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First phase of watershed management plan to begin this spring

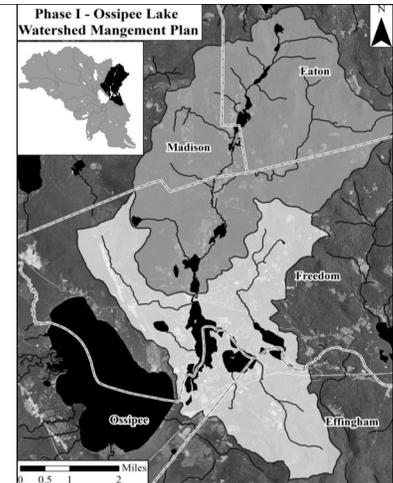
In early 2011, the GMCG secured funding through the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the EPA to create a plan to evaluate the Ossipee Watershed and develop a Watershed Master Plan. The Ossipee Watershed, in the eastern part of New Hampshire's Lakes Region, overlies the largest stratified drift aquifer in the state. This aquifer is the primary source of drinking water for communities above it, and it contains significant natural and recreational resources that drive the local economy.

This January, DES announced its decision to grant GMCG \$65,000 to fund part of this \$110,000 project for 2013-2014. The goals of this project are to develop a Watershed Management Plan for Danforth Pond and the lower bays of Ossipee Lake, and to construct demonstration stormwater treatment practices to reduce pollution in the lake. The grant money will chiefly be used to hire an environmental consultant, who will work with the project steering committee to perform a scientific assessment of sources of pollution affecting Danforth Pond and the bays.

In addition to the scientific work of the consultant, trained volunteers will conduct watershed surveys along roads, waterways and shorelines to identify areas where stormwater runoff and erosion are carrying soils into the lake. Steering committee members will review local land use policies and recommend changes that will help keep polluted stormwater runoff from reaching surface waters.

Throughout the planning process, several public events will be held to inform stakeholders and local officials about water quality findings, and share site-specific recommendations for how stormwater impacts can be minimized. Finally, a few shorefront erosion areas will be repaired to highlight stormwater management techniques that can be implemented throughout the watershed.

When this phase of the project is finished, GMCG and town officials in the five towns within the watershed study area will have a comprehensive outline of prioritized projects of varying size and complexity to focus on. The completed plan will make these projects eligible for significant sources of



additional funding currently unavailable in the Ossipee Lake watershed. The implementation phase, anticipated for 2015, will target projects identified in the plan. If you would like to help out with this engaging survey work in your area of the watershed, please contact Program Director Eric Senecal directly at esenecal@gmccg.org.

Funding for this project was provided in part by a Watershed Assistance Grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services with Clean Water Act Section 319 funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

GMCG Board adds representative from Eaton

In January, the GMCG Board of Directors voted to include the Town of Eaton in its focus area and add a representative from Eaton to the Board. While Eaton is a small town, with only 395 residents as of the 2010 Census, it has been proactive in protecting natural resources through land use regulation for a long time.

In 1973, Eaton was one of the first towns in the region to adopt a zoning ordinance. The land use regulations

provide protective provisions for lake shore lots, allowances for cluster development, and minimum lot size requirements contingent upon soil capability for absorbing wastewater - all innovative approaches to natural resource protection, even today.

The southwest corner of town, with its wetlands, ponds and forests, lies within the Ossipee Lake watershed and forms the headwaters of Purity Lake and Danforth Pond. After Freedom, Eaton

has the second most land area within the Danforth Pond and lower bays watershed planning area. With the watershed assessment getting underway this spring, Eaton's presence on the GMCG Board is timely.

Peter Klose joins the Board as a member of Eaton's Conservation Commission and Planning Board, and will be participating on the Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee. Welcome, Peter!

The Watershed News

The Watershed News is a quarterly publication of the Green Mountain Conservation Group, a non-profit, 501(c) 3, charitable organization established in 1997 and dedicated to the preservation of the natural resources in the Ossipee Watershed. The towns of Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth make up the boundaries of the Ossipee Watershed. This watershed includes one of the largest and deepest stratified drift aquifers in New Hampshire.

GMCG's purpose is twofold:

1. To provide an organizational structure for a coalition of citizens and local officials interested in identifying sensitive areas within the Watershed in need of protection;
2. To offer public educational events about conservation issues and possible solutions regarding the preservation of unique natural resources.

Through research, education, advocacy and land conservation we strive to promote an awareness and appreciation of our watershed's natural resources and encourage a commitment to protect them.

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Large footprints; low impact

BY BLAIR FOLTS

Days are getting longer, birds are coming back and a nice snow pack is gently recharging the aquifer. Despite many challenging issues facing the world and our own region, as the sap drips slowly into buckets, I am reminded of just how special the Ossipee Watershed is.

A few weeks back, I happened upon "Batman" working in the woods with his owner, Vincent Elliot and his two sons.



Vinnie grew up in Wolfeboro and Middleton and now lives in Effingham. He has been logging with horses off and on for twenty years. His two sons are learning to twitch logs out of the woods as he learned from his own father. He explains that his father had logged with horses and worked in Effingham with Albion Libby back in the 1950's. "There are many advantages to horse logging," he explains. "It is an environmentally safe way to harvest your trees. Skid roads are low impact, and there is no damage to trees along the skid road." He adds, "thinning trees helps to promote growth in the younger trees, too."

Even though Vinnie has worked with skidders and on large timber harvests, he now chooses to work with his horses in the woods. He noted how much he has seen the forested landscape change over the past ten years. "Much of the land has been clear cut or cut very heavily because people just needed the cash," he said. He has seen big outfits come into the watershed and take out all marketable

timber. Vinnie added, "If you log with horses, you can better manage your forest and take out a little bit each year. This is much better for the environment plus it allows you to continue to make money from your trees over time."

Batman is a jet black ten year old Percheron. Vinnie explains that horse logging demands a certain confidence between man and horse. His young boys are just learning to work with the horse but in time, they will be able to hook the horse to the logs and let him find his way to the landing on his own. These large but gentle animals can get into areas of property that might be on the edge of a wetland or near a trail. Working with a horse is less damaging to the forest floor and tree roots than heavy wheeled equipment. Finally, he suggests another note to contemplate—a horse lives off hay, grain and water as opposed to gas, oil and other fluids.

We seek to foster sustainable uses of our resources and to support local business. As spring arrives, I look to the past for new answers. How can we promote growth and the protection of our shared resources? I reflect on the large footprints in the snow and think "Batman to the rescue!"

For more information please contact Vincent Elliott at 730-7560 or at sawdustfarm@yahoo.com



Vincent's father logging in Effingham ca: 1950.

Blair Folts is the President, Executive Director and co-founder of GMCG.

Five schools raising trout in the classroom

Five schools in the watershed are raising Eastern brook trout eggs in their classrooms this year. Students in Effingham, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee and Sandwich are closely monitoring the water temperature in their aquariums and tracking the development of the eggs in order to time their release into watershed streams in the spring.

Youth Water Quality Coordinator, Lynn Clarke, took a trip down to the NH Fish & Game Powder Mill Hatchery in New Durham, and picked up about 200 eggs for each school. The temperature and water quality were checked ahead of time to ensure successful rearing. The students share their egg-citement and observations on a shared blog, where they post questions, pictures, and updates about their aquariums and the developing eggs.

The Trout in the Classroom program compliments the work of many schools that participate in the Volunteer Biological Assessment Program (VBAP) each fall. Data from the VBAP program help determine which streams to release the fry into in late April. By learning about the habitat needs of the fish, and how water quality is impacted in the natural environment, the students are able to develop an understanding of their connection to the watershed and the significance of clean water.

On behalf of Mrs. Bryant's 4th grade class at Madison Elementary and Ms. Dulmage's 5th grade class in Effingham, GMCG would like to thank two NH Trout Unlimited Chapters (Basil T. Woods Jr. in Concord and Saco Valley Anglers in Conway) for their generous donations of aquarium chillers and supplies. GMCG is also grateful to its corporate sponsors at

Hannaford and Pet Parade for supporting this opportunity for Madison and Effingham students.



Sandwich students welcome a few hundred eggs into their new temporary home—an insulated aquarium chilled to 38 degrees.

GMCG welcomes Youth Water Quality Coordinator, Lynn Clarke

After working closely with NH Catholic Charities to apply to host an Americorps VISTA member in 2013, GMCG is very excited to welcome VISTA member, Lynn Clarke, as the new Youth Water Quality Coordinator.

Lynn brings years of experience as a volunteer with many of GMCG's water quality programs, and is also a passionate teacher and environmental steward. Over the past several years, Lynn has been a dependable water quality monitor, calibrating equipment and sampling the Beech River near her home in Ossipee, often with her son

Levi along to help. She has been GMCG's community gardener, a macroinvertebrate stream survey volunteer, and GET WET! assistant.

In recognition of her extraordinary dedication as a volunteer, Lynn was presented with GMCG's annual High Watch Community Award in January. She is a NH-certified special educator, and her passion has always been connecting youth to their natural surroundings through inquiry and place-based educational programs. Lynn has organized events in her communities for World Environment Day, America

Recycles and Earth Day celebrations. She plans on adding to the list of events, celebrating World Water Week with local youth on March 22 as she

continues to build upon the volunteer base and watershed education programs at GMCG. Welcome, Lynn!



V.O.I.C.E.S. - Volunteers Offering Involvement Celebrating Environmental Stewardship

BY LYNN CLARKE

As a former GMCG volunteer, and now staff member, I must say I was deeply moved at our 2012 BBQ for volunteers. It was amazing to see all the faces that were new to me and to discover the various roles we all have. It

was quite evident that we all share a love for our watershed and the life it sustains. My heart was full that day knowing that we are all a part of something so great!

During my year of service as a VISTA, I am committed to growing our volunteer base and will be creating a

manual to support our programs. This new section of the newsletter will be a place to highlight the people who make it all happen. If you would like to reflect on your experience as a volunteer, or acknowledge the efforts of another, please let us know. Thank you all so very much!

Conservation Conversations

Editor's Note: *Watershed Conversations* is intended to provide a forum for the seven towns of the Ossiipee Watershed to share news of their conservation and planning activities and an opportunity to find creative solutions regarding watershed issues.

Eaton

One interesting and ongoing concern is the annual flooding at Camp Waukeela over Brownfield Road, when the outlet to Snow Brook is partially blocked by high volumes of water draining Crystal Lake. This causes the camp athletic field to flood back into the lake, often washing out a considerable portion of their sand beach. The camp has few structural options since most of it is located in a wetlands zone.

The ECC thought one solution would be to remove several beaver dams downstream of the Snow Brook/Crystal Lake outlet juncture to increase flow, but the consulting engineer to the camp is proposing what the DOT/DES suggested, building a perched beach above the usual flood level. This will help save the beach (permits for sand replenishment are allowed only every 6 years!) but do nothing to alleviate flooding, at times high enough to affect Route 153 just north of the Crystal Lake beach.

Effingham

ECC is providing a new picnic table to be placed next to the fire tower atop Green Mountain. A member of ECC is working on plans to build a wheelchair-accessible picnic table for the Larry Leavitt Preserve.

The ECC is planning a public meeting this spring with Mark Hensel, Southern Carroll County's Fish & Game Officer. It will be an opportunity for the public to meet Mr. Hensel and ask questions about his field of expertise. Though we don't have a confirmed date in time for this newsletter, ECC will post the date, location, and time on GMCG's e-news, *Weekly Watershed Happenings*.

Freedom

Forest management, one of the baseline requirements in the Freedom Town forest, requires direction from the town forester and support from volunteer committees and townsfolk. The partnership with the Scrub Oak Scramblers (SoS) snowmobile club helps us achieve these goals. SoS and its extensive volunteer roster are as

busy in the non-snow seasons as when it is time to mount their sleds and groomers. Their track maintenance, restorative construction skills, environmental consciousness and can-do attitude support the town forest.

The fifty acre winter timber harvest in the town forest is complete. As with all harvests, there was an emphasis on wildlife habitat. A restorative aspen cut was conducted that will promote an early successional habitat for rough grouse. A number of tributaries, both perennial and intermittent, flow through this property. Blaisdell, Mill and Shawtown Brooks are headwater streams which feed into the Danforth Ponds, part of a chain of ponds that drain into Ossiipee Lake. Cold Brook flows south through the sand plains on the western side of the forest and through several alder swamps, eventually draining into Broad Bay in Ossiipee Lake.

Ossiipee

Keeping the view open to the Window's Property has been the Ossiipee Conservation Commission's (OCC) most recent project. Ralph Buchanan, OCC vice chair, has been working with town forester, Rick Gerard and abutting property owners in a collaborative effort. In order to maintain the scenic view and uphold the conservation easement requirement, taller trees and overgrowth will need to be cut. This will occur before the changing season to minimize impact. Wood chips will be salvaged and used to help control erosion west of the parking area.

The OCC will be partnering with GMCG on Thursday, March 28 for a public presentation on Black Bears at the Ossiipee Library from 6-8 p.m. The OCC will be submitting a proposal for Lake Hosting at the Pine River launch and the Lakefront Landing marina. B.L.B.A. member, Jim Fitzpatrick, attended the February meeting with an update on milfoil conditions, treatments and efforts to control the invasive species. OCC would like to send a sincere thank you to departing member, Bob Pratt. He will continue work on the Thurley Mountain Tract with Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust.

Tamworth

At the town elections two years ago, two petitioned ballot questions sought to abolish the Tamworth Planning Board and the Tamworth Conservation Commission

(TCC). Both failed. This year's ballot included two questions regarding the Tamworth Wetlands Ordinance (TWO). One proposed amending the TWO in a way that would render it toothless. The second proposed abolishing the TWO entirely. Needless to say, the TCC opposed both.

The Tamworth Lyceum offered its exhibit space to the TCC in February and donated a portion of the proceeds from every cup of coffee sold that month to the TCC's stewardship fund. Commissioners Ned Beecher and Chele Miller, with help from Planning Board member David Little, assembled an impressive display, with maps, charts and slides, all explaining the work of the TCC. Also included were brochures and handouts explaining the importance of the TWO, especially regarding protections it affords to the aquifer and water supply.

The TCC continued its work in protecting the important "Whites to the Ossiipees" wildlife corridor. In the past two years, working with SPNHF, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and individual landowners, conservation easements were granted on three parcels totaling approximately 65 acres between the Bearcamp River and Route 25. Another easement was accepted earlier on a parcel of approximately 130 acres to the north of the river. In addition, talks are continuing with SPNHF regarding two other large parcels that would continue to expand this corridor.

For many years, the TCC has sponsored spring bird walks. This year, the walks will take place on five consecutive Wednesday mornings, starting April 24. Ned Beecher will lead as usual, rain or shine, but not in a deluge. Those wishing to attend should meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Tamworth Town House parking lot. All are welcome – these walks are not limited to Tamworth residents.

Nelson O'Bryan has taken over as chair of the TCC, as Ned Beecher, long-time member of the TCC, is stepping down while remaining on the commission. Member Margaret Reiser has resigned from the TCC, leaving us with at least one open seat, and openings for alternates as well. If you are reading this and you are a resident of Tamworth, please consider joining the TCC and helping to preserve and protect the natural resources and beauty of our town.

Would you like to help monitor the water quality of a local stream?

On Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., GMCG will hold a fun and informative training for those interested in volunteering to monitor water quality in local rivers. Anyone who would like to help monitor in Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Ossipee, Madison, Sandwich and Tamworth is invited to attend to learn more about this fun research program.

Trained volunteers will adopt one of twenty-four stream sites in the watershed where they will collect water samples and field measurements before 9:00 a.m. on their designated day. The monitoring season runs from late April through mid-October, with a total commitment of 14 mornings for about an hour each time, including getting to and from the site. The data are used to assess watershed health

and are provided to each town at the end of the monitoring season.

The training will cover the use of equipment and the sampling protocols of the "RIVERS" (Regional Interstate Volunteers for the Ecosystems and Rivers of the Saco) program. Volunteers will have a chance to practice calibrating the equipment and will conduct a full sampling procedure in the nearby Ossipee River.

Returning volunteers are encouraged to attend to review some important changes and to welcome new monitors to this special program.

If you like being outdoors and are interested in the protection of water resources, please consider this rewarding volunteer opportunity for the 2013 season. This important program could not continue without

the help of dedicated volunteers.

The training will be held at the GMCG office, located at 196 Huntress Bridge Road in Effingham. It will be followed with a lunch of Eric's homemade chili and cornbread.

Please call Eric at 539-1859 or email him at esenecal@gmccg.org to find out more or to register for the training.



Gravel road maintenance workshop - March 23

Most people are surprised to learn that one of the biggest threats to lake water quality comes from erosion of natural soils in developed areas. Road shoulders, driveways, roof drip lines, logging areas and gravel roads often provide a ready source of erodible soil, as these areas are subject to the erosive power of rain and wheels.

On March 23, Madison resident and gravel road guru, Russ Lanoie, will give a workshop at the Freedom Town Hall on gravel road maintenance. He will cover design and maintenance techniques that improve performance and durability of gravel roads while helping protect surface water quality through properly managed drainage.

Russ is a specialty site work contractor who has over 40 years of experience installing surface drainage and maintaining dirt roads in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. He has an associate's degree in Civil Technology from UNH and has written and presented programs on unpaved road maintenance, energy

conservation, solar home design, understanding septic systems, and wet basement mitigation.

This workshop will be based on Russ's gravel road maintenance manual, *A Ditch in Time*. A sample of this great manual can be found on his website at www.ruralhometech.com.

This workshop is targeted at camp operators, road associations, private land owners who maintain long

driveways, and more generally, to anyone who contracts for gravel road maintenance.

The morning workshop will be followed by a site visit to assess a nearby road. The workshop is free and will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Elm Street in Freedom Village from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please register for this event by calling GMCG at 539-1859.



So, what is a watershed management plan anyway?

BY JEFF MARCOUX

Buildings, pavement, lawns, and other infrastructure are forms of land development that are central and often necessary to our way of life, but they may also be a significant threat to water resources. When rainfall, snow melt, or irrigation water flows over these surfaces, it gathers and transports pollutants that can harm important water resources. This type of pollution, known as nonpoint source pollution, can be particularly difficult to address because it tends to come from many diffuse sources.

A comprehensive watershed management plan can be an important tool for maintaining or improving water quality by helping a community manage its watershed landscape in ways that reduce nonpoint source pollution. Essentially, the watershed management planning process is designed to assess watershed conditions, and then provide local stakeholders with a road map to resource protection and improvement for current and projected future conditions.

Watershed management plans may differ based upon the specific conditions and pollutants within a given watershed, but generally speaking, the plans contain the same core elements: 1) identification of existing pollution contributions and sources; 2) establishment of communities' water quality goals; 3) estimation of the pollutant load reductions needed (or protection from load increase); 4) identification and prioritization of actions needed to achieve desired pollutant reductions; and, 5) an estimated timeline to implement those activities. The plan will also estimate costs and identify potential sources of funding that might be used to carry out the recommendations.

In many cases, we may know that a particular location or pollutant source, such as direct road runoff, or beach erosion, represents an obvious threat to clean and healthy water. But sometimes the most apparent pollutant sources are not the cause of the most significant problems. The watershed management plan places the watershed's various pollution sources within the context of overall watershed health. This allows the stakeholders to assess the cost versus

benefit of any proposed action, and target limited resources toward changes that will result in the most significant improvement to water resources.

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has provided technical and funding assistance to local organizations for the development of 15 comprehensive watershed based plans to date. In most cases, funded groups partner with a professional environmental consulting firm that has the expertise needed to complete the data analysis and predictive modeling components of the plan. The local organizations often

"Developing a watershed plan for the Salmon Falls headwater lakes was an intense project that resulted in a very comprehensive assessment of the current and projected conditions of our lakes, and a clear road map of what needs to get done to protect them now and for generations to come. We have spent three years implementing the recommendations and have seen measurable reductions in pollution and a great increase in community understanding of the need to take action."

- Linda Schier, Executive Director of the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance

coordinate the process and engage their fellow stakeholders to make sure that the completed watershed management plan is based on solid science and is compatible with the communities' capacities, interests, and vision for their future.

Typically, a watershed management plan's recommended actions are both structural and non-structural. Examples of non-structural actions include a winter sanding strategy to reduce parking lot sand application, or a recommendation for a septic system maintenance program.

While every watershed management plan is different, most plans include recommendations for on-the-ground structural devices to treat stormwater runoff at specified problem locations. Those stormwater treatment practices may range from residential rain gardens that can be installed by homeowners, to large-

scale engineered treatment practices.

Naturally, the plan itself has minimal value unless its recommended actions are implemented. At this time, several of the organizations with completed watershed management plans are using their plans to help select and implement recommended actions. In many cases, additional grant funds have been available to assist them, and in some cases partnering municipalities have incorporated some of the recommended actions into their annual capital improvement plans.

Several groups have made significant progress toward implementing their plan's recommended actions, leading to significant reductions in pollutant input to New Hampshire water bodies. Though it is too early to make definitive conclusions about lake quality improvements from these projects, the initial signs are very encouraging, with some groups reporting indications of improving trends. There have also been more immediate and visual changes in physical conditions, such as reduced shoreline erosion, sediment deposition, and improved road drainage.

New Hampshire's lakes, ponds, wetlands, rivers, streams, estuaries, and oceans are irreplaceable. We need to protect, and in other cases, restore, the quality of our state's waters.

Development and implementation of a comprehensive watershed management plan is the key for those groups looking to improve their local water resources. Like a road map directing you from the start to finish of your effort, it helps you create a strategic, targeted plan for making changes in your watershed.

For additional information on watershed based planning, or to view a directory of completed plans, please see the DES Watershed Assistance Section's Watershed Based Plans webpage: http://www.des.state.nh.us/organization/divisions/water/wmb/was/watershed_based_plans.htm

Jeff Marcoux is a watershed assistance specialist at DES. He is the DES project manager for the Danforth Pond and Lower Bays of Ossipee Lake Watershed Management Plan.

Spring Calendar

Saturday, March 23, 9:00am-Noon (field visit from 12:00-1:00pm). Gravel Road Maintenance workshop with Russ Lanoie. Freedom Town Hall, Elm St., Freedom, NH. Madison resident and private road contractor, Russ Lanoie, will present strategies for maintaining better gravel roads that also protect surface waters from runoff. Call GMCG to register.

Thursday, March 28, 6:00-8:00pm. Black Bear Presentation. Ossipee Public Library, Main St., Ossipee, NH. NH Fish & Game Wildlife Steward and GMCG Youth Program Coordinator, Lynn Clarke, will give a slideshow presentation on black bears in NH.

Saturday, April 6, 10:00am-2:00pm. Tractor Supply Community Event, Tractor Supply, Rt. 16, Ossipee, NH. GMCG will have a table at this event where you can pick up a well water collection bottle to bring to a water testing day in Madison in May, where you will be able to test your own water for a limited set of informative parameters.

Saturday, April 13, 10:00am-12:30pm. Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Training. GMCG Offices, 196 Huntress Bridge Road, Effingham, NH. Are you a morning person? Do you enjoy the outdoors? **Want to do something fun and worthwhile?** Become a **Citizen Scientist** for your town! GMCG currently seeks volunteers for the twelfth year of the Water Quality Monitoring program. Help is needed to monitor 35 river, lake and stream sites located in the towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth. **Volunteer Training** will take place at the GMCG offices from 10:00am-12:30pm and be followed with home-cooked chili and cornbread! For more information or to RSVP for the training please contact GMCG at 539-1859.

Wednesdays, April 24 - May 22, 7:00am. Guided morning bird walks hosted by the Tamworth Conservation Commission, Tamworth Town House, Tamworth, NH. Join TCC member and former chair, Ned Beecher, on this series of five morning walks. Walks will be held rain or shine, but not in a deluge. Meet at the Tamworth Town House.

May TBA. Well-water testing in Madison. Bring a sample of your well water for a limited but informative analysis.

June TBA. Macroinvertebrate stream survey in Eaton. Join Lynn Clarke for a fun, wet survey of aquatic insects, important indicators of water quality. You'll see things you never knew were there! Stay tuned for a date and time. Call to register.

Sign up for weekly event updates with *Weekly Watershed Happenings* and stay in the flow! Sign-up at www.gmcg.org

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