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Harford Streams Summer Adventure 2017 Participation Triples to 600; Prize Winners Announced

BEL AIR, Md. (Oct. 25, 2017) - Participation in the second annual Harford Streams Summer Adventure tripled to more than 600 citizens in 2017, raising awareness and support for protecting Harford County's natural waterways. Developed last year by Harford County government's Watershed Protection and Restoration Office, this award-winning program encourages citizens of all ages to take selfies at various locations, write a brief comment about their experiences and enter to win T-shirts and other prizes. A free app allowed participants to easily upload photos, enter locations using GIS, and submit their comments.

One hundred and eighty-one adventurers qualified for a free T-shirt by visiting at least seven Harford stream locations. Those who visited at least 11 locations qualified for a drawing to win a pontoon boat trip for 15 people at the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. This year's winner was the Stephens family of Bel Air. A family membership to the Maryland Science Center was the prize in a drawing for visitors to at least 15 locations, won by the Connors family of Edgewood. Four enthusiastic citizens visited more than 15 Harford stream locations.

New this year, a "poker run" was held on July 15 beginning at Harford Glen. More than 80 participants collected playing cards placed at Jerusalem Mill Village, Rockfield Park, and the Ma and Pa Trail's Blake's Venture and Edgeley Grove parks. The poker run concluded back at

Harford Glen where participants turned in their poker hands and received snacks, T-shirts and other prizes.

The Harford County Watershed Protection and Restoration Office would like to thank these generous partners for their support of Harford Streams Summer Adventure: Harford Land Trust, Harford Bank, Aberdeen IronBirds, Visit Harford, Harford County Public Schools, the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, MK consulting Engineers, University of Maryland and Izaak Walton League of America.

Reflecting the true intent of Harford Streams Summer Adventure, participant Rob Storey of Havre de Grace said, "We found several new parks we didn't know existed, so that was nice. Every time we go to a park now, my daughter wants to look for a stream."



Pictured from left, back row: Michelle Stephens; Harford Streams Summer Adventure Outreach Coordinator Laura Coste', Project Manager Christine Buckley, County Executive Barry Glassman; Kylee Connors; Megan Connors; Ryan Connors; Harford County Public Works Deputy Director Scott Kearby; Director of Public Works Joseph Siemek. Front row: Ethan Stephens, Kate Stephens, Abigail Stephens, Elsa Connors, Reese Connors.

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