

Lewis Creek Watershed Advisory Committee
05 December 2022, 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. ***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 to hatch and grow trout in his classroom; possible sponsorship by LCWAC for expansion to other Staunton schools, plus possible release event somewhere in Lewis Creek, with pre-prep/testing of a site?
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. ***Stream Naming Project***, for consistency across Lewis Creek Watershed – **Doug**
7. ***Discuss draft LCWAC Annual Report to Staunton City Council*** – review and discuss first draft developed by Fred from committee inputs so far – **All (as time allows)**
8. ***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
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).