## SPRING 2022 NEWS UPDATES FOR FRIENDS OF THE KAYADEROSSERAS



RESTORATION & REHABILITATON. Our spring 2022 projects focused on tree planting in April at the Axe Factory Preserve (cottonwoods, catalpa, dogwoods, spice bush, and cherries – a combination of species that develop the riparian zone along the creek and support wildlife) and a very enthusiastic, member-supported trout-stocking event at Kelley Park in early May. Lots of great helping hands.



CREEKSIDE CLEAN-UPS. Although no one wants to find trash in and along the Kayaderosseras, it can be a side-effect of human use and flooding. As a partial remedy, we had another successful Creekside Clean-Up in May 2022. It's both gratifying and bittersweet that we've removed almost 10 tons of trash since fall 2018. Thanks to all who made it possible (*pulled it out rather than adding it*!); volunteers this fall are well-positioned to join the illustrious 10 Ton Trash Club!

## SPRING 2022 ANNUAL MEETING.

- We recognized Loren Grimm, Rich Bashant, and eagle scout candidates Sean Hughes and Trevor Duthaler for their particular contributions to the goals of Friends of the Kayaderosseras.
- Featured speakers were Sage Ganshirt and Chloe Campbell, Skidmore College students who created videos about the Axe Factory Preserve's history and wildlife based on their on-site research projects in 2021-22. One memorable project explored how deer respond to variation in stream flow and flooding events. We also had an at-large conversation about efforts to more widely support learning and action regarding the creek.
- Election of the 2022-23 Board of Directors: *President*: Joseph Acee, *Vice President*: Eric Anderson, *Secretary*: Barb Thomas, *Education & Outreach*: Julie McDonough. *Recreation Access:* Rich Bashant, *Communication:* Kate Gawrys, *Treasurer:* Andrew Sheridan, *Conservation:* Josh Ness
- We still need a volunteer for 2022-23 Director for Membership!





No one steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and you're not the same person. - Heraclitus, paraphrased

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