**Shenandoah River Watershed**

**Vision Forum Invitation**

**There are two more forums coming up and we hope you can join us for one and will help spread the word to your friends and colleagues.**

Background:  The Chesapeake Bay Trust recently awarded the Shenandoah Riverkeeper and the Potomac Riverkeeper Network a grant that gives us an incredible opportunity to bring together farmers, river outfitters, local businesses, conservation groups, communities, outdoor/recreational enthusiasts, travel/tourism, and government and municipal water officials to craft a shared vision of the Shenandoah watershed and a roadmap laying out how we can collaborate to achieve our common goals.

We will conduct three free public forums – one each in the northern, central, and southern part of the Valley - to obtain your perspectives and views of a shared vision for the Shenandoah River watershed. If you believe there are other organizations or individuals who need to participate in the forums, please pass their contact information to us and share this invitation with them.

 Upcoming Forum dates and locations are:

**May 9, Woodstock Presbyterian Church** (1-5PM), 142 East Court Street, Woodstock, VA 22664

**May 16, Capital Ale House**(1-5pm) 41-A Court Square, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

 **Register to attend here:**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-prosperous-shenandoah-river-three-forums-tickets-59268609005>

 An agenda for the forums is attached as well as a summary of the challenges, opportunities, and aspirations that were brought to the table at two smaller workshops that were held in Front Royal and Woodstock in March. We all share a common concern for the future of this region yet with different perspectives and diverse views. We believe we will create a stronger foundation by working through our diversity and finding shared purpose.

Please contact Jennifer Lee, jennifer@2leeword.com, or Shenandoah Riverkeeper Mark Frondorf, mark@shenandoahriverkeeper.org, should you have any questions.

We look forward to your participation and working on this vision for a healthy and prosperous Shenandoah River watershed.

 Thank you,

***Mark Frondorf***

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