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# DCPG Newsletter

## Fall 2016

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### **Letter from the President**

Fall greetings to members and friends of DCPG! As we make the transition back to an all volunteer organization, your local citizens' group continues to work toward ensuring the quality of our life here in Dorchester. August and September activities here in Cambridge have focused on development of new plans for an inner city environmental park to be located in the neglected wilderness behind the old Phillips Packing Company buildings on Dorchester Avenue. This wooded area, littered with the ruins of abandoned businesses, actually shelters the streambed for the headwaters of Cambridge Creek. A state of the art stream restoration project is about to begin which will mean that water draining from the industrial area south of Washington street will be filtered and cleansed before it enters the creek through a culvert running under busy Cedar Street in the area of the Generation Three Marina.

In conjunction with this exciting water quality improvement project, the area will be transformed into an urban park with hiking and biking trails along the restored streambed. The initial phase of work, which is the stream restoration, is already funded by a 1.8 million grant secured through the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and administered by engineers from the City of Cambridge.

At the same time, a developer who specializes in the restoration of old buildings has come forward and announced his intention to spearhead acquisition and renovation of the old factory warehouse adjacent to the

proposed park which was most recently the site of Packing House Antiques. Bill Streuver, whose accomplishments include the remaking of a neglected Baltimore city building into the home site of the very successful Under Armour Clothing, wants to transform the old warehouse into a multi use facility to include an oyster bar, brewery, and cooking school. Historic elements of the site, such as the old brick factory chimneys, will be preserved and promoted for their importance in Cambridge's history. DCPG Vice President Doug Worrall, a retired Baltimore County attorney who is mindful of the difficulties involved in such ambitious projects, had this to say about the potential positive impact for Cambridge: "Bill Streuver is an old client and friend of mine who is dumb enough to believe he can pull this off – just like 30 or so other projects in which he did succeed." DCPG members and other citizens had the opportunity to meet Mr. Streuver during an impromptu reception held at the site on September 15.

Discussing the hopeful potential for Cambridge with another waterman attending the reception, we both remarked on how good it was to see innovative and sustainable development projects being planned in Dorchester County. I am reminded of some wise words uttered recently by a young woman leader of the Native American coalition seeking to halt work on the Trans-Dakota pipeline which would violate sacred burial grounds. "We are here not just for ourselves, but to save this earth for the next seven generations."

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## Recent Activity

### *Choptank Symposium*

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, DCPG was represented by our creek watcher Bob Sellers at the Choptank Symposium in Wye Mills. The event evaluated the health of the Choptank watershed and what citizens can do to help improve our impaired waters. The symposium also examined current research and projects that aim to reduce the negative impact that agriculture can have on water quality. The collaboration of the many groups in attendance including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the University of Maryland Extension Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and DCPG, is aimed toward helping citizens understand how caring for our watershed and neighboring tributaries is a vital part of our future here. For more information on this event visit:

<https://agresearch.umd.edu/agroecol/educationoutreach/choptank-symposium>



DCPG Board of Directors (July 2016)- Front Row: Beth Ann Lynch, Kalla Kvalnes, Natalie Clark, Peg Anzalone. Middle Row: Diane Miller, Lex Lowe, Roman Jesien, Fred Pomeroy, David Lee. Back Row: Richard Ball, Doug Worrall.

### *Climate Change on the Eastern Shore*

On August 17<sup>th</sup> DCPG was represented by board member David Lee at the Eastern Shore Round Table discussion on climate change. Local environmental photographer David Harp, a collaborator on the recent film *Beautiful Swimmers Revisited*, is also planning a new film detailing the dramatic changes that Dorchester

has experienced and will continue to experience due to accelerated sea level rise, an effect of climate change.

### *Stormwater Education Station Update*

The storm water education demonstration station, a collaborative project spearheaded by DCPG and located at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge, is nearing completion. An attractive sidewalk with permeable pavers now makes the mini pavilion accessible for the handicapped. It is exciting to know that this location can serve as a point of learning for children and adults alike to learn about the storm water cycle and the impact that it has on our watershed. Make sure to stop by and take a look at the station and take a minute to learn more about simple and attractive ways to decrease pollution from storm water runoff.



Board Member Peg Anzalone and member Willem Zijp working on the installation of the green roof at the education station

### *Project Clean Stream*

On April 2, DCPG volunteers teamed up with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and The Concerned Citizens of Northern Dorchester to help make a difference for the Chesapeake Bay tributaries. After all was said and done, our volunteers removed 86 bags of trash, totaling 1,740 pounds! 60 tires, an over-stuffed chair, a pile of rope and a discarded canopy were also collected for later county pickup. It was a great collaborative effort between organizations to care for the Chesapeake and its tributaries, and a day well spent even through the morning rain.

## Upcoming Events

1. *Nanticoke River Jamboree*  
October 8, 2016  
Location: Handsell
2. *Schooner Rendezvous*  
October 22 and 23, 2016  
Location: Long Wharf
3. *Piano Recital with Anne Watts*  
November 6, 2016  
Location: 447 Race Street  
Tickets\$ 15.00
4. *Wild and Scenic Film Festival*  
November 11. 2016  
Location: 447 Race Street  
Tickets\$ 20.00
5. *Water Monitoring Conference*  
December 2, 2016

*Come join us at any of these events and be a part of local events, lots of fun, and great company!*



The following folks have recently joined or renewed membership at or above the \$50 level:

### **Thank You!**

Hubert H. Wright IV  
Diane Stoecker and Ed Dryden  
Michael and Linda Starling  
Odin and Fiona Knudsen  
Libby Handley Nagel  
Ken Elliot and M. Shinn  
Bill Farver  
Bruce and Jeanne Bernard  
Patti and Porter Hopkins  
Willem and Miriam Zijp- Koedijk  
Matt Whitbeck  
Jackie Wolfle  
Judd Vickers and Greg Bartoo  
Donna and Wayne Towers  
Judith Stribling  
Jon and Margaret Ingersol  
Barbara Hale  
Bill and Beth Giese  
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