

Lewis Creek Watershed Advisory Committee
09 January 2023, 5:00pm EST
Agenda

Call to order & roll call

Mission and purpose of the Lewis Creek Watershed Advisory Committee (LCWAC), as resolved September 23, 2004.

Minutes of previous meetings

Proposed Agenda for this meeting:

1. ***Acknowledgement of and remarks by fellow citizens present***, and recent public interactions and/or local press reported by LCWAC members – **All**.
2. ***Ongoing monthly E. Coli testing of 12 sites throughout the Lewis Creek Watershed***, by City of Staunton, Department of Public Works – **All**.
3. ***PCBs in the Lewis Creek Watershed*** – update & next steps by DEQ and City of Staunton - **Fred/Pete**
4. ***Chesapeake Bay Foundation – 2023 Clean the Bay Day (CBD)*** – Saturday, 03 June 2023 – **Fred**
5. ***2023 Education & Youth Projects*** – Brainstorming & planning by **All**
 - a. ***Trout Unlimited - Trout in the Classroom*** – Staunton News Leader article on Friday, 18 November 2022 – local Trout Unlimited chapter (based in Waynesboro) sponsored Ware Elementary science teacher Shane Brubaker to hatch and grow trout in his classroom; Fred spoke with Ruth Jones Turner of Staunton City Schools about possible sponsorship by LCWAC for expansion to other Staunton schools; possible release event somewhere in Lewis Creek, with pre-prep/testing of a site?
 - b. ***Staunton/Augusta YMCA – Youth Volunteer Corps*** – their Program Director is newly elected Staunton School Board Member Stephanie Mason – she’s been focusing on more youth projects with an educational focus – completed a stream clean-up along Lewis Creek, across from Jones Garden - she’s interested in being sponsored by LCWAC and participating in CBD in June
 - c. ***Friends of the Middle River (FOMR) – Something Fishy & River Roundup*** – both successful 2022 projects, which FOMR would like to replicate somewhere within the Lewis Creek Watershed (Friends of Lewis Creek?)
 - d. ***Friends of the Middle River (FOMR) – Benthic Monitoring Training***
6. ***Election of LCWAC Chair & Vice Chair*** – we need a quorum in the room to accomplish this – **Fred/All**

Consideration of future agendas & possible guest speakers for upcoming meetings

06 February 2023 – Bobby Whitescarver

LCWAC meeting adjournment.

Primary resources for continuing reference by LCWAC:

Decision Rationale of Total Maximum Daily Loads for Aquatic Life Use Impairment on Lewis Creek in Augusta County, Virginia, as published by US EPA, Water Protection Division on 02 August 2006 (9 pages)

Consideration of UVA Green Infrastructure Strategies for Staunton, VA, as published December 11, 2009 (Water Resources Policies & Strategies, pages 91-116)

Consideration of UVA Lewis Creek Subwatershed – Stormwater Management Site Analysis & Masterplan, as published 2011 (46 pages)

PCB Total Maximum Daily Load Development for Lewis Creek, Staunton, Virginia, as prepared by Department of Biological Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech & Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and as submitted by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, ***Draft Report*** published June 2021 (80 pages, plus Appendices)

City of Staunton, Virginia MS4 Program Plan 2018-2023, as updated 4/29/2020; General Permit No. VAR040132, for the Virginia Stormwater Management Program, General Permit Registration Statement, for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).