

Delegate Kumar Barve
Chair, Environment & Transportation Committee

Dear Delegate Barve,

My name is Bob Hoffmann and I am a full-time resident of Garrett County, Maryland. In past years I have corresponded with you on this topic but, unfortunately, no action has been taken to add funding to the SLPRF by the State of Maryland. I am hopeful this year of declared surpluses in our State will be different as the funding for this effort is coming to an end. Additional funding will ensure critical support for Maryland's 16 man-made lakes into the future.

In 2016, several citizens joined together to create the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation (DCWF), an IRS approved 501 (c) 3 non-profit that is chartered to generate donations to support projects that will ensure both a healthy State lake and the Deep Creek Watershed into the future. Said another way, we are not just relying on the State to fund the many projects that need support but have taken action ourselves and continue to take action to help the situation.

In fact, our efforts have been recognized at the State level as we were just notified that the DCWF was selected as the 2021 William Donald Shaefer Helping People Award Recipient for Garrett County.

However, as generous as our donors may be, we cannot do this alone but need your help by supporting HB 1075 this legislative session. Will you help us?

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Best Regards,
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