



# Winter Newsletter

## *Our Mission:*

*To support, promote and advance scientific study, environmental protection and educational programs relating to the Deep Creek Watershed.*

## **Welcome!**

**The Deep Creek Watershed Foundation is up and running!**

## **We're on our way!**

We began in 2016 with a \$100,000 grant from Ted Giovanis, in memory of his wife, Jayne Koskinas. Since then, donations have come in regularly, ranging from \$100 through \$2,500, and up to \$10,000 from two more of our wonderful donors!



## **Who we are**

We have 9 directors and 12 advisors. All of us are volunteers. Our President is David Myerberg, our Vice President is Bob Hoffmann, our projects chair is Paul Weiler, and our Secretary Treasurer is Monty Pagenhardt. You can see the bios of all the directors and advisors on our website, [www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org](http://www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org).

## **What we do**

Working in public-private partnerships, the non-profit Watershed Foundation has joined with the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Environment (MDE), Garrett County, and Brookfield Renewable Power (which owns and operates the dam on Deep Creek Lake), to preserve and protect the watershed now and for generations to come.

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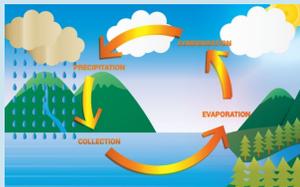
## **Putting Your Money to Work**

**We already have begun to do great work by funding projects that include,**

- **giving \$10,000 a year to help maintain**



MDE's doser that remediates acid mine drainage from abandoned mines into Cherry Creek, a major tributary into Deep Creek Lake;



- with Brookfield Renewable Power, helping to pay for DNR's study to determine the suitability of DCL as a habitat for Zebra Mussels;
- sponsoring University of Maryland Extension programs on how property owners in the watershed can manage stormwater runoff;
- hiring a private engineering firm to develop a technological approach to allow MDE, DNR and Brookfield Renewable Power to anticipate and equitably allocate water that comes into Deep Creek Lake from the watershed and other sources.

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## Thank You

The Board of the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation would like to acknowledge our donors, partners in government and business, volunteers and the community in and around Deep Creek Lake and its watershed. Our goals now and in the future are to research and select projects that will enhance the vitality and economic viability of the watershed area. We thank you for your assistance and encouragement during this important formative year for the Foundation.

### What's Next?

We're looking for donations and for new ventures to fund. We're meeting with home owner associations all around Deep Creek Lake, and organizations throughout the watershed to let everyone know who we are, what we're doing, and to hear what people want to see us do in the future.

To contribute, or talk to us about anything, you can use the easy buttons on our website, [www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org](http://www.deepcreekwatershedfoundation.org).

Look for our billboard soon to be seen on Garrett Highway

*Season's greetings to you and yours!*

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