



# NAPS News Briefs

Winter 2022



## NAPS Fall Creek Cleanup a Success

Dozens of student and adult volunteers participated in the Annual Creek Cleanup organized by NAPS, Sunday, October 3rd, 2021.

Around noon, the group assembled at Cowart Seafood on the Coan River near Lottsburg – the land base of operations. After a hearty lunch for all participants, skiff captains shoved off with cleanup teams to remove boatloads of trash and recyclables from the shorelines of the Coan, The Glebe and adjacent creeks. A small group of kayakers tackled the headwaters. A volunteer crew from Smith Point Sea Rescue manned a safety boat.

The “catch” was brought back to the Cowart Seafood dock to be unloaded and sorted. Each registered participant was awarded a NAPS-designed T-shirt with a trash crab logo and the message: “Don’t trash my Bay!”

The 2021 NAPS Creek Cleanup was funded by a donation from Omega Protein and NAPS. Other sponsors include Cowart Seafood for providing the base of operations, Smith Point Sea Rescue for providing the safety boat and crew, Allison’s ACE Hardware for loaning us tables and chairs, Lewisetta Marina for donating use its boat ramp for the event, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for providing no-cost accident insurance for registered participants, and Clean Virginia Waterways for providing trash bags and gloves.

To participate in this year’s NAPS Creek Cleanup as a volunteer or sponsor, email [stewardship@NAPSva.org](mailto:stewardship@NAPSva.org). Which creek should we tackle next?

## NAPS Clears The Roadside

Nearly two-dozen volunteers removed roadside trash during NAPS Fall Highway Cleanup Sunday, September 16, 2021, on Route 200 from Wicomico Church to Tipers Bridge.

The crew filled 22 extra-large bags with garbage plus left dozens of larger items on the roadside to be picked up and disposed of by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

To volunteer for the next highway cleanup, please send an email to [stewardship@NAPSva.org](mailto:stewardship@NAPSva.org).



## NAPS Out and About...



After a year without public events due to COVID, we were back “out and about” at Heathsville’s National Night Out (Aug. 3, 2021) and Homecoming Festival (Sep. 4, 2021). Would you like to spend an hour or two helping tend the NAPS tent with other members at an upcoming event? Always a fun time! Email [stewardship@NAPSva.org](mailto:stewardship@NAPSva.org) today for more info.

*NAPS’ Martha Tallent and Julie Hendrickson (center & right) welcome a couple visitors to the NAPS Tent at the Homecoming Festival at St. Stephen’s*

## NAPS Calendar

NAPS Board meetings are currently scheduled for the 3rd Wed. of each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Northumberland County Public Library meeting room. All members are welcome to participate – please submit agenda items to [Stewardship@NAPSva.org](mailto:Stewardship@NAPSva.org) – and please let a board member know if you plan to attend in case the schedule is changed.

Mar. 16, Wed. . NAPS Board Meeting, Heathsville Library 2:30pm

**Mar. (TBA) .... NAPS Annual Meeting**

**Mar. 26, Sat. Master Gardeners Seminar, White Stone**

**Apr. 16, Sat. . NAPS Earth Day Festival, Heathsville**

Apr. 20, Wed. . NAPS Board Meeting, Heathsville Library 2:30pm

**Apr. 23, Sat. . Farm & Field Day, NHS**

May 18, Wed. . NAPS Board Meeting, Heathsville Library 2:30pm

**May. 28, Sat. Strawberry Festival, Heathsville**

Jun. 15, Wed. . NAPS Board Meeting, Heathsville Library 2:30pm