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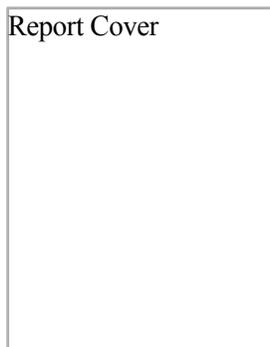
New Patuxent Riverkeeper Newsletter:

The Winter edition of our newsletter is now available for download from our website. Read news and information relevant to advocacy for the Patuxent River Corridor. Find it at this link: [Winter 2010 Riverkeeper Newsletter](#)

Patuxent Riverkeeper Releases Bi-Annual Report:

It has been over two years since we released our last periodic rundown on what we are doing, what projects we are working on, and the overall scope of our activities on behalf of the watershed. The latest report is detailed, colorful, and informative. It covers our successes, challenges and plans for the watershed as we move forward. You can download from our website: [Bi-Annual Report](#).

Report Cover



Standup for Stormwater Management:

The Stormwater Management Act of 2007 is under attack by various interests. House Bill 1125 allows grandfathering, fee in lieu transactions and other ways to weaken the new laws scheduled to go into effect later this Spring. It stands for status quo outcomes (business as usual) instead of improved and progressive regulation of the largest single source of pollution in our waterways. In effect legislation that was passed two years ago and went through a huge and transparent public vetting process is now at risk of being weakened or greatly modified in order to help opponents hang onto the old rules. You know-- those old rules that have been helping the Bay decline while lining the pockets of a few? Make your voice heard. Call your delegates and demand tough and unchanged stormwater regulations. The Legislative hearing in Annapolis is set for March 10th

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We've Changed Our Facebook Page:

Quite a number of people have been following us on Facebook but through unwitting confusion many have joined the personal Facebook page of the Riverkeeper (Fred

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Politicians and Watermelons?

At a February 15th meeting between state delegates from the Eastern Shore and Shari Wilson, Maryland's Secretary of the Department of the Environment, delegates expressed concern that environmental regulations directed at reducing pollution from stormwater, septic systems, and chicken houses were slowing economic projects in the state.

Maryland Senator Richard Colburn criticized the work of RIVERKEEPERS for demanding enforcement of such regulations. He went on to compare the RIVERKEEPERS to watermelons: "green on the outside but red or socialist on the inside." See, [Maryland Daily Record](#). The Waterkeepers have responded and asked for an apology, citing the "red" blooded military service of some Waterkeepers and the very patriotic nature of fighting for clean water and enforcement of laws: See Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips' blog: [Coastkeeper Blog](#). The fruit fight has now gone national also try: [Great Lakes Echo](#)

How about you? Are you a Watermelon too?

A Message from the Coastkeeper in Chile:

[Maule Itata COASTKEEPER](#), who works to protect the coast between Maule and Itata, would like to convey our gratitude for the expressions of concern and sympathy over the tragic earthquake that occurred in Chile last Saturday, as well as offer our sincere condolences to all of those affected by this disaster. Firstly, we are thankful and want to share that Rodrigo de la O Guerrero, the Coastkeeper who lives in Cuanipe, is safe and doing well with his family. The devastating earthquake had an intensity of 8.3 in Santiago and 8.8 in Cobquecura, affecting 80% of Chile, and has obviously wreaked severe havoc and caused serious connectivity problems across the country. While initially the Chilean authorities ruled out the possibility of a tsunami, in reality large waves arrived within minutes inundating and decimating entire villages. Hours later authorities confirmed a tsunami was spawned by the quake that has so far caused 711 deaths. Although unfortunately this number will likely increase significantly as aid and rescue operations have still yet to reach some of the most affected villages. The epicenter of the earthquake, off of the coast of Coquecura, and other coastal towns such as Curanipe, Pelluhue, Chanco, and Constitución, are the most damaged and are precisely the places where our Maule Itata COASTKEEPER program is operated. Consequently, at this point the program will turn its focus on aiding the homeless in providing food, water, and shelter to those in need, and will travel to the area this week to help Rodrigo de la O with this support. We urgently need your help! If you are able to contribute you can contact us in Chile at 056-02-4217563 during office hours, as cell phones do not work regularly, or you may send funds to Waterkeeper Alliance for distribution to the [Maule Itata Coastkeeper](#).

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We note with great sadness the passing of M. Gordon ("Reds") Wolman on February 27, 2010. Dr. Wolman was associated with Johns Hopkins University and was an immensely influential figure in Geomorphology and the fight

for clean water. Known internationally for his massive volume of research, teaching and writing he was also a great friend of the Chesapeake Bay who was unstinting in his mentorship and assistance to our work at Patuxent Riverkeeper. He was 85 years old.

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