

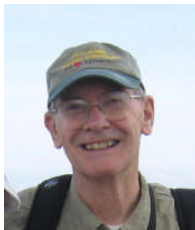
Candidates for NNWB Board 2012

Anne Ambler



Anne Ambler has lived in the Northwest Branch since 1970. Her lifelong interest in environmental protection shifted to action following the 1997 release of the Intercounty Connector environmental impact study, which predicted severe damage to the Northwest Branch and other treasured Montgomery County waterways. After 4 years as Chair of the Montgomery County Group of the Sierra Club, she served 3 years as President of the Neighbors of the Northwest Branch. As non-Board Outreach Chair, she organized the 2011 spring and fall multi-site cleanups and NNWB's speaker programs. She participates in Montgomery County Parks Weed Warrior and Tree Steward programs. Reappointed to the Board mid-year, she currently serves as Vice-President. She enjoys hiking in the woods when not chatting with members via email.

John Fay



John Fay is a founding member of NNWB and served as Secretary, 2004-10. He has led or participated in numerous cleanups; in addition, he is a certified Montgomery County Weed Warrior with primary attention to the Northwest Branch watershed. John has been active in the Sierra Club for many years and served as local group treasurer and state PAC treasurer for about 10 years. He was reappointed to the Neighbors Board mid-year 2011. John enjoys hiking and is a voracious reader.

Larry Hush



Larry Hush has lived in the Middle Section of the Northwest Branch watershed since 1984. He joined NNWB in December 2008 and became Treasurer in September 2009, a position he currently holds. He lives in the area of the watershed between Route 29 (Colesville Road) downstream to the Capital Beltway. Since April 2009 his volunteer work and hobby have been as a County Weed Warrior cutting nonnative invasive vines and other plants mostly along NWB between Randolph Road and New Hampshire Avenue. Since April 2010 he has been a County Weed Warrior Supervisor and leads volunteers in cutting invasives on the fourth Saturday of the month at Burnt Mills (NWB and Route 29). Larry retired in March 2008 after 32 years as an economist with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Kimberley Knox



Kimberley M. Knox lives on the Northwest Branch and enjoys a view looking at the woods on the Northwest Branch near New Hampshire Avenue. She works as the Community Outreach Manager for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and prior to that was a Renewable Energy Specialist and the Water Conservation Administrator for the City and County of San Francisco. Kim was recently chosen by the Izaak Walton League of America to be on their National

Honor Roll for her work coordinating cleanups on the Patuxent. Kim is currently extending her expertise in stormwater management through participation in the Watershed Stewards Academy, where she is pushing for stormwater infiltration projects in the Northwest Branch watershed.

Glenn Welch



Glenn Welch has lived in the DC area since 1986. He moved into the NW Branch watershed in 2000. Sitting out back at night after painting all evening, he heard a very loud animal nearby. With a little searching, he found a gray treefrog under a rock, and so began to develop a keener interest in the stream behind his house, Bel Pre Creek, which flows into the NW Branch just above Randolph Rd. In 2005 in a local Beltsville paper he saw an announcement about a new citizens group forming to support Beaverdam Creek, which runs through the USDA property where he works. (He chairs their Ecology Committee.) At that group's first meeting, he learned of the group newly formed to restore the Northwest Branch. So in one evening he ended up in two watershed groups! For the NNWB he initiated and is the team leader of a water quality monitoring team in the NW Branch near the trail crossing at Kemp Mill Rd., operating under the Audubon Naturalist Society's invertebrate monitoring program. He is currently seeking to establish a second monitoring site.

The following Board members' terms run through December 2012:

Jim Fary, current President

Suzanne Donohue, current Secretary

James Graham

Tiffany Wright

**And with regret, we say good-bye to long-serving Elaine Lamirande,
whose work on the Board over the years is so greatly appreciated.
Elaine is moving on to other stream protection activities.**