

Lewis Creek Watershed Advisory Committee
06 February 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/or remarks by fellow citizens present, and recent public interactions and/or local press reported by LCWAC members – All.***
 - a. Identification & removal of large appliance from Lewis Creek, along New Hope Road on 20Jan2023 – R. Bertin, LCWAC, FOMR, Staunton Public Works
 - b. Friends of the Middle River (FOMR) – designated rep to LCWAC – David Wallace – welcome Dave!
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. ***Trout in the Classroom*** – Staunton News Leader article on Friday, 18 November 2022 – local ***Trout Unlimited (South River / Waynesboro Chapter) sponsorships*** to hatch and grow trout in local classrooms:
 - a. Ware Elementary 5th Grade - Teacher Shane Brubaker
 - b. Stuart Hall Science Department - Teacher Hunter Murray

Possible sponsorship by LCWAC for:

- c. Expansion to other Staunton schools (e.g., Bessie Weller & McSwain) through collaboration with Staunton Public Schools
- d. Possible local release event(s) somewhere in Lewis Creek Watershed (e.g., Gypsy Hill Park, Bessie Weller outdoor classroom, YMCA farm) through collaboration with Friends of the Middle River (FOMR), Staunton Parks & Rec, Staunton Public Schools, YMCA Youth Corps, and Stuart Hall
- e. Pre-prep/testing of possible release sites through collaborations with Staunton Public Works (E. coli), Friends of the Middle River (benthic), Trout Unlimited (water quality & habitat), Jerry Siford (nutrient), & YMCA Youth Corps?

5. **Guest Speaker – Bobby Whitescarver** - Bobby retired from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2011 with 31 years of field experience. He continues his life's work of restoring watersheds through his private consulting business, Whitescarver Natural Resources Management, LLC. He has extensive experience with designing and implementing livestock grazing systems that keep livestock out of the streams and provide them with alternative watering systems. He has been involved with over 500 miles of stream bank protection work and helped landowners plant over a half a million native hardwood trees. Wildlife habitat is one of Bobby's specialties as he has helped landowners establish and maintain over a thousand acres of native prairie and has successfully brought back the Northern Bobwhite to many farms. He is an Agronomist, certified Nutrient Management Planner (VA), certified Prescribed Burn Manager (VA), and certified Resource Management Planner (VA). Bobby is also the author of an award-winning book ***Swoope Almanac***.

6. ***Consideration of future dates, agendas & possible guest speakers for upcoming meetings - All***

06 March 2023

03 April 2023

01 May 2023

05 June 2023

03 July 2023 (*day before July 4th*) – should we postpone until 10 July 2023?

07 August 2023

04 September 2023 (*Labor Day*) – should we postpone until 11 September 2023?

02 October 2023

06 November 2023

04 December 2023 – should we pre-cancel in anticipation of lack of a quorum?

01 January 2024 (*New Year's Day*) – should we postpone until 08 January 2024?

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).