



# Show Us Your Watersheds!

This spring, CRC launched a campaign on social media titled “Show Us Your Watersheds.” During the Covid-19 pandemic, it seemed like a good idea to remind folks that they actually live on top of watersheds right now and thus bear responsibility for the good and the bad in their own backyards. We first encouraged people to step outside in the safety of their own property and take a look around, find something beautiful that spoke to them, and snap a picture for us. We received some wonderful images, which we posted on Facebook and social media, and some of which we include here.

Phase two was the “low” end. We asked people to focus instead on what might be a challenge – from invasives choking a favorite tree to creek erosion. For example, did you know ivy damages tree bark as it climbs and will eventually overtake even a mature tree, weakening branches through its weight and preventing light from penetrating leaves? Weakened plants and trees are more susceptible to problems like pests or disease. Again, we received some great responses and even better, soon we will choose one for a personalized “fix” for their problem, whether the answer is invasives removal, a tree planting or some other repair to their special slice of nature.

Our plan was to feature these photos at our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party, but we will have to choose another event as our year develops. Please do enjoy -- and protect your watersheds while staying safe in your own backyard!

