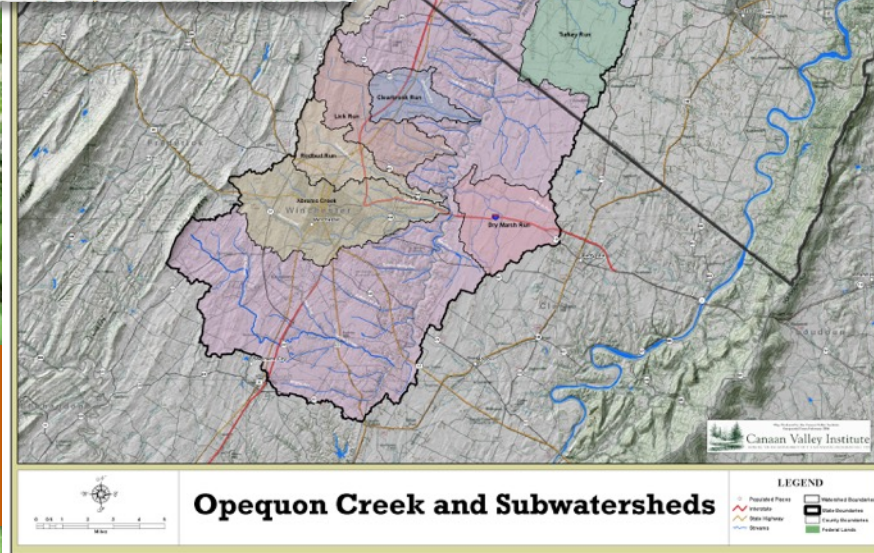
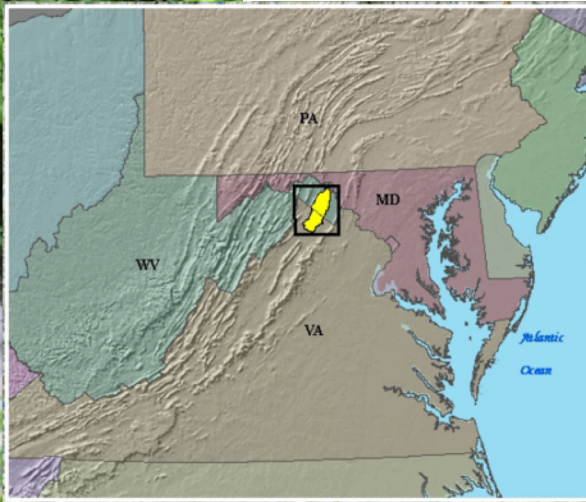




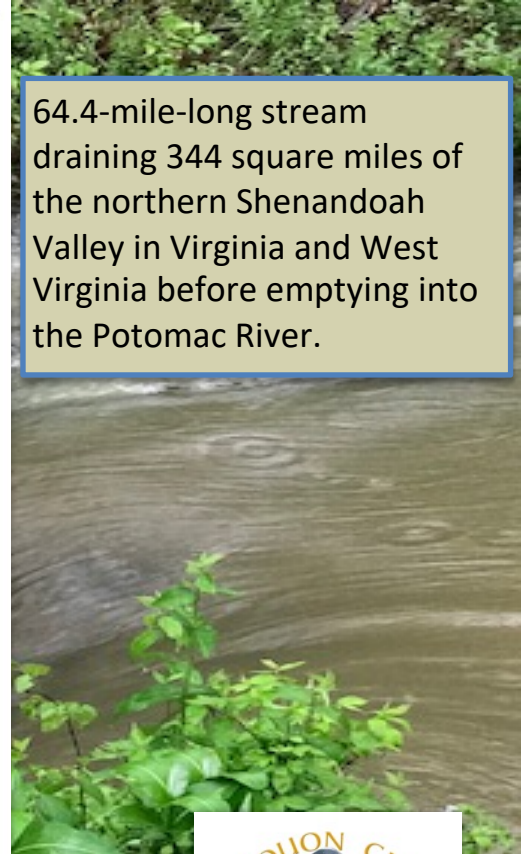
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## Watershed at a glance



64.4-mile-long stream draining 344 square miles of the northern Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and West Virginia before emptying into the Potomac River.





The area of the watershed is dominated by agricultural land, with row cropping, apple orchards, and pasture predominating. The fertile bottom lands were settled early, and many of the present farms, roads, and settlements were established prior to 1800. In recent times, areas surrounding Winchester, Va., and Martinsburg, W.Va., have experienced substantial commercial and suburban growth.

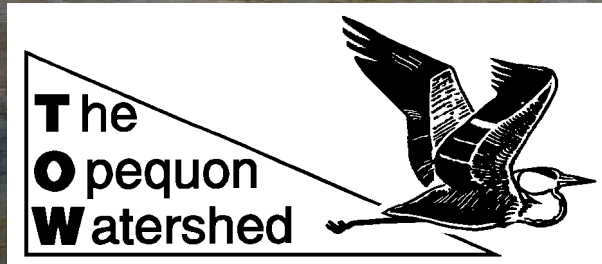
Geology plays a central role in governing land uses and hydrology. The basin is located within the Central Appalachian Ridge and Valley physiographic province and trends distinctively to the northeast.

## Natural Resources






The Opequon Watershed, a nonprofit was, was founded in 1992 to serve the entire watershed in both Virginia and West Virginia. Our mission is to promote the understanding, protection and preservation of the Creek and its tributaries for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. In 2005 the Opequon Creek Project Team was formed to take care of the West Virginia half of the creek, focusing on projects that reduce pollutants entering the Opequon and its tributaries in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties. Now the groups are merging efforts, and looking for partners like the Master Naturalists to collaborate.



About the Opequon Watershed Inc.





A group of 12 volunteers, including men and women of various ages, are posing for a group photo on a dirt trail. They are dressed in outdoor gear such as hats, backpacks, and hiking clothes. The background shows a dense forest with green trees and undergrowth.

The best way to build support for the watershed is raise awareness that the creek exists — and to get people involved in taking care of it through projects. And we're developing restoration and stewardship project ideas, and could use your help designing activities that would qualify for your annual volunteer hours.

**Volunteers Needed!**

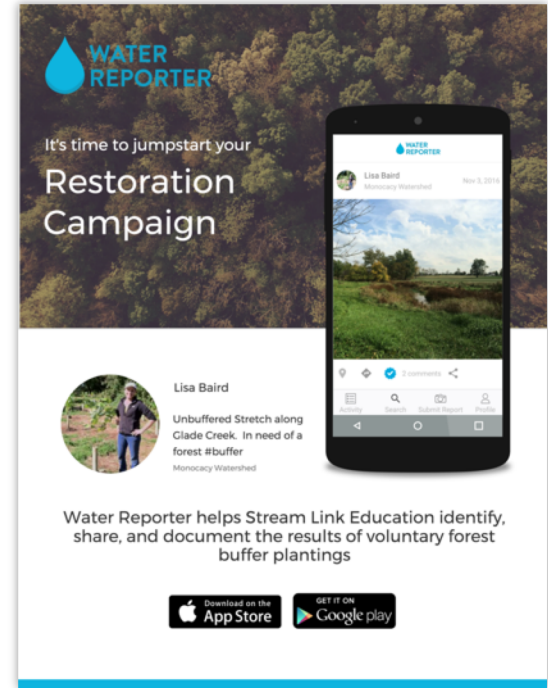
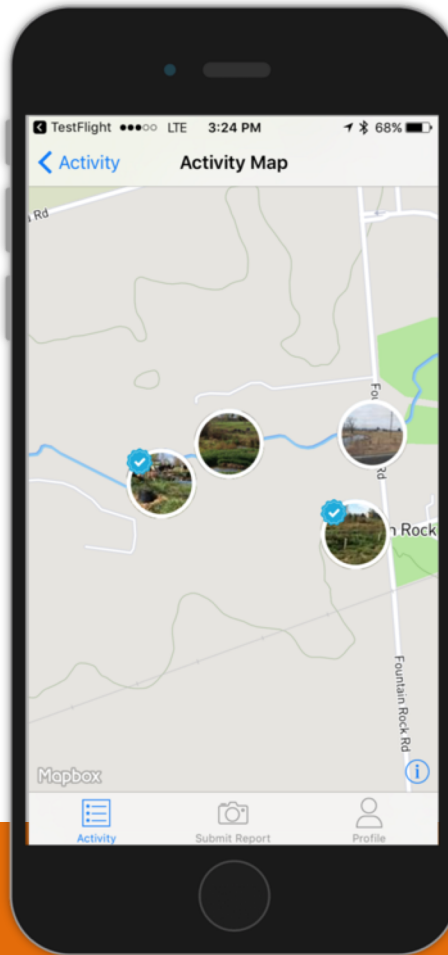




We're using the latest technology to monitor water quality, including an app called Water Reporter, a niche social network for watershed groups .

We will use the platform to share knowledge about the Opequon Watershed with advocates and agencies.

Go to WaterReporter.Org to learn more.





**When:** May 18, 10:00 a.m.

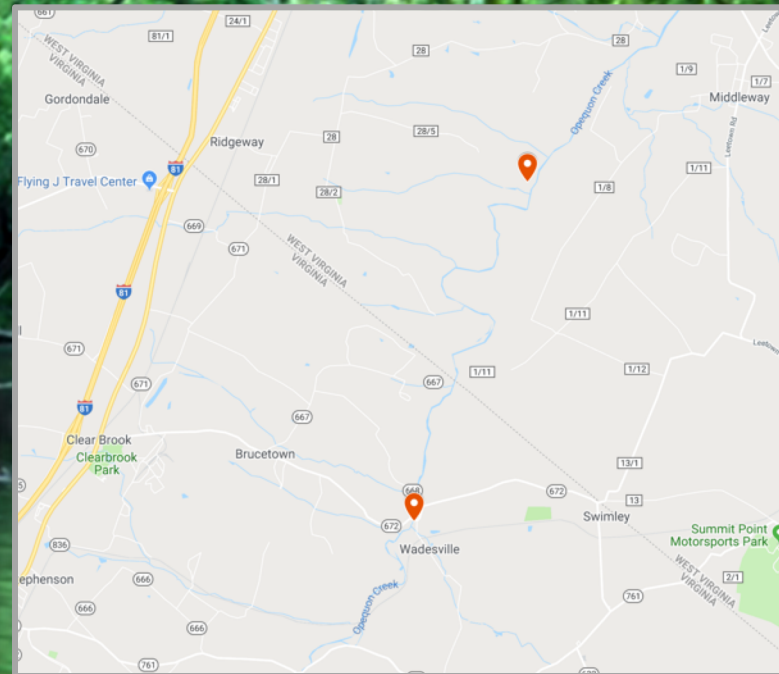
**Put-in:** Brucetown Bridge Crossing (off I81 exit for Clearbrook)

**Take-Out:** Bauserman Farm (1998 Hyslip Ford Road, Bunker Hill, WV 25413)

**Trip Duration:** 2 - 3 hours depending on stops

**What to Bring:** river shoes, change of clothes, sunscreen, snacks, binoculars, smart phone for Water Reporter App and photography, dry bag, water bottle

**High water/Rain Date:** May 25, 2019



## Opequon Watershed Spring Float and Cookout

