

VI. Conclusions

The Corsica River WRAS is truly unique in that it is the only WRAS sponsored by an incorporated municipality. The Town of Centreville has identified the health of the Corsica River as a key component to its heritage and its future. The Town believes that by taking a leadership role in the watershed restoration effort, precedent will be made for other towns across the state to seize control of their environmental destiny and open the way for detente between economic development and growth, and the preservation of a tangible quality of life and sense of place. It has always been the Town of Centreville's goal to ensure that no growth occur at the further expense of the environmental health of the Corsica River.

Recent notoriety surrounding operations and maintenance at Centreville's own superannuated wastewater facility, has brought to the fore the need for oversight and review of every facet of Town and County infrastructure that affects the health of the Corsica River.

The WRAS has identified impairments lying in both political jurisdictions and provides guidance to both on implementation opportunities and possible means to achieve water quality enhancement, expanded wildlife habitat, more sensitive land use conversions, and conservation.

The simple digital formats were used to build the working WRAS data skeleton. Added themes or digital layers have fleshed the bones of raw data allowing the WRAS partners to generate site specific portfolios of restoration projects for work parties, for funding searches, and for media outreach, to name a few. Data sets are available so that information mailings or newsletter events can be sent with ease. Special demographic or geographic property sets can be isolated for more efficient landowner notification if need, i.e., to all families residing within 300 feet of a riparian stream, or all citizens within the Critical Area, or all persons on a septic tank, or the taxpayer of the Town of Centreville, etc. Specific photographic maps can and will be created for the WRAS partners to keep the momentum of the WRAS alive. The Town of Centreville dedicates the open access to this data to the Corsica River and her many friends.

The stakeholders of the Corsica are many and varied. Their enthusiasm, energy, and urgency are unmatched. The Corsica River Watershed is the place where meaningful and immediate implementation can be made with the promise of timely and measurable environmental successes. The Town of Centreville and its stakeholder partners will continue to work cooperatively to fund required waterway improvements, execute crucial programmatic code and policy changes, and to assure that sustainable outreach efforts touch every watershed citizen.