Small Watershed Action Plan (SWAP)  
Tidal Back River  

Fact Sheet

What is a SWAP?
A SWAP is a strategy that outlines how we will clean up our streams.

The plan will:
♦ outline the existing surroundings,
♦ identify sources of pollution,
♦ examine alternative ways to enhance our watershed and clean our streams,
♦ determine the costs,
♦ and decide who will implement the options.

Who participates in the SWAP?
Participation by many stakeholders is essential in the preparation of the SWAP. Residents in the neighborhoods, leaders from local community and business associations and government agencies are all necessary to build a successful plan. This plan will have a tally sheet that computes all the actions needed to have a clean stream. Each group or organization will be responsible for the implementation of several actions. Full implementation is needed to achieve success.

How will we improve our streams?
Restoration actions may include:
♦ New stormwater management facilities
♦ Planting trees
♦ Rainspout disconnections
♦ Additional forest along streams
♦ Neighborhood raingardens and rainbarrels
♦ Fertilizer reduction
♦ Community awareness about stormwater
♦ Shoreline restoration projects

How can I get involved?
Contact The Back River Restoration Committee about all the ways you can help restore your watershed!

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