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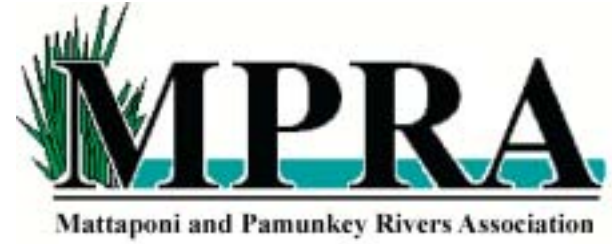
Would you like to get involved?

We are looking for sponsors for our programs and to help support our **all-volunteer** organization. We have no staff and operate totally by membership dues (\$15 person/family, \$50 business), donations and small grants. Donations are tax deductible and support the Schools of Shad project, the Annual River Stewardship Day clean up, printing our newsletter, postage, watershed educational projects, meetings and the water trail kiosks.

Special Sponsor categories:

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| Bald Eagle | \$1,000 sponsor |
| River Otter | \$500 sponsor |
| American Shad | \$250 sponsor |
| Blue Crab | \$100 sponsor |

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Goals:

- ❖ River Advocacy
- ❖ Education (adult & students)
- ❖ Recreation (paddle trips, water trail)



Activities & projects

- ❖ Chesapeake Bay Gateways water trail (kiosks and maps)
- ❖ Schools of Shad - environmental and watershed education in local schools
- ❖ River Sojourns & paddling events
- ❖ River Stewardship Day (Sat., June 2, 2007)
- ❖ Watershed conservation and advocacy
- ❖ Water quality monitoring
- ❖ Prothonotary warbler project

What does MPRA do?

- ❖ **Annual River Stewardship Day - June 2, 2007**
Volunteers work by land and water to clean up the rivers. Sponsors are needed for the picnic, T-shirts and door prizes.
- ❖ **Schools of Shad** - MPRA volunteers work with seven local schools giving presentations on watershed education, helping set up shad and underwater grass restoration tanks, cosponsoring a fishing day, involving students in special art and student research projects and hosting teacher workshops. Funding is needed for supplies, canoe rentals, printing costs and hot dogs! We could also use donations of items such as outdoor paint, lumber for bird houses, mulch or refreshments for kids.
- ❖ **Chesapeake Bay Gateways Trail** in Upper York River Watershed - MPRA was recognized as maintaining one of the 2006 Top Water Trails in the U.S. by the American Canoe Association. Volunteers have helped construct, landscape, provide maps and interpretive information on river kiosks on the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers. The project originated with a grant from the National Park Service. Funds are needed for supplies and materials to maintain and continue to update information on the kiosks and our MPRA website. The organization plans to add more sites in the future.
- ❖ **Speakers, paddling sojourns and meetings** - In the past, MPRA has sponsored speakers to discuss mercury advisories for fish, lead a Cumberland Marsh bird hike, conducted water quality monitoring, held weekend river paddling sojourns, and holds an annual meeting each year. Sponsors are needed to offset costs of food, printing, facility use and logistical arrangements (such portable toilets, special liability insurance, shuttle vans, canoe rentals) and water quality monitoring supplies.



With your help, we can continue to involve people in the appreciation and protection of our local river resources.

Won't you join us?

