitoring program with the professional assistance of the Friends of the Shenandoah River's accredited laboratory, while continuing our benthic invertebrate monitoring by adding newly trained monitors to our cadre of volunteers. We demonstrate all these monitoring efforts with a new online "Goose Creek Watch" mapping program, created with the assistance of the Downstream Project.

Then, in October, Board members and volunteers met at the Goodstone Inn and enjoyed a beautiful day of canoeing the Goose Creek while scooping up a dozen tires and numerous bags of litter.

All this, despite the pandemic! We are able to accomplish so much because we have a dynamic board, enthusiastic volunteers, and a dedicated Executive Administrator, Holly Geary. Please join us in this endeavor for "water is life."



Lori Keenan McGuinness
Co-Chair
Fauquier County



Paul Lawrence
Co-Chair
Loudoun County



OUR 2021 BOARD MEMBERS

In October, our Board decided that our short-term, strategic vision is to work effectively to restore the Goose Creek from its currently impaired status to a recreational level of quality that everyone can enjoy. GCA's board members are dedicated residents of our community with diverse backgrounds who share a common commitment to preserve and protect our watershed.



Sally Fletcher

(Loudoun)

A retired attorney, Sally was a leader in the St. Louis development effort opposing “MOJAX” and participates in GCA’s advocacy and development endeavors.



Karl Kelley

(Loudoun)

Managing Partner at Pointe Advisory, Karl is actively involved in advocacy in Loudoun County especially the True North and Goose Creek Overlook matters.



Patty Callahan

(Fauquier)

A longtime GCA volunteer stream monitor and board member, Patty is actively involved in GCA’s education and development endeavors.



Paul Lawrence

(Loudoun)

An attorney with a nutrient credit bank business, Paul has led GCA’s advocacy program in Loudoun County as Chair.



Aline Day

(Fauquier)

An ardent leader in the gardening community, Aline is actively involved in GCA’s education and development endeavors.



Ted Lewis

(Loudoun)

Ted is a senior vice president and engineer at Terracon. Ted is actively involved in GCA’s advocacy in Loudoun County, especially the True North and Goose Creek Overlook projects.

OUR 2021 BOARD MEMBERS



Lori Keenan McGuinness
(Fauquier)

A retired attorney, Lori has been involved in GCA's programs and leads its advocacy and education programs in Fauquier County as Chair.



Norm Myers
(Loudoun)

A professional real estate appraiser, Norm is leading GCA's new chemical monitoring program and contributes often to GCA's advocacy efforts.



Jeff Millington
(Fauquier)

A retired State Department diplomat who has led GCA's benthic monitoring program, Jeff has trained numerous volunteers and assists with GCA's new chemical monitoring program.



Mark Thompson
(Loudoun)

A dedicated conservationist, Mark has repeatedly served on GCA's Board as a volunteer and Treasurer.



Dulany Morison
(Loudoun)

Dulany has led GCA's Goose Creek Challenge riparian buffer program for several years, helping GCA plant numerous trees on many farms with enthusiastic volunteers.



Marvin Watts
(Loudoun)

Marvin has enthusiastically led GCA's canoe stream clean-ups for several years, exposing our volunteers to gorgeous parts of the Goose Creek along private banks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jolly DeGive

Howard Lewis III

Pat McIlvaine, Loudoun Soil & Water Conservation District

Jeff Millington, Stream Monitoring Chair

Melissa Allen, John Marshall Soil & Water Conservation District

Meredith Whiting, Past Chair

Bonnie Mattingly, Past Chair

TEAM

Holly Geary, Executive Administrator

Matthew Frost, River Steward

OUR PROGRAMS

Outreach and Education

Virtual Film Festival – Wild & Scenic



GCA teamed up again with the Land Trust of Virginia to host our very first virtual film festival through Wild and Scenic Film Festivals. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had the opportunity to watch many different and interesting short film documentaries on a variety of conservation topics.

Summer Camp Scholarships

Every year GCA sponsors students to attend summer camp. In 2021, we sponsored campers at the Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Extreme Journey Day Camp and the Clifton Institute's Young Scientist Camp.



RIGHT: Journey Through Hallowed Ground; BELOW: Clifton Institute - Young Scientists.



Fall Festival

To celebrate Goose Creek Association's 50+ years dedicated to conservation, we hosted a Fall Family Festival at the Historic Aldie Mill in Aldie, Virginia. The environmental theme included children's games, interactive exhibits, an art show, and a very popular raptor exhibit and show.



Fall Party – Golden Goose Award

As part of our 50+ year celebration, we hosted a fall party and presented our 2021 Golden Goose Award to the Honorable Phyllis Randall.



OUR PROGRAMS

Stream Monitoring

Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring

We continue our long-established program of stream monitoring for benthic macroinvertebrates on a semi-annual basis. This program is chaired by Jeff Millington, who is a board member and certified stream monitoring trainer. If you would like to become a volunteer stream monitor, please send an e-mail to info@goosecreek.org.

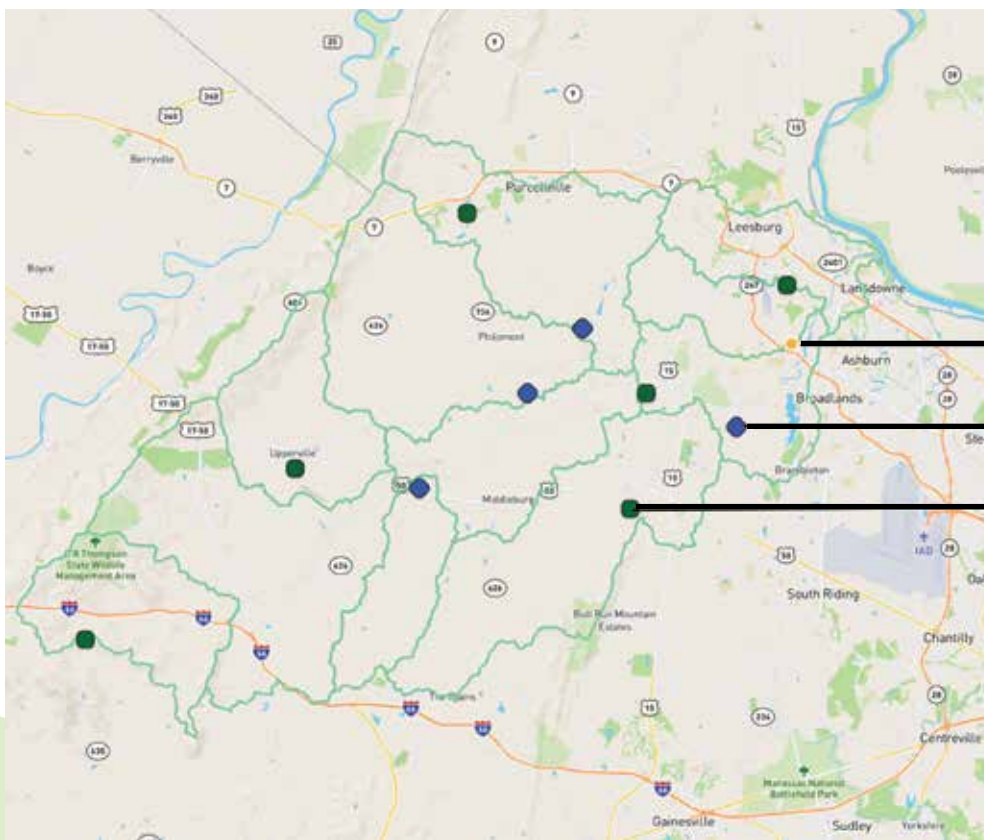


New Chemical and Bacterial Monitoring – “Goose Creek Watch”

Supporting a Healthy Goose Creek Watershed

As part of our strategic vision to restore the Goose Creek to a recreational level of water quality, beginning in August of 2021, we joined forces with the Friends of the Shenandoah River (FOSR) to begin an aggressive VADEQ Level III chemical and bacterial monitoring program in the Goose Creek watershed. The Downstream Project has been instrumental in quantifying the data and getting it up on our website in a easily readable and interactive format.

See - <https://goosecreek.org/stewardship/goosecreekwatch/>.



Google Data Center
42350 Red Triangle

USGS Flow Gages - 4

Chemical & Bacterial Water
Quality Monitoring Program
Monitoring locations - 6
(Green Squares)

Map shows boundaries of all
subwatersheds within the
Goose Creek Watershed

OUR PROGRAMS

Goose Creek Challenge

Every year we endeavor to plant as many trees as possible in the Goose Creek watershed. Dulany Morison chairs our efforts. In 2021, we worked with both the **John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District** in Fauquier and the **Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District**, along with numerous volunteers and student groups. We planted on four farms and had 69 volunteers and students who planted 1,530 plants on over 1.38 miles of streambed. 2021 was also the first year that we partnered with other conservation organizations, the **Piedmont Environmental Council** and the **Friends of the Rappahannock**, to plant an additional 3,750 trees in the Goose Creek watershed.



Wagenburg Farm



Oak Spring Farm



Smitten Farm

We had a free tree giveaway with a partnering organization, **We Plant Trees**, in which we gave away 500 saplings and we also gave away another 1,000 trees at our Fall Family Festival.



Confluence of Goose Creek and the Potomac River.

Welcome Matt!

Goose Creek Association welcomes our new **River Steward, Matt Frost**

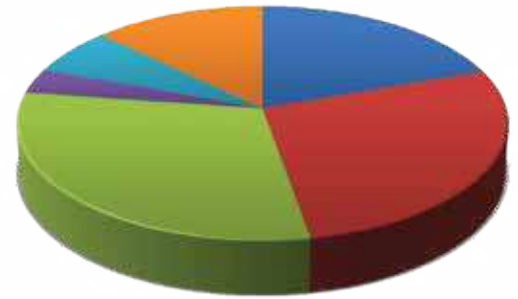
Matt is a graduate of George Mason's Environmental Sustainability program with extensive experience throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed in the types of programs that are the focus of GCA's endeavors. Matt will organize volunteers and work with partners to educate landowners to implement BMPs that will elevate the quality of the water in the Goose Creek watershed.



2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

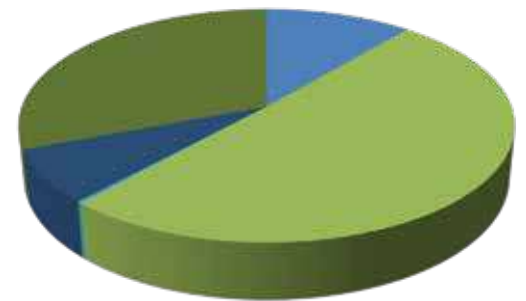
INCOME

■ Unrestricted Memberships & Donations	37,296.00
■ Restricted Donations*	52,504.00
■ Foundations, Government & Corporate Grants	57,068.00
■ Sponsorships	6,620.00
■ Special Events	12,281.00
■ Other Income and In-Kind Donations	24,413.00
Total Income	190,182.00



EXPENSES

■ Administrative	15,013.00
■ Programs	67,673.00
■ Fundraising	383.00
■ Special Events	9,915.00
■ Restricted Program Expenses*	41,379.00
Total Expenses	134,363.00



*Land and Watershed Protection



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Thank you to everyone who made a contribution in 2021, helping to ensure the future of our organization.

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DUCKWEED VS. ALGAE

Did you know?

Duckweed is often mistaken for algae, but duckweed grows from seeds and it is shaped like a miniature four leaf clover with a small root dangling from it. Duckweed is beneficial when kept under control; however, when it overgrows, it may become harmful to its ecosystem. The following chart summarizes some of the differences and similarities.

DUCKWEED

- Tiny four leaf clover like, has roots
- Birds carry seeds on their feet into pond
- Source of food for waterfowl
- Collects phosphorus and nitrogen
- High protein content so otherwise collected for food, biofuel and medical research.

ALGAE

- Looks like moss
- Grows rapidly when there's excess phosphorus and nitrogen in the water
- Small fish, crustaceans, and zooplankton eat it
- Can be toxic.

BOTH

- Create green "mats" in ponds
- Create "dead zones" if there is too much
- Thrive on excess nitrogen and phosphorus
- Can be treated with aeration, raking, filtering
- Avoid use of algicides and herbicides as "cides" are bad for all animals.

RIGHT: Duckweed has tiny four leaf clover like petals and small root system.

LEFT: This pond shows how duckweed spreads and how quickly it can take over a body of water if not controlled.

