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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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## Summer of Rain Gardens

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JUNE 22, 2016—With summer in full swing, we are pursuing stormwater mitigation projects funded by our grant from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Small Watersheds Grant. Homeowners, Sarah Tyson and David Kung, had a beautiful garden recently installed by our hard-working volunteer and student interns. This may have been one of our more difficult gardens to dig as the ground was laden with huge roots and a massive tree stump. That didn't stop us though! With a little problem solving and ample able bodies, our first rain garden of the summer was completed in June. At 347 square feet, it is our largest garden so far that collects runoff from the home and garage roofs, as well as two driveways.

Since then, we have completed three additional gardens. A big thanks to homeowners Marilyn & Edward Barrett, Randy & Kim Larsen, and Barbara Bowman for being hosts and contributing to a healthier river! We still have funding for our 50/50 cost share program, so it's not too late to contact us about one for your home!





Email us at [meghan.m.webster@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.m.webster@gmail.com)  
if you want to help out our St. Mary's River watershed!

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## Ridge Rockets Plant Oysters

How many wet bags of spat-on-shell do you think you could tote around before becoming exhausted? Our fourth- and fifth-grade partners know no limit when it comes to working hard. On June 22, three of the Ridge Elementary Rock & Roll Rockets Robotics



Team members spent a day with us unloading 200 bags of spat-on-shell from our nursery tank and planting nearly one million spat (baby oysters) on our reef project site in the St. Mary's River sanctuary.

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## Meet Our Interns



We have a huge team full of bright, young, diligent summer interns with environmentally projected futures. Our group is made up of ten diverse individuals (nine interns and our mentor, Bob Lewis) who love to get their hands dirty!

Shown left to right...

**Ruben Sabella**—Senior at Great Mills High School and part of the Natural

Resource Management Class at the Forrest Career and Technology Center

**Hunter Rooney**—Senior at Great Mills High School in the STEM Academy

**Jillian Carty**—Senior at Great Mills High School in the STEM Academy

**Henry Ulrich**—Senior at Leonardtown High School in the GIS Academy

**Michelle Wood**—Junior at the College of William & Mary studying  
Government and Environmental Policy

**Chandler Wyatt**—first-year at St. Mary's College of Maryland studying  
Environmental Science and Biology

**Allison Rugila**—Program Director and SMCM Biology alumni currently  
pursuing a Masters in evolution and ecology at Stonybrook

**TJ McPhaul**—Junior at St. Mary's College of Maryland studying  
Environmental Science, Art, and Anthropology

**Meghan Webster**—Outreach and Communications Director and sophomore at  
the College of Southern Maryland studying Biology

To learn more about these brilliant youngsters, check out our [website!](#)  
We are forever grateful for all the help from our interns and volunteers. Many  
hands make for light work which enables us to do more!

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Upcoming Events:



We're on the web!  
[www.smrwa.org](http://www.smrwa.org)



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- August 5-6  
Governor's Cup  
We will exhibit from 10 until 5 on the 6th  
St. Mary's College waterfront



- 11:00 to 4:00 September 24  
Historic St. Mary's City

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