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WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
PO Box 94
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WE WOULD LIKE TO
Thank YOU!

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The St. Mary's River is clear and vibrant these days thanks to you and to your dedicated support throughout the past fifteen years. Our programming continues to make a difference in the lives of those who live on or near the water, those who visit our waters, and the many creatures who call the St. Mary's River home. It is your commitment to our mission that makes our work possible. Thank you.

The year 2019 has been a banner year for us as we set new records in our outreach and effectiveness:

- Water clarity reaches an all-time high of 3.25 meters (10 1/2 feet) on November 21 - folks remark on how far down they can see the bottom!
- Our six restoration projects are home to 61 million oysters filtering 1.3 billion gallons each day!
- We engaged 947 people at 29 events building 530 reef balls,



deploying 347 reef balls, and growing 2 million spat!

- We continued to support oyster restoration at other sites in Breton Bay and the Magothy River!
- We won legislation that permanently protects our sanctuary from commercial public harvesting!

"We" is the key word here --- WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE ALL THIS WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

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Over the past two weeks, I reached out to our staff and they all agreed to give a total of \$500 to kick off this Giving Tuesday campaign. Therefore, we have set a goal of \$2,500 for Giving Tuesday. We hope you will join in and give generously.

Oyster Shells up to 9-inches Recycled

Last Friday we were the recipients of a large oyster shell donation - 110 bushels from the Sola family in Abell. Eight volunteers came out from the Breton Bay/St. Clement's Bay area and filled 220 bags with high quality clean shells. We will strike them next summer for planting at Lover's Point in Breton Bay.





OUR MISSION

To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

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Upcoming Events:

- A River Affair
SAVE THE DATE
Monday, May 25
1:00 to 4:00 pm
Ruddy Duck Seafood & Alehouse
- RiverFest 2020
Saturday, September 26
SAVE THE DATE
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Historic St. Mary's City

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