



### OUR MISSION

The Goose Creek Association protects and preserves the natural resources, open spaces, historic heritage and rural quality of life within the Goose Creek watershed.

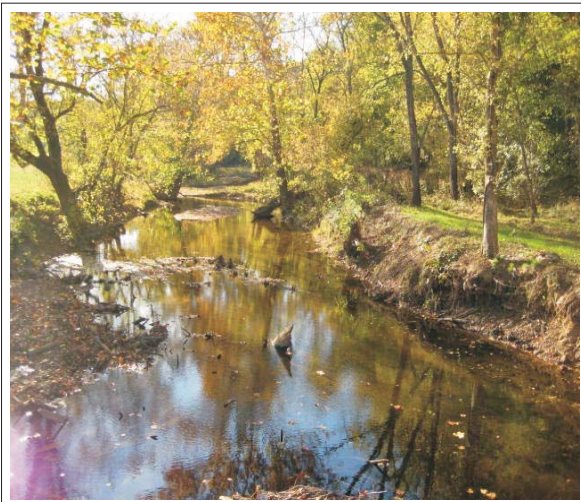
### ABOUT US

The Goose Creek Association is a registered, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of over six hundred members from Loudoun and Fauquier counties who share a determination to protect and preserve the natural resources, historic heritage and rural quality of life found in this beautiful part of Virginia.

Founded in 1970 to fight the discharge of sewage effluent into Goose Creek, today the Goose Creek Association is involved in a number of critical issues on both local and state levels to maintain and improve the quality of the Goose Creek watershed.

The Association works through an active board charged with monitoring stream water quality, proposed developments, legislation, zoning changes and other actions that have potential impact on the environment and quality of life in this region; and taking appropriate steps to forestall or encourage these changes.

We actively support the work of other like-minded regional groups both in spirit and with tangible support. We work to unite with the many conservation and preservation efforts to provide a unified voice for conservation/preservation-minded citizens in the area.



Goose Creek from Crenshaw Rd., Fauquier County



Goose Creek from Foxcroft Rd., Loudoun County

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Partnered with other members of the conservation community to achieve Scenic River status for the Fauquier portion of the Goose Creek.
- Guided Cromwell's Run through the process of designation as a Rural Historic District in 2008.
- Completed survey work for the Little River Rural Historic District. The Department of Historic Resources deemed the nomination worthy of consideration by the State Review Board.
- Expanded our stream monitoring program to 22 certified monitors at 21 locations in Fauquier and Loudoun counties on Goose Creek and its tributaries such as Hungry Run and Little River.
- Partnered with the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition.
- Provided the treatise on Non-Conventional Septic Systems in Loudoun County authored by past board member Howard Lewis, to the state committee that is charged with establishing the final regulation for alternative septic systems.
- Held successful 5th Annual Education Outreach Forum, "Preserving our Rural Landscape: A Tool Kit" in March 2010.
- Participated in water summits and stakeholder meetings at County and State levels.
- Supported Land Trust of Virginia in its outreach to landowners on the Goose Creek promoting conservation easements in the watershed
- Provided educational materials at environmental events including Earth Day in Loudoun County.
- Published "Life in the Country" *Stewarding the Land Responsibly: A Landowner's Guide* by Missy Janes, illustrated by Cathy Zimmerman.
- Held our Annual Meeting in June featuring the documentary "Shenandoah: Voices of the River" with a presentation by the producer and Downstream Project founder, George Ohrstrom .

## GOALS

- Continue to pursue ongoing dialogues to educate landowners on the importance of riparian buffers, forestation and native shrubs to increase the ecological health of our streams
- Continue research to find trends in data from existing monitoring sites and furnish results to VA SOS; DEQ; John Marshall Soil, Water & Conservation; Loudoun County Building & Development (Soil & Water Dept.) and Loudoun County Soil, Water & Conservation
- Set environmental priorities with The Board of Supervisors through partnering with the Loudoun County Preservation & Conservation Coalition, LESA and other conservation organizations
- Continue canoe trips and river clean-up days with local students to educate them on the broad diversity of flora and fauna and changes in topography along the river banks relating to the watershed

**MEMBERSHIP:** We hope you will support our organization as we work to preserve and protect our natural resources, historic heritage and rural quality of life in the Goose Creek watershed.. We are a green organization and using less paper is a priority to us. Please provide an e-mail address so that we can send alerts and our news letter.

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