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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

January 26, 2023

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Save the Date!

A River Affair



Mark your calendars for May 29th and enjoy frosty libations, great food, live music, and unique live auction items.

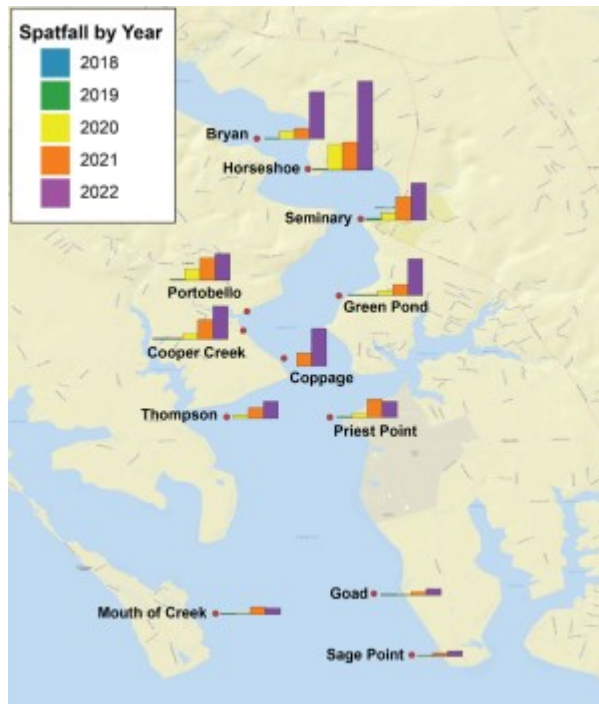
The St. Mary's River Watershed Association is planning for another busy year in 2023! Our plans include restoring an additional four acres of oyster habitat, studying the impacts of the St. Mary's River Oyster Sanctuary on the public fishery, establishing a water quality monitoring program in the Chesapeake Bay, and engaging the community in watershed restoration.

1. Volunteer at one of our events!
See the ["Save the Date"](#) section at the end of our newsletter.
2. Recycle your oyster shells!
Oysters like to settle on other oysters. If they can't find hard substrate, they will be smothered in the sediment. Our county solid waste convenience centers all have receptacles for your oyster shells.
3. Become a member of our organization! Visit [this link](#) and help us sustain our programs.
4. Have an idea for a project to improve our watershed? Let us know!
5. If you have property within the St. Mary's River watershed and would like to plant some trees on it, please email us at emmasmrwa@gmail.com.



Our 2022 Recruitment Study Results





For the past five years (since 2018), we have conducted an oyster reproduction success (recruitment) survey throughout the tidal St. Mary's River. We are happy to report that 2022 had the highest spatfall out of all study years. Results of this study help inform fishery management and watermen, who need to make tough choices of where to invest monies to maximize harvests. Thanks to our volunteers, student interns, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust for their support on this project.



OUR MISSION

To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

We're on the web!
www.smrwa.org



Save The Date:

- Shell Bagging
 9am- Noon March 11
 19089 Point Lookout Rd
 RSVP by text 301-904-2387

- Shell Bagging
 9am- Noon March 18
 19089 Point Lookout Rd
 RSVP by text 301-904-2387

- Bay2Bay Cage Building
 9am- Noon April 1
 Goodpasture Hall Loading Dock
 Inquire by text 301-904-2387

[Join or Renew Today!](#)

- St. Mary's River Clean Up
9am- Noon April 15
St. Mary's City
RSVP by text 301-904-2387

- Earth Day Festival
11am- 4pm April 22
Somerset Farm, Hollywood

- *A River Affair*
May 29
Inquire by text 301-904-2387

- Crab Festival
10am- 7pm June 10
Fairgrounds

- Juneteenth Festival
Noon- 5pm June 17
Lancaster Park, Lexington Park

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11am- 4pm September 23, 2023
Inquire by text 301-904-2387
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