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*Welcome to the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners e-newsletter!*

We're excited to bring you updates and insights into our ongoing efforts to preserve and protect the waterways of Northern Virginia. As stewards of our environment, we recognize the critical importance of maintaining clean water for our communities and ecosystems alike.

The Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners' goals are clear: to keep Northern Virginia residents healthy and safe by reducing the amount of pollution from stormwater runoff that reaches local creeks and streams, and to promote everyday practices that you can accomplish to protect our local waterways for generations to come. We believe that through collaborative action and community engagement, we can make a meaningful impact on the health and vitality of our environment.

In this issue, we'll delve into the latest initiatives and projects aimed at mitigating stormwater pollution, conserving water, and enhancing the overall health of our waterways. From innovative stormwater management solutions to community engagement efforts, we'll also showcase some of the strategies employed by our dedicated partners to achieve our shared goals. Please also stay tuned for future newsletters with stormwater management success stories, practical tips for eco-friendly living, and opportunities to get involved in the movement for cleaner water in Northern Virginia.

Let's keep our rivers and streams clean, and when it comes to water, only rain should go down the drain!

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# Lush Lawns, Less Pollution

Maintaining our lawns and gardens help make our homes look beautiful during the warmer weather. When you're mowing your lawn, let your grass clippings lie on the lawn to help fertilize it. This way, unnecessary chemical fertilizer won't run down the storm drains.

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## Pick up Pet Waste

This summer we are taking our pups for longer walks and enjoying the nature around us. Make sure to pick up after your pup so dog waste doesn't pollute our waterways. Remember to bring a bag or find a pet waste station at your local park.

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## Dodge the Drain

Household waste such as paint, stains, and chemicals are dangerous and hard to break down naturally once it enters rivers and streams. By dropping hazardous chemicals off at your local-drop off site, you play a larger role in preserving our ecosystem.

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## Partner Highlights:

Fairfax County wants you to submit your nominations for the 2023-2024 Friends of Trees Awards! Nominations are open from June 14 to July 31 for individuals or organizations who have demonstrated efforts to preserve, protect, and plant trees in Fairfax County.

Submit your nominations online [here](#).

For more details, visit: [Fairfax County Gov](#) or email [treecommission@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:treecommission@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Partner Meetings and Events:

### City of Manassas Park Farmers Market

*When: Thursday, July 11*

*Where: City of Manassas Park Farmers Market*

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## Difficult Run Stream Monitoring Workshop

*When: Thursday, July 18, 9:00am-12:00pm*

*Where: Difficult Run Stream Valley Park, Great Falls*

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## Cub Run Stream Monitoring Workshop

*When: Sunday, July 21, 9:00am-12:00pm*

*Where: Cub Run Stream Valley Park, Centreville*

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## Big Rocky Run Stream Monitoring Workshop

*When: Thursday, July 25, 9:00am-12:00pm*

*Where: Cabell's Mill, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Chantilly*

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## Rain Barrel Workshop Alexandria

*When: Saturday, August 3, 1:00pm to 3:00pm*

*Where: Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library*

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## Rain Barrel Workshop City of Fairfax

*When: Saturday, August 10, 2:00pm to 4:00pm*

*Where: Green Acres Center*

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