

ACWA MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2007

Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance of Maryland (ACWA) held a meeting at the Quality Inn on March 27, 2007. Several members were present plus first time meeting attendees Marcelene Tissue, Roy Shilling, and Pat Schooley. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported ACWA. Others who were absent because of illness, car trouble, wedding anniversaries, and the like were missed. Emilie Cooper presided over the meeting. Summarized below are key points:

ANTIETAM CREEK WATERSHED POWER POINT PROGRAM

This program was presented to the Washington County Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2007 by Donna Brightman and Emilie Cooper. It included descriptive photos of the greater watershed with good and bad management practices, challenges, and possibilities for improvements. Thanks to Hank Livelsberger and Randy Barber (photos) for helping out with its production. It will be given to the Hagerstown City Council on April 3rd, to Kiwanis, sometime in the spring, and to other groups who request it. Emilie presented it at the meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ACWA's first brochure is in the final stages of development. Merry Stinson volunteered to work on the logo. Adam has been drafting strategic plan charts and other documents necessary for incorporation and nonprofit status.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Back Yard Buffer Participants Education

April 14th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Forest Service Office, 1260 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown

Trees and tubes will be handed out to buffer participants.

ACWA members will hand out information and talk about our organization.

Black Rock Creek Plantings with BCWA/American Rivers

April 21st 9:00 AM at the MD RTE 66 Park & Ride.

Group leaders will assist people in getting to planting and clean up areas.

3 properties on Black Rock Creek will be planted.

Antietam Creek Clean-up with St James' Students

April 21st, 1:00 PM with location to be determined.

BYOB (boat!) Donated snacks will be much appreciated!

RAIN BARRELS

The meeting "Spotlight" was rain barrels. As valuable a resource as they can be, they, however, are hard to come by today. Great ones are available from ICPRB.

MISCELLANEOUS

BCWA may hire a part-time staffer who may help ACWA too.

The Upper Potomac Trib Strategies Program will be March 28th in Cumberland.

Remember our web site: **ACWAMD.org** (Thanks, John Brognard!)

Next meeting will be April 24th, 7:00 PM, Quality Inn.

Please contact Bob or Sally Hatch with questions or comments. Thanks!

