



**Catoclin
Watershed
Project**

Stewardship for Catoclin Creek Watershed

Catoclin Creek Stewardship Days April 17 and April 24, 2005



Keeping It Clean

Protecting Catoclin Creek Can Help Save the Bay

Ann and Kristi Larson have been monitoring Catoclin Creek at their streamside property downstream of Taylorstown Bridge for several years, and have seen, first hand, the changes in this state scenic river. They are convinced that Catoclin Creek needs help from the community to keep it clean and healthy.

A new citizen watershed group, Friends of Catoclin Creek, are working with Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy (LWC) and Loudoun Watershed Watch (LWW) to organize stewardship events to provide community stewardship opportunities. Planting trees that provide cover along the stream for birds and animals, and picking up trash are things that help keep the stream clean. And clean water is "for everyone's benefit," Ann Larson said.

Catoclin Creek Stewardship Days

The first event is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 1 - 4 PM near Waterford, and will include a riparian tree planting. The second event is on Sunday, April 24, noon to 3 PM at Taylorstown, and will include a stream cleanup along Catoclin Creek and other activities at Taylorstown Bridge. The community is invited to attend and participate in these activities.

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"These community stewardship projects are part of a multi-year watershed wide effort to correct water pollution problems in Catoclin Creek," said Darrell Schwalm with Loudoun Watershed Watch, a citizen group who prepared a comprehensive water quality assessment of Loudoun streams in 2002. The Virginia Health Department, Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and community stakeholders are promoting a number of federal and state cost-sharing programs to restore streamside buffers, restrict cattle access to streams, and to improve septic tank systems.

These programs for streamside property owners are strictly voluntary, and are designed to ease the financial burden on property owners who want to protect water and sensitive areas on their land. The federal government will help pay for establishing grass buffers on streams, wetlands, waterways, and creating wildlife habitat. There are also payments for retiring cropland from production and preventing its erosion, establishing grass pastures, and restoring wetlands.



Catoclin Stewardship Days Contact Persons:

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For more information see: www.loudounwatershedwatch.org



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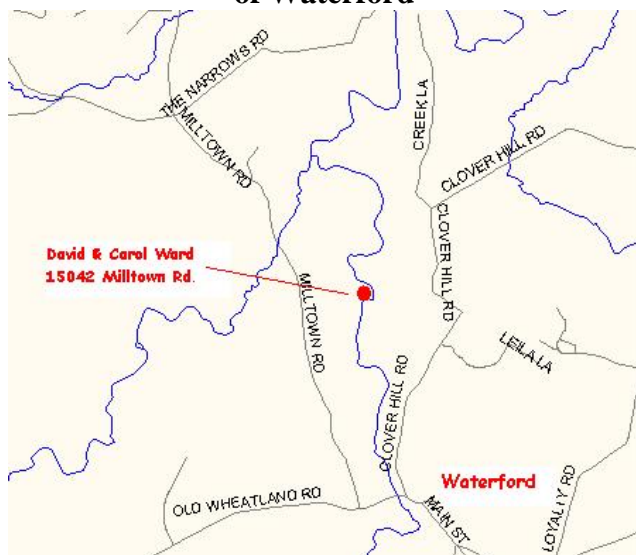
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Catoclin Creek Stewardship Days Schedule of Events

- **Sunday, April 17, 1 - 4 PM on South Fork Catoclin near Waterford:**
 - Tree planting at D. Ward property on SF Catoclin Creek near Waterford involving the Girl Scouts, Waterford PTA, and Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy volunteers;
 - Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy display on stream stewardship;
 - 4-H stream-side program for youth;
 - Stream monitoring – aquatic insect demonstration and display;
 - Sign-up for stream cleanup on April 24; and
 - T-shirts for participants.
- **Sunday, April 24, at Taylorstown Bridge (Rt. 663):**
 - Boy Scouts stream cleanup from Featherbed Road to Taylorstown Bridge in AM, and Taylorstown to Potomac River in PM;
 - Girl Scouts cleanup at McKimney Landing on Potomac River; and
 - Catoclin Stream Day events, Noon – 3 PM
 - Stream stewardship booths/displays on agricultural BMPs, septic tank maintenance and repair, riparian buffer restoration, and stream stewardship;
 - Stream monitoring and aquatic insect demonstration and display;
 - Nature walk along stream; and
 - T-shirts and cookout for participants.

Directions for Riparian Tree Planting April 17, 2005, 1 – 4 PM

**David Ward Property off Milltown Rd. north
of Waterford**



David Ward Property at 15042 Milltown Rd.

