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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

June 2, 2017

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DON'T MISS OUT
LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!!!

A River Affair

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Sunday, June 4

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

State House Lawn
Historic St. Mary's City



Join us for the seventh anniversary celebration of the St. Mary's River and our campaign for clean water. This event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations from local vendors. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance by check or via PayPal. All proceeds benefit the restoration of the St. Mary's River. For more information email us at meghan.m.webster@gmail.com or call at (301) 904-2387. [Learn more and buy tickets.](#)

RACE IS ON SATURDAY!

SMECO Bike Ride

Charitable Foundation for SMRWA

SMECO has chosen four environmental groups for their charitable foundation for 2017. SMRWA was chosen for St. Mary's County. As part of their fundraising, SMECO is hosting a 75 mile bike ride. Help them help us and sign up today to ride or donate if you are unable! Visit smeco.coop/smeco75 for more information. Thank you SMECO!

Sixth Annual June 3, 2017 SMECO 75 Bike Ride

Join us at our sixth annual 75-mile bicycle ride. The ride begins at SMECO's headquarters campus in Hughesville on June 3, 2017.

- A 75-mile route for experienced riders and two shorter routes.
- Four rest stops, stocked with appropriate fuel for cyclists, and lunch at the finish.
- Participating cyclists will also receive event-themed items.
- Money raised will go to four different organizations that focus on the environment:

Calvert County American Chestnut Land Trust	Charles County Port Tobacco River Conservancy
Prince George's County Alice Ferguson Foundation	St. Mary's County St. Mary's River Watershed Association

If you can't participate in the event but would like to contribute, please visit smeco.coop/SMECO75 and use our PayPal button to make a donation, or mail your contribution to SMECO 75, Attn. Natalie Cotton, P.O. Box 74, Hughesville, MD 20637. Please make checks payable to SMECO Charitable Foundation.

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Sign up today

Date: June 3, 2017

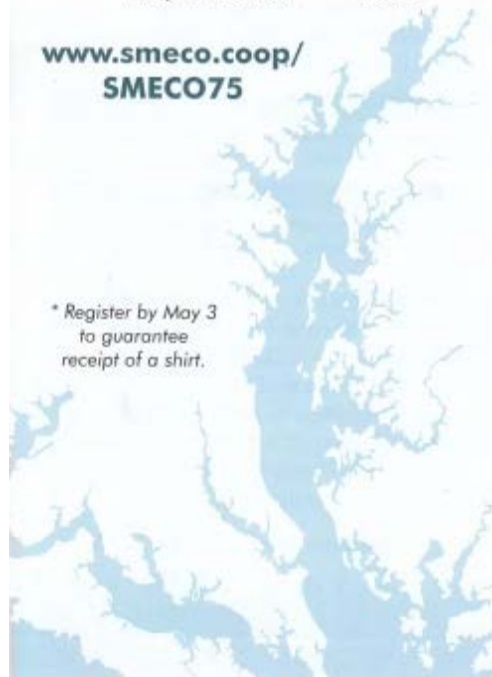
Time: Packet pick-up/same-day registration, from 7 to 9 a.m.
Early registration, June 2, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Place: 15035 Burnt Store Rd.
Hughesville, MD

Cost: Register* by May 3: \$40
May 4–May 26: \$50
May 27–June 3: \$55

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* Register by May 3 to guarantee receipt of a shirt.



Soaking Up the Rain

Fairlead Academy Installs Rain Garden

Join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony

June 8th—9 a.m.



May 17, 18, 19—A longtime in the making of a rain garden at Fairlead Academy on Great Mills Road finally came to fruition this May. Earth science classes learned about stormwater management and all that goes into making an effective rain garden. Students eagerly jumped into the project and did not waiver after realizing how taxing this work can be.

After many hours of smiling faces and dirty shoes, the 338 square foot rain garden was dug and planted with plenty gorgeous native plants. Many teachers had the itch to help after seeing just how much fun these kids were having and joined our SMRWA staff after school hours to push the project forward.

Thank you so much, Fairlead Academy, for being such enthusiastic learners. We are proud of the work you all put in to make this

project a success. Also a big thank you to our funder—Chesapeake Bay Trust!



WIN A PADDLE BOARD!!

\$2 a chance, 6 for \$10

Our Raffle is now open to participants!
This year we are raffling off a 10' Stand Up Paddle Board.
[Buy tickets here!](#) All proceeds go to SMRWA.



Upcoming Events:

- [SMECO Bike Ride](#)
Saturday, June 3
9 to 5 pm
15035 Burnt Store Rd.
Hughesville, MD

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Sunday, June 4
1 to 4 pm
Historic St. Mary's City

- St. Clements Island Heritage Day
Saturday, June 10
10 am to 3 pm
St. Clements Island Museum
- CrabFest
Saturday, June 10
11 am to 8 pm
St. Mary's Fairgrounds, Leonardtown
- Juneteenth
Saturday, June 17
noon to 8 pm
Lancaster Park



- Saturday, September 23
11 am to 4 pm
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