

Sounds of Our County

Soundscape Recording Project

1:00PM Monday January 3, 2022

As part of Shenandoah County's 250th Anniversary Commemoration, the Shenandoah County Library's Truban Archives is working to expand our holdings of local materials.

This initiative includes an effort to capture the sounds of Shenandoah County. Sound is an important part of our lives, but it is also fleeting. Unless captured on a recording, a sound is lost the moment it is heard.

"Sounds of Our County" is a project designed to capture the sounds of our community so that present and future generations will be able to hear what Shenandoah County sounded like.

Individuals interested in participating will be asked to create an audio recording at least 1 minute (60 seconds) and no more than 5 minutes (300 seconds) in duration starting at or around 1:00PM on Monday, January 1st. These recordings can be made at any location within Shenandoah County including outdoor spaces, buildings, streets, etc. We just ask that the recordings not capture any private conversations, sensitive scenes, copyrighted materials, or be made in a way that violates the law (think recording with a phone while driving).

When creating the recording, simple is typically better since we hope to capture as authentic of a sound as possible. You can use whichever device you would like to craft the recording, including your cell phone. Videos recorded with sound will also be accepted, but we may choose to only retain the audio portion as part of the collection. We do ask that you not stage any scenes for recording or otherwise create an artificial soundscape.

Once you have completed the recording, please fill out the included information sheet. Include as many details as possible so we can have as detailed a record as possible for the future.

Recordings and sheets can be send via email to zhottel@countylib.org or delivered in person to the Shenandoah County Library or one of its branches (please label any physical items "Sounds of Our County Project"). For more information on their locations, visit countylib.org.

We are also accepting donations of history sound recordings including those produced by local musicians.

For questions email Archivist Zachary Hottel at zhottel@countylib.org or call (540)984-8200.

Information Sheet

Name of Individual Submitting Recording: _____

Date of recording (example January 3, 2022): _____

Time of Recording (example 3:00PM): _____

Length of the recording (total seconds): _____

What type of device was the recording made on (type, analog vs. digital, and model if possible)

Location of Recording (Please provide as many details as possible including address, state/federal route number, street intersection, landmarks, GPS, etc.)

Description of the area where the recording was made (i.e. outside, in a car, restaurant, street, people, animals, etc. Please provide as many details as possible.)

Describe what is going on in the area of the recording (include information about the weather, traffic, conversations, construction, music, etc.)

Donation:

I hereby donate to the Shenandoah County Library the audio visual recording described above and all rights associated with said recording for the library to use in accordance with its established policies, including its efforts to preserve and make information available to present and future generations.

I also certify that I collected this recording as part of the "Sound of Our County" Soundscape Recording Project and have the right to capture said recording and transfer it to the Shenandoah County Library for their use.

Donor Signature: _____

Date: _____

