

AN URGENT ISSUE

THE SAGA OF TEN MILE CREEK

First the **Bad News**: The Montgomery County Planning Board **did not accept its own staff recommendations** to limit proposed development on the headwaters of Ten Mile Creek. The Planning Board's recommendations to the County Council **increased** both the number of houses and the impervious surface (shopping malls, multistoried buildings, etc.) that had been proposed by the staff.

The **Good News** is that we can still stop this destructive plan by contacting our County Council. Please write a letter and/or email the County Council **today** at countycouncil@montgomerycountymd.gov and tell them that the entire DC metro area needs a reliable, clean, back-up reservoir. Tell them that we have only one clean creek, one drinking water reservoir and one sole source aquifer. It is essential that they protect all three. For background and details, visit the Save Ten Mile Creek Coalition's web site: <http://www.savetenmilecreek.com>).

Consider signing up to testify at the County Council's Public Hearing on December 5 at 7:30 pm.

SUGARLOAF's STEWARDSHIP

At its headquarters Linden Farm, SCA is proud to be creating new opportunities for stewardship of the land and new ideas for education:

- The Anne T. Sturm bluebird trail has been established for three years.
- The wildflower meadow is home to many varieties of pollinators.
- The Montgomery County Beekeepers Association will be locating beehives at Linden Farm, hopefully this spring.
- The Poolesville High School Global Ecology junior class has been visiting Linden Farm for learning and stewardship activities

And, coming next year: The first ever joint **SCA Plant Swap and Monocacy Garden Club Flower Show** – all together at Linden Farm! Mark your calendars NOW for our **Saturday, May 10** festival of growing plants which will feature local plants for swap or sell, displays of local horticulture and flower arrangements, music and refreshments.

Sugarloaf's POT LUCK on October 27: Did you miss it? If you did, we sure hope you'll join us next fall. A really good time was had by all!

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