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## Thank you for your Donation to LFWA

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Dear Christine,

Thank you so much for your 2015 donation of \$398.5 to the Little Falls Watershed Alliance in honor of Donal O'Connell. Donal was our treasurer for several years and we hold his memory very near to our hearts.

We are celebrating our seventh year. As we look back, we are very proud of what we have been able to accomplish for the environment. We have established regular trash pick-ups on the Little Falls Parkway engaging over 500 volunteers picking up 523 bags of trash and 132 of recyclable material. Four or five times a month, volunteers work in the Little Falls Stream Valley Park on removing non-native invasive plants such as porcelainberry vines, English ivy and bush honeysuckle. These weeds threaten not only the native plants but also contribute to the decline in songbird populations as they crowd out the food sources crucial for the birds' survival. In total, over 1,500 volunteers have worked to eradicate invasives totaling more than 3,000 volunteer hours in this effort.

We have also established a strong tie with Montgomery Parks and led groups of volunteers in clean-up and invasive removal efforts. We are currently working with Parks to restore a meadow near Norwood Park. We have planted almost 1000 native wildflowers and grasses and are happy to report that they are growing and blooming. In the fall, we will be adding understory trees and bushes to the adjacent wooded area.

We are proud to have sponsored 12 Eagle Scout projects as well as several Girl Scout Silver Projects over the past two years. These young people are learning how important their actions are to a healthy environment. In them, we are building tomorrow's leaders in stewardship.

Our big news from 2014 is that we have made the transition from an all-volunteer to staffed organization and I am honored to be the sole and very part time employee now!

Thank you again for your support of our efforts. Your donation and membership support will play a major role in our continued success. This letter serves as receipt of your donation. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

Thank you for joining us in stewardship,

*Sarah*

Sarah Morse  
Executive Director



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