



Sassafras Update

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Snowed In!



This was the view out the back door when we got up on February 12, the day of our "Love your Watershed Trolley Trek."

We cleared a path to the bird feeders, knocked off the snow, and settled down with a cup of coffee to call the more than 45 people

who had signed up for our wintertime excursion to the Cecil County portion of the Sassafras Watershed, including historic Mount Harmon Plantation.

We'll reschedule this popular activity another time and hope for better weather!

March 11 — Water Resources Forum

Got septic?

Here's your chance to learn all about it.

We'll hold our biggest event of the year on March 11 at the Cecilton Fire Hall from 12:30 to 3 pm.

Our three speakers will give us the full story: how our septic systems work, where the water goes when it

leaves our drainfields, and what our obligations are as stewards of the Sassafras River.

Have you had your septic tank pumped out in the last 3 years? Bring your receipt and enter a drawing for a dining gift certificate.

Haven't pumped? Win a discounted pumping service!

2006 Planning

Your Board of Directors is planning a one-day retreat this spring to think about the direction for the SRA over the next 2 to 3 years:

- What activities we can undertake that will improve Sassafras River water quality?
- How can we measure our success at those activities?
- Do we have the organization in place to carry out those activities?

Our goal is to produce a plan that will guide our programs. You can help by sending your thoughts on these issues to John Vail, johnvail@crosslink.net or (410) 648-6994.

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.

We also need **your** help with SRA programs:

- Septic Forum for Southern Cecil and Northern Kent Counties. We need help setting up this major meeting, which is planned for March 11.
- Project Clean Stream. We need help coordinating all the homeowners' associations along the River.
- Examine the impact of the Rte 301/299 weigh station.
- Assemble materials for the SRA information booth.

We have begun our 2006 Membership Drive, contacting our loyal members on the anniversary of their 2005 contributions. It's your River! Support the SRA.

Membership Keeps Growing!

More than 110 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. Your contribution is tax-deductible!