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The Opequon Watershed (TOW), Inc.

Working Draft

**GOALS AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR TOW INVOLVEMENT AND COLLABORATION
IN REDBUD RUN AND ITS WATERSHED, FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

As a small organization, TOW cannot provide all of the labor, materials, and other resources needed for projects at the Redbud Run Wildlife Management Area (RRWMA) in Frederick County. Instead, we propose that TOW and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) collaborate with homeowners, landowners, agencies, and organizations to coordinate projects and help assure that they are accomplished.

Potential opportunities that TOW Science Committee members identified include the following:

- Work with local groups and DWR to maintain the information kiosks at the WMA parking lot, including providing updates on conservation activities and initiatives, clearing vegetation around the kiosks for public access, and possibly planting and maintaining a pollination garden at the site;
- Assist in trail maintenance and general clean-up at the WMA;
- Help gather scientific data and provide science-based advice about conserving the natural resources and historical features of the Redbud Run watershed;
- Support Trout Unlimited (through local contact Bud Nagelvoort) regarding trout stocking and maintaining a reproducing trout population in Redbud Run; help monitor physical and biological stream conditions;
- Assist in conducting plant inventories and in protecting any species or ecological communities of special interest that are present;
- Help protect, provide access to, celebrate, and educate the public about the natural and historical features of the Redbud Run watershed;
- Help address conservation and preservation issues that may arise; and
- Serve, via the TOW website, as a repository and information source for a) scientific data we collect, and b) scientific information collected by others, about Redbud Run.

The members of TOW look forward to working with the DWR on these and other ideas for reaching our mutual goals for Redbud Run.