

2023 MWMC Above and Beyond Award – Susan Simonson



Susan serves with the ACWA (Antietam Conococheague Watershed Alliance) to monitor and protect the watershed of Washington County. She works tirelessly to write grants and organizes tree plantings, monitoring, stewardship, education and outreach to work for a healthier environment. For Hagerstown community college, she has provided >100 trees to be planted and regularly checks in on them communicating with the groundskeeper on their health and care. She has also helped the HCC Environmental club help identify native trees on campus and educate students how to properly collect seeds from flowering dogwoods, Chinkapin oak, and black walnuts. She continues to help with the state effort in collecting seeds to help restock the state tree nursery throughout Washington County.

Her leadership has continued the regular monitoring of water quality for many years and works with the Potomac Riverkeeper in monitoring to provide speakers and a forum to educate the public and encourage average citizens to do something to help the environment.