



Lori and student planting the first tree on the hill side 2004

# Lands and Waters 2023

*Don't want to believe it, Lori is retiring in January!*

My close relationship with Lori and Daniels Run School began over twenty years ago. Lori's guidance and dedication provided what was needed to tackle our ambitious vision to create a hands-on environmental education program and living classroom. Now that vision is a reality. The program is more than I imagined and the large living classroom provides a place where students learn about nature, human impact, and participate in conservation.

Without Lori, I would not have had the vision, knowledge, energy to begin. Lori, my great partner and friend, I'm so proud of you.



Lori shows off her dirty hands, rain garden 2003

## **VolunteerFest, An annual event sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax**

*For over a decade, we have participated in VolunteerFest, a county-wide initiative fostering volunteerism*



*Our mission in a picture!*



*Weeding vegetable garden*



*Last task, getting the debris ready for pick-up*

*Volunteers remove invasives in a degraded corridor, part of an ambitious restoration project*





*Volunteer workdays began in February and continued through the late fall:*



**Principia Tutors:** Another great workday weeding and planting with Principia. We hope to see them again in '24!



**GMU Fraternity & Sorority Life:** Their first event with us. Great volunteers! Hope to see them again next year!



**Care First:** Students watched these great volunteers weed the courtyard and made thank you notes to put on the window.



Volunteer prepares vines for pick-up.

**Cohen Reznick:** Volunteers worked hard to remove invasives from trees/bushes.

**Thank you for your support**  
Have a wonderful  
Holiday  
and great 2024

