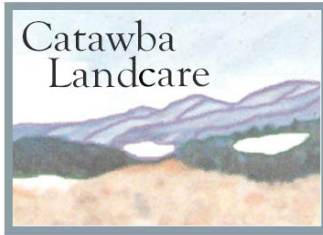


Landcare is simply caring for our land and community

# Caring for Catawba & North Fork Valleys

Landcare Learning Series for the Catawba & North Fork Valleys of Virginia



Catawba Landcare is a group of residents and landowners in the Catawba and North Fork Valleys dedicated to the care of the land and community. We are organizing a series of meetings and workshops to share our stories about caring for the land and to learn from the experiences of our neighbors.

The meeting and workshop series is scheduled for winter through summer of 2010 and will offer a unique opportunity to learn and share about a range of topics relevant to the residents & landowners of the Catawba & North Fork Valleys. Each topic will be presented from the perspectives of your neighbors and an outside resource that can provide assistance. We will also try to provide a market perspective where appropriate.

Workshops are free of charge (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public.

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Catawba Landcare is a volunteer organization and any financial support is greatly appreciated. Tax deductible donations can be made by sending checks to:

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## Streamcare in Action – North Fork

Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm

North Fork of the Roanoke River from Lusters Gate to Headwaters

At the headwaters of the James and Roanoke Rivers, the streams and creeks of the Catawba Valley are critical for the water quality for millions of people. The VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), the New River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Catawba Landcare invite you to explore streamcare options, funding sources, and visit stream restoration work completed by your neighbors along the North Fork.

Visit exhibits by agencies involved with various aspects of streamcare at *David's "Doghouse"*, the new barn behind the home of David and Kendra Kohl at 3755 Catawba Road, through the covered bridge and up the hill.

At McDonalds Mill, join representatives from Save Our Streams to sample and evaluate the quality of the water in the North Fork. Climb the hill behind the Mill, to see where water captured from a spring in the cove higher up feeds two water troughs in separate fields, enabling cattle to enjoy rotational grazing, part of the work completed under DGIF's Landowner Incentive Program (LIP).

At River Rise Road, DGIF completed extensive restoration work under the LIP program.

Drive though the valley to look at other sites to see the benefits of years of streamcare by your neighbors along the North Fork.

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# Driving Tour of *Streamcare in Action* along the North Fork of the Roanoke River

Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

1:30pm to 4:30pm

from the North Fork's Headwaters to below Lusters Gate

Site	Project	Work Done	Tour Stop
Headwaters Farm 8435 Blacksburg Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stream returned to original bed</li> <li>Trees planted March '08</li> </ul>	'07-'08	View from Blacksburg Rd
Shuler & Stephenson 8906 Blacksburg Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosion control added to streambed</li> <li>Trees planted March '10</li> </ul>	'09-'10	View from Blacksburg Rd
McDonalds Mill 3875 Catawba Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosion control upstream of mill</li> <li>Trees planted March '08</li> </ul>	'07-'08	Park at McDonalds Mill SOS water sampling
Absher & Yost McDonalds Mill & 3829 Catawba Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hardened cattle crossing</li> <li>Springs captured for cattle watering troughs</li> <li>Trees planted March '10</li> </ul>	'09-'10	Park at McDonalds Mill
Kohl, Price & Heindel 3755 to 3635 Catawba Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle fenced out of stream</li> </ul>	April 2010	View from Kohl Farm or Catawba Rd. Parking in front of covered bridge ---Tour Headquarters!
Braaten, Turner & Reuter 4000 River Rise Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosion control added to streambed</li> <li>Trees planted March '09</li> </ul>	'08-'09	Park at gate Walk to North Fork
Cold Spring Farm 2537 Catawba Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar-powered water pump feeds upper pasture</li> <li>Riparian buffer fenced &amp; trees planted</li> </ul>	1995	Park at house Walk to North Fork
Sutphin & Kaknis 1279 to 1145 Catawba Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riparian buffer established</li> </ul>	1972	Access to North Fork from 1279 Catawba Rd.
Clouse Farm 2440 Lusters Gate Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle fenced out of stream</li> <li>Trees planted</li> </ul>	1998	View from Lusters Gate Rd.

**Remember, you're in the country; Stick to roads and paths. Be Alert!**

Over the years, many agencies and organizations have contributed to the North Fork's improved health. They include: US Fish & Wildlife's "Partners for Wildlife" program; WQIF funding through VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation; FishAmerica Foundation through VA DGIF; VA Dept. of Forestry and Vaughan-Bassett for its donation of tree seedlings; and Skyline Soil and Water Conservation District.