



Sassafras Update

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Upper Eastern Shore Wade-in Logs 28”!

Seven members of the Sassafras River Association joined dozens of volunteers from other watershed organizations to participate in the Upper Eastern Shore Tributary Team’s 7th Annual Wade-in at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville on June 4.



Delegate Dick Sossi leads the way.

interested visitors. Thanks to Amy Moredock and Joan Zellers for pulling it together!

The event marked the debut of the SRA’s new information booth, which touted our vision and mission statements, numerous news articles and maps, and many information pamphlets for

Despite a gray day and soggy fields, Delegate Dick Sossi played the role of Moses in leading the enthusiastic crowd into the Chesapeake Bay. With a yardstick as his staff, Delegate Sossi was able to see his toes at a depth of 28 inches — up from 22 inches last year.



An excited group at the SRA information booth

Dave Segermark has reported clarity and visible grasses at 58” off his Grove Point home.

Kent Farm Tour

The Upper Eastern Shore Tributary Team sponsored a tour of Kent County agricultural sites on June 14. Eight SRA members took advantage of the program.

We heard from farmer Ed Fry of Chestertown about his dairy and organic hay and grain operation, visited the Horizon Dairy Farm, and were briefed by U.S. Geological Survey staff about a water monitoring project on Morgan Creek.



Farmer Ed Fry speaks to the tour

Volunteer Now!

We’ve got a lot of activities and programs that will succeed only if **you** participate. Email mail@sassafrasriver.org (or write us at the PO Box) to tell us how you’ll help.

July 4 — Sassafras River Parade. Help create a Sassafras River Association entry to send our message.

TBD — Sassafras River Sailing Regatta. It looks as though the event will be scheduled for the fall, probably around the Columbus Day holiday.

We also need **your** help to set up SRA programs:

- Sassafras Samplers
- Grasses for the Masses — SAV restoration
- SRA traveling information booth
- Adopt a Shoreline program for homeowners’ associations

July 12 Meeting — Back to our Origins

It’s hard to believe that it was a year ago that we first met at the Turners Creek Pavilion to talk about creating a watershed protection organization for the Sassafras River.

We’ve come a great distance in that short year,

from ideas put on flip charts to an active, vibrant organization with a growing membership.

Please Join us on July 12 at 6:00 pm at Turners Creek Pavilion for a picnic and informal discussion of our first year.

Bring your picnic dinner and a dessert to share; the Association will provide water and soft drinks.

We’ll have a chance to socialize and to talk about where we’ve been and where you want your organization to go.

Have you joined yet?

More than 60 of your neighbors have shown their commitment to the Sassafras River by joining the SRA.

Visit www.sassafrasriver.org and download a membership form today!