

History

The Herring Run Watershed Association (HRWA) began in 1978 as the Friends of Northeast Parks and Streams. Originally a park-focused organization, HRWA has directed its attention and action to watershed restoration for more than ten years. HRWA is one of only five watershed organizations in the greater Baltimore area and serves approximately 150,000 people in northeast Baltimore City and parts of Baltimore County.

Mission

The Herring Run Watershed Association is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to improve the environmental and aesthetic quality of the Herring Run Watershed by conducting stewardship and education programs, and by mobilizing volunteers for monitoring, restoration and advocacy.

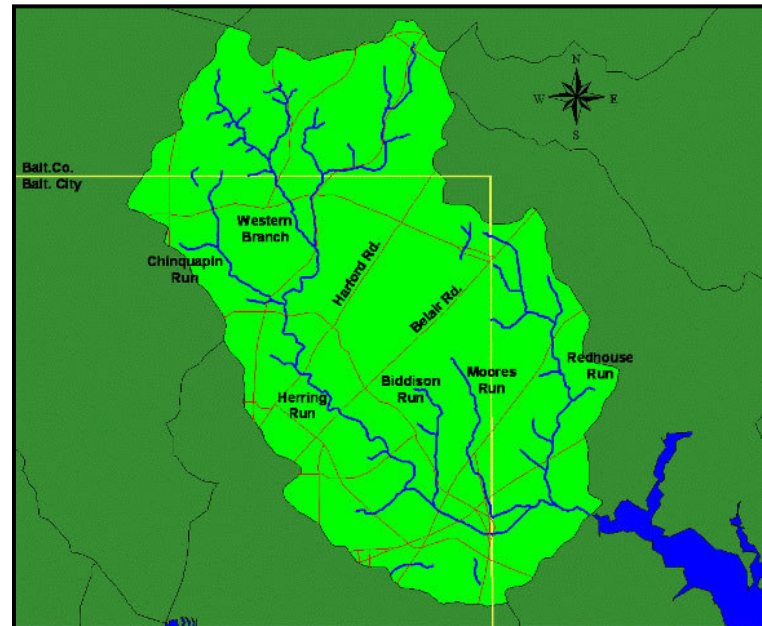
About the Watershed

The 31-square mile Herring Run Watershed contains more than 41 miles of streams, which flow into the Back River and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay. The area covers more than 50 neighborhoods and 1,500 acres of parkland in the northeast side of Baltimore City and the southeast side of Baltimore County.

Making a difference...restoration in progress

Our restoration activities are focused in the main branches and subwatersheds of the Herring Run watershed through the creation and implementation of watershed action plans. These plans may include actions that residents can take, riparian buffer planting and rain garden installation, and impervious surface reduction and removal where possible.

HRWA intends to continue making demonstrable improvements in our urban watershed by engaging citizens in learning about environmental issues and taking personal action for the preservation and restoration of the watershed.



The staff and volunteers of the association:

- plant trees and shrubs
- remove trash from streams
- waters trees during droughts
- plant tree seedlings at the Herring Run Natives Nursery
- sell native shrubs, plants and trees at the Herring Run Natives Nursery
- build and sells Rain Barrels
- work with area students at Patterson HS, Catholic HS, Doris M Johnson HS, W.E.B DuBois HS and Yorkwood ES to plant and maintain trees
- coordinate thousands of volunteers who help with all of the above!