

Anne Arundel County

Fort Meade Army Installation (also Howard/Prince George's)

Anyone welcome!

Date: 2nd Saturday of each month starting in spring

Time: 10am (flexible for groups)

Events/Activities subject to change. RSVP: Installation Forester Mick Butler or Sheila Chambers 3 days ahead.

Description: People of all ages, backgrounds and interests are invited to spend a few hours outdoors, hand-pulling some non-native plants while learning about the differences between native and non-native invasive plants and how these invasives adversely impact our natural ecosystem. Short training session on identification, and control techniques of non-native invasive plants then help remove Japanese stilt grass, English ivy, garlic mustard, tree of heaven, multiflora rose, Japanese honeysuckle, common privet, phragmites, Asiatic tearthumb. gloves, lunch & water, long sleeves and pants.

**Directions: 295 BW Prkwy to Rt 175 East, right on Reece Rd to entrance, immediate left on Ernie Pyle St, ~1 mile to left on Llewellyn Ave, right on Chisholm Ave, left on 3rd St, right on Ross Rd, Environmental Division Office is 2nd building on right
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT FGGM DPW ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION Mick Butler, mick.butler@us.army.mil 301-677-9188 or Sheila Chambers, 301-677-9167 sheila.chambers@us.army.mil**

Patuxent Research Refuge (also Princes George's County)

Non-native invasive plants are threatening our wildlife habitat. We need YOU to help stop them. Come out for one of our "Weed Warriors Days" and help us treat garlic mustard, mile-a-minute, Japanese stiltgrass and other non-native plant infestations on the refuge. All ages and abilities are welcome. Do your part to protect Patuxent from alien invaders, and become a Weed Warrior! You will receive a short educational briefing explaining the effects of invasive plants on wildlife and wildlife habitats and how to identify and control these plants. Wear long sleeves and pants and bring gloves. Please register for this event by calling 301-497-5887. Dates for 2011 events are as follows (dates and times subject to change if necessary):

Friday, 04-22-2011, Earth Day event - Weed Warriors kick-off, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Wednesday, 05-18-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Saturday, 05-21-2011, National Wildlife Visitor Center, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Wednesday, 06-08-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Wednesday, 06-15-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Saturday, 06-18-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 9:00PM – 12:00PM

Wednesday, 07-06-2011, National Wildlife Visitor Center, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Wednesday, 07-20-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Saturday, 07-30-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Wednesday, 08-03-2011, North Tract Visitor Contact Station, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Saturday, 08-27-2011, National Wildlife Visitor Center, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Directions to the North Tract Visitor Contact Station:

From I-295, take the exit for MD-Route 198 towards Fort Meade. Go approximately 1.5 miles until you see Glory Days Auto Salvage on your near right corner and baseball fields on your far right. Turn right between the two onto Bald Eagle Drive. Proceed through the gate and continue about 1/2 mile to the Visitor Contact Station.

Directions to the National Wildlife Visitor Center:

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between MD Route 197 and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, south of Laurel.

For additional information, call 301-497-5763 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary

Spring Stewardship Day

Date: Saturday April 2, ongoing

Description: Jug Bay has over 1500 acres of wetlands, upland forests, meadows, and streams. Stewardship means taking care of the land we all share. Join our team to remove the non-native invasive plants from our forests before they spread and threaten the special habitats and rare plants found on the Sanctuary. Pick up trash that has floated into the marsh, pull invasive weeds, and maintain native plant gardens. Please wear work clothes (long sleeves, boots.) Bring work gloves, bag lunch, clothing change and towel. Ages 6 yrs min. Great for families! Scout and community groups welcome. Sign up for am, pm, or both.

Directions: 1361 Wrighton Rd. Lothian, MD 20711. Call 410-741-9330

www.jugbay.org

RSVP: Lindsay Hollister & Elaine Friebele 410-741-9330 lindsay@jugbay.org.

On-going: To adopt your very own plot to monitor, map and manage invasives during the year contact: Lindsey 410-741-9330, rpholl27@aacounty.org

Baltimore, Baltimore County

Patapsco Valley State Park, Halethorpe, MD

Friends of Patapsco Valley & Heritage Greenway, Inc.

Date: Sunday, May 1, 2011 RAIN OR SHINE

Time: 1:00 pm-3:00pm

Description: Annual Garlic Mustard Challenge!! invasive garlic mustard pulling contest, A popular annual family-oriented event. Located in the park's Avalon Area, Pavilion 104.

RSVP: Betsy McMillon patapscofriend@gmail.com 410.480.0824

Additional PHG-sponsored volunteer event dates and locations may be scheduled depending on group requests, number of available volunteers and compatible dates and times.

Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park

When: Ongoing

Description: Please join the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park at the Avalon area to eradicate invasive vines. This is the worst place in the park for non-native vines where they have killed or broken many trees in that area, so we need lot's of help. Wear long clothes and bring gloves as there is some poison ivy. Bring hand pruners and loppers and 2 handed cutters for larger vines. www.fpvsp.org

Directions: Meet at Avalon contact station. I -95 to I-195 east to Rt. 1 toward Elkridge. Immediate Right on South St. Entrance on left. 1/2 mile to contact station.

Contact: Jim Palmer J.G.Palmer@jhuapl.edu 410-948-4796

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/patapscovolunteer.html

Prettyboy Reservoir

Dates: Ongoing if enough RSVPs

The Prettyboy Watershed Alliance partners with the Sierra Club for invasive removal.

Description: For those who love hiking and animal-watching, Prettyboy Reservoir provides habitat for a variety of forest wildlife species, including white-tailed deer, wild turkey, rabbit, squirrel, and songbirds. Meet for a couple hours of cutting invasive vines along the CCC fireroads at Prettyboy Reservoir. Clippers, loppers, hand saws, and gloves will be available, or you may bring your own.

Directions: Meet at the parking lot on Tracey Store Rd. Reach Tracey Store Rd. by getting off I-83 north at the Mt. Carmel Rd. exit and heading west. Turn right on Pretty Boy Dam Rd. Turn left on Tracey Store Rd. After passing a Prettyboy Reservoir sign and a couple fireroads on the right and crossing a creek, park in the dirt parking lot on the right side of the road.

Contact: Nancy L Shaper [nshaper@jhmi.edu] Mary 443-386-0862c 410-239-4590h XxDiTz4LyFxX@aol.com for ongoing events.

Cromwell Valley Park

Habitat Restoration Team

When: 2nd Saturday of each month 9-12.

Description: Cromwell Valley Park is a wonderful rural park just outside the Beltway on Cromwell Bridge Road. Quietly and slowly, parts of CVP are being transformed with the help of enthusiastic volunteers. The Habitat Restoration Team has been working for several years to remove the unwanted invasive nuisance plants, and to replant some areas with native plants suitable for this particular place. We want the wild areas of the Park to be as healthy and friendly to wildlife as possible after three centuries of industrial and agricultural activity and more recent suburbanization. The areas we have worked on in recent years, Beehive Woods and Dogwood Hill are looking much better, free of major invasives, with new trees and

shrubs gaining a foothold. A new installation of a deer exclusion fence demonstrates effects of excessive deer browsing in forests.

We have been greatly helped by groups from local schools and businesses; we always welcome groups who want to help. But the consistent work force is one that meets at the Sherwood House each month on the second Saturday at 9 AM and we work until 12 PM. We only cancel if there is too much rain and then the rain date is always the next day (Sunday).

Please join us. We provide tools, but you should wear appropriate clothing with long sleeves for working in the woods. There remains a lot to do. You will end the morning with the satisfaction of knowing you made a positive contribution to conserving the natural environment - and we guarantee a good workout!

Contact: For more details call 410.887.2503. RSVP Carl Koprowicz:

birders1@netzero.com Park office: 410-887-2503 info@cromwellvalleypark.org
www.cromwellvalleypark.org Trail maintenance: cypark@bcpl.net

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

Dates: calendar at www.gunpowderfalls.org

Description: Tree Maintenance Volunteers Needed! Seeking volunteers, ages 12 and up, to adopt a tree planting site or help on tree maintenance days this spring.

Become a tree steward. Help maintain some of our 4,000 trees planted in the last 3 years. Invasive plants surrounding the trees must be removed, stakes and shelters secured, dead trees marked, and watering done.

Contact: Peggy Perry, Program Director 410-668-0118 pperry@gunpowderfalls.org

Baltimore City

Blue Water Baltimore

Baltimore Weed Warriors

Blue Water Baltimore was formed through the recent merger of the Herring Run, Jones Falls, Gwynns Falls, and Baltimore Harbor Watershed Associations and the Baltimore Harbor Waterkeeper. Includes Meadowood Park, Druid Hill Park, Stony Run Park, Western Run Park and Wyman Park.

Blue Water Baltimore is seeking volunteers to help liberate our native forests from invasive plants. Your work will be critical both for the success of reforestation projects and for the conservation of Baltimore's mature tree canopy. Plus, you'll get a great workout! We will provide all training, tools, and work gloves, but please dress appropriately for the weather. Work boots and a pair of thin, warm gloves that you can wear under work gloves are highly recommended. For more information or to sign up, please contact Debra at dlenik@bluewaterbaltimore.org or at 410-254-1577 x100.

Join us on the following dates:

-Saturday, February 5th, 2pm to 5pm at Overlook Park (intersection of Overbrook Rd and Register Ave, 21239) -Sunday, February 20th, 1pm to 4pm at the Gwynns Falls Trail (meet at the Carroll Park Golf Course, 2100 Washington Blvd,

Baltimore, MD 21230) -Saturday, March 5th, 9am-12pm: Herring Run Park. Meet at intersection of Parkside Dr. and Tyndale Ave., 21214.
-Sunday, March 20th, 1pm-4pm: location TBA.

Calvert County

American Chestnut Land Trust

Port Republic, Calvert County, MD

Dates: Weed Whacking Wednesdays Oct-April 10-12noon, May-Sept 9-11am, Vine Vindicator Saturdays March 26 (Hiking Trail Maintenance Day picnic following), April 16 (Earth Day picnic following), May 21, Oct. 29; 9am- 12 noon.

Full day invasive training program September 17 (10:00 – 3:00, lunch provided).

Description: Join us for our extensive Non-Native Invasive Plant Removal program in one of the last pristine watersheds on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

Work as a team or individually; includes training, tools, water, and gloves.

RSVP: Liz Stoffel, Land Manager 410-414-3400 land@acltweb.org

Hellen Creek Forest and Wildlife Preserve, Lusby, MD

Invasive Removal at Hellen Creek

Date: Saturday April 30, 2011 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday June 11, 2011 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday August 20, 2011 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Description: Join us for a quick tour of the preserve before we get down to the ongoing work of invasive removal at Hellen Creek Forest and Wildlife Preserve is 50 acres of stream and ravine along Hellen Creek. We have over 25 species of trees including hemlocks and are adjacent to TNC's Hemlock Preserve. Wear sturdy clothes and shoes for invasive plant removal and native wildflower plantings. We will have gloves and tools and refreshments.

Directions: 11785 Clifton Drive Lusby MD 20657 Take Coster Road less than 1 mile to Clifton Drive on the right. Follow this to the driveway on the left with the number 11785 posted. Follow to the end where you will see our sign.

RSVP: Bob Boxwell, Executive Director, Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust 410-394-1300 (office) 410-610-5124 (cell) cpnht@comcast.net

Caroline County

Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, MD

Dates: Ongoing March-November

Description: Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve on the Tuckahoe River adjacent to Tuckahoe State Park. The Arboretum trains volunteers to assist staff in removing invasive non-natives. Workdays are flexible. Volunteers learn how to identify invasive plants and the best protocols for managing specific invasive species. In addition, the Arboretum's native meadows and wetland are managed by manually removing removal of shrubs and trees.

Directions: www.adkinsarboretum.org

Contact: Ginna Tiernan gtiernan@adkinsarboretum.org 410-634-2847 ext. 27

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Thank you!



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Cecil County

Frostburg State University

Arboretum Workdays

Date: Get Involved - *Volunteer in the Arboretum!* Help remove exotics, restore natives.

Description: The FSU arboretum would never be able to survive if it wasn't for the help of its many dedicated volunteers. Volunteers have given their time, money, and hard work to help rid the arboretum of invasive plants, clean the trails, plant the gardens, and perform general maintenance. Programs such as the Allen HallSTARS! and Americorps have also made this possible. Many grants from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation have also funded our efforts.

Directions: Meet at the gazebo in the stadium parking lot, ready to work outside. Tools and gloves provided.

Contact:

- **Dr. Sunshine Brosi**
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Forest ecologist, Department of Biology

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Charles County

Chapman Forest and Ruth Swann Park

Participating organizations include Maryland Native Plant Society and Sierra Club

Dates: First Sunday and second Saturday, monthly

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There are about 3,000 native plant species in Maryland, with 800 at Chapman Forest and contiguous Swann Park, 49 of which are endangered.

Remove invasive non-natives from the 200-acre Swann Park and 800-acre portion of Chapman Forest designated Chapman State Park. There will be time for plant identification and a beautiful beach lunch. Learn about best season for species, wet soil condition for pulling, extent of area of natives seen rescued, delayed gratification, targeted use of herbicides, and matching funds for staff to do what volunteers find hard to do.

Non-native invasive plant removal will reach maintenance phase following a major work effort at each site in the Mid-Atlantic region and around the world for about 5-7 years to remove the massive populations of species. Regular stewardship projects are conducted in all seasons including winter, early spring, late spring, summer, and late summer. This high-intensity program is followed by a low-intensity annual maintenance program for plants we have missed, plants emerging from the seed bank, and occasional plants migrating in from neighboring areas.

Casual clothing, long sleeves and pants, sturdy comfortable walking boots/shoes, gloves are encouraged for these events.

INFO about the area and map <http://www.chapmanforest.org> and www.mattawomanwatershedsociety.org

Contact: Marc Imlay 301-283-0808. 301-442-5657c

DIRECTIONS: First Sunday, meet at main gate of Chapman Forest.

Directions to Chapman Forest, Chapman State Park, Mount Aventine and the Glendening Natural Environment Area. Take the Washington Capital Beltway to Indian Head Highway (MD 210) south toward Indian Head (from VA Exit 2; from MD Exit 3A). At 14 miles, continue through on MD 210 through the traffic light at MD 227 (This crossroads is the center of the community known as Bryans Road). At about 1.1 miles past the light, veer to the right onto Chapmans Landing Road. Follow for 1.6 miles to the gated entrance of Mount Aventine and Chapman State Park.

CARPPOOL Info: Meet at Sierra Club Md. Chapter office at 9 a.m.; return 5 p.m.
Call Laurel Imlay at 301-277-7111.

DIRECTIONS: Second Saturday, meet at Ruth B. Swann Park- Potomac Branch Library parking lot, 20 miles south of Washington Beltway (I-495) on Rt. 210 (Indian Head Hwy), about a mile and a half south from the traffic light on Rt. 210 in Bryans Road .Give yourself 30 to 40 minutes from the Beltway. **CARPOOL Info:** Meet at Sierra Club Md. Chapter office at 9 a.m.; return 5 p.m. Call Laurel Imlay at 301-277-7111.

Garrett County

Savage River State Forest - Bear Pen Wildlands

Savage River Watershed Association (SRWA)

Dates: Tuesday April 26 & Thursday April 28

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Description: Battling Botanical Bullies - Adult volunteers are needed to continue control efforts of Japanese spiraea and garlic mustard in the Bear Pen Run area of Savage River State Forest. Bear Pen is designated as a Type 1 Wildland and like other natural areas around the State is threatened by a variety of exotic invasive species. Kerrie Kyde, Invasive Plant Specialist with the Maryland Wildlife & Heritage Service, is providing technical support. Wade Dorsey, Savage River State Forest acting manager, provides work tools. Mary Ironside, Big Run & New Germany State Park manager, provides free camping the night before for any out-of-town volunteers. SRWA coordinates the project and provides snacks for volunteers. To volunteer, pre-register by contacting Ron Boyer, SRWA invasive species removal coordinator, at 301-895-3686 or SRWAdirector@gmail.com

Harford County

Otter Point Creek, Abingdon, MD

Become an "INVASINATOR"! Volunteer to join the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center in removing invasive plants and restoring native plants. Receive T-shirt after 2 days.

Dates/Times:

March 12 - 1:30-3:30

April 9- 11:00-1:00

May 21- 10:00-12:00

For more dates call 410.612.1688 or on the web at www.otterpointcreek.org

Description: Enjoy pink ladys slippers and native orchids in upland and wooded swamp. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to our ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for fieldwork in the Reserve each meeting date. Participants receive an "Invasinators" T-shirt after attending 2 work days.

Location: Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

Registration: 410-612-1688 or www.otterpointcreek.org Kriste Garman

Howard County

See Fort Meade Army Installation under Anne Arundel County

Howard County Conservancy Habitat Restoration Work Group

Dates: Thursday, March 24th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, April 7th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, April 28th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, May 12th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, June 9th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, June 23rd 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, September 8th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, September 22nd 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, October 13th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, October 27th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, November 10th 3:00pm-4:30pm

Thursday, December 8th 3:00pm-4:30pm

Description: The Howard County Conservancy's 2011 invasive plant removal schedule- Our Habitat Restoration Group works to control invasive species here at the Howard County Conservancy, located at 10520 Old Frederick Road Woodstock, MD 21163

The Habitat Restoration Work Group works on projects such as removing unwanted invasive nuisance plants, replanting and maintaining plantings areas with native plants, stream bank restoration, deer protection, erosion control as well as general trail maintenance.

In case of inclement weather, call the day of to see if we are still meeting.

Please join us. We provide tools, but you should wear appropriate clothing with long sleeves for working in the woods. All levels of experience welcome. For more details call 410-465-8877

**Contact: Tabby Fique
Land Manager/Easement Coordinator
Howard County Conservancy
410-465-8877 ext. 109
tabby.fique@hconservancy.org**

Damascus Izaak Walton League

**The Wildlife Achievement Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America in Damascus, MD, is looking for volunteers to help with these activities:
WSSC Pigtail Area in Howard County: 9 a.m. to noon March 20. Plant trees and remove invasive plants.**

Upper Patuxent Watershed Cleanup: 9 a.m. to noon April 9. (rain date: April 10) Help to pick up trash. Gloves, water and lunch at noon will be provided for participants.

Pre-registration is required for both events; e-mail Meo Curtis at meosotis58@verizon.net . For details, visit www.damascusiwla.org/.

Patuxent River tree planting

Join the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission at 9 a.m. March 12 to plant pawpaw, sassafras and other native trees along the Patuxent River. Meet at 10964 Scotts Cove, Laurel, MD. For details, call 301-206-8233.

The Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Conservation Stewardship Project

Dates and description: 2011 Schedule

March 22nd: WATERSHED RESTORATION GRANT PROJECT

Meet at Wood Elves Way

Last year the Middle Patuxent Environmental Foundation received a Watershed Enhancement Grant from Howard County. One goal of the grant is to implement a restoration project. As volunteers of the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, it is fitting that we lend a hand with a project that the Environmental Foundation has undertaken. The site is an ephemeral stream channel, including a storm drain outfall, which parallels the Columbia Association pathway at the end of Wood Elves Way. Work may include invasive plant removal and brush clean up. A short tour of the site and a talk about the grant project will also take place. Only on-street parking is available. Please carpool!

April 26th: GARLIC MUSTARD MELEE & SEEKING OUT SPRING EPHEMERALS

Meet at South Wind Circle

Volunteers diligently remove Garlic mustard from alongside our trails every year. Our goal will be to maintain previously cleared areas, plus seek out and eliminate any new satellite invasions. Even though we see less mustard each year, still be prepared for a morning of vigorous Garlic mustard removal. Throughout the event we'll make time to search for, identify, and discuss the many spring ephemeral plants. Attendees can observe a variety of the early-spring bloomers while traversing the wooded work route. Usually we finish removing mustard at the location of the confluence of Cricket Creek and the Middle Patuxent, where, hopefully, we will be surrounded by large flowering patches of Virginia bluebells.

May 24th: MINIMIZING MILE-A-MINUTE

Meet at Trotter Road parking lot

Non-native, invasive plants are a real threat to our habitat restoration efforts. Mile-a-minute vine, among several other invasive species, is the worst offender of the trails and meadows in the Woodcock Habitat Management Area. Come out and

assist us in removing vines from various places within our meadow areas! A short discussion of Biological Control methods will take place whilst we visit a Mile-a-minute weevil bio-control test plot.

June 28th: BARBERRY BLITZ

Meet at Trotter Road parking lot

Despite the dogged efforts of volunteers, we haven't seen the last of the *Berberis thunbergii*, aka Japanese barberry. We'll need multiple events for successive years to get this recurring nemesis of the environmental area under control. On this morning, we'll dig, yank, and wrench these spiny shrubs from the ground. The goal is to kill the plants before their seeds develop. We will progress along trail corridors in heavily infested areas. Spine-proof gloves are a must!

July & August: NO PROGRAM

September 27th: INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL & INSECT ACTIVITIES

Meet at Trotter Road parking lot

Invasive plants are impacting the native woody plants associated with our early successional habitat maintenance goals. We'll continue our restoration efforts by removing invasive vines from mature native trees along the trail and meadow borders and also from the deer shelters protecting younger specimens. Weather-dependent activities include a talk about Monarch butterfly natural history with demonstrations of capture, tagging, & release methods.

October 25th: SPRUCING-UP THE SEEP AREA (OR A POTENTIAL PLANTING EVENT)

Meet at Trotter Road parking lot

Hundreds of native trees and shrubs have been planted by our volunteers, many in the spring seep portion of the Woodcock Habitat Management Area. The seep area was historically rich with American woodcock activity, and volunteer efforts continue there to restore proper Timberdoodle feeding cover. On this morning, we'll assist in the upkeep of the site chiefly by removing invasive Multiflora rose and assorted vines that impact the young trees and/or anti-deer tree shelters. While on location we'll take time to point out and reflect on the wonderful strides volunteers have made to replenish this habitat.

November 22nd: BARBERRY REVISITED

Meet at Trotter Road parking lot

Japanese barberry is very tolerant of shade and can form dense colonies in a variety of habitats including closed canopy forest. This pesky plant reportedly changes soil pH and nitrogen levels as it displaces native herbs and shrubs. For these reasons, we are hosting this second removal event. Using the same techniques we practiced in June, we'll keep digging and uprooting these unwelcome intruders of natural areas.

The Conservation Stewardship Project, a joint program of the Howard County Recreation & Parks and the Howard County Master Gardeners, targets the problem of controlling invasive, exotic species in the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area. Volunteer work dates occur monthly from March through November, skipping July & August. Each date includes an educational component concerning the target invasive species or target work area for the day.

The Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA), established in 1996, encompasses 1,021 acres and contains a diversity of habitat types. There are upland and bottomland hardwood forest, fields, wetlands, ponds, and riparian habitats. The primary components of the MPEA's mission are natural resources management, education, research, and recreation.

Driving Directions:

South Wind Circle Entrance to MPEA - Route 29 to Route 108W towards Clarksville OR Route 32 to Route 108E. Turn onto Trotter Road to South Wind Circle (about 1 mile). Enter the circle and proceed to trailhead on left (opposite Misty Top Path).

Trotter Road Entrance to MPEA-

- **From U.S. 29 at 32: Take 32 west to the Great Star Drive exit. Turn right onto Great Star Drive. Then make a right onto Summer Sunrise. Continue to Trotter Road and make a left. Proceed about 1 mile to the parking area on the right just beyond the small traffic circle.**
- **From U.S. 29 at 108: Take 108 west and continue past Centennial Lane. Proceed past Harpers Farm Road to Trotter Road and make a left. Continue to the parking area on the left. If you reach the small traffic circle, you've gone too far.**

Wood Elves Way Pathway at the MPEA - From U.S. 29 at 108: Take 108 west and continue past Centennial Lane. Proceed to Harpers Farm Road and make a left. Just after passing Hobbit's Glen Golf Course turn right (at the light) on Willow Bottom Drive. Turn left on Wood Elves Way and proceed ½ mile to pathway entrance at the cul-de-sac. Parking is on-street only. Do not block private driveways.

Contact: For more information, contact Master Gardeners: Aylene Gard at (410) 992-9889; Carol Filipczak at cfilipczak@comcast.net; or Jeff Claffy, Assistant Natural Resources Manager, MPEA at (410) 313-6209 or jclaffy@howardcountymd.gov.



Howard County GreenFest at Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2011

Time: Please check website for scheduled time at www.hcgreenfest.org

Description: First annual Garlic Mustard pull. After finishing with the Garlic Mustard, check out the more than 100 exhibits or the wildlife room with live animals! Workshops and children's activities all day.

RSVP: Sue Muller, smuller@howardcountymd.gov or 410 313-4697

Columbia, Howard County

Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks at Western Regional Park, Glenwood, MD

Date & Time: July date/time TBA

Description: A new stand of Purple Loosetrife was discovered at Western Regional Park last year and volunteers are needed to tackle the problem!

Contact: Sue Muller, smuller@howardcountymd.gov, 410 313-4697

KENT COUNTY

Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge

Dates: ongoing. The Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Rock Hall, MD, is looking for volunteers interested in helping with biological survey work and a BayScapes garden. A free volunteer orientation is scheduled 5-7 p.m.

March 31, with an optional driving tour of the refuge scheduled 3:30-4:45 p.m. To register, call Colby Hawkinson at colby_hawkinson@fws.gov or 410-708-1956.

Description: Welcome to Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge at the confluence of the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This 2,285-acre island refuge is a major feeding and resting place for migrating and wintering waterfowl. More than 100,000 ducks, geese and swans seek sanctuary here each year, as do migrating and breeding songbirds and shorebirds, and bald eagles that thrive year-round. Join interpretive programs and hikes at this wetland site known for rare plant life, a variety of carnivorous plants, rare and threatened species.

Wineberries with garlic mustard: A new type of exotic fruit salad? Not quite. These are two invasive plant species that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would like help removing. Garlic mustard is a newly arrived invasive species we handpull and is a management priority. Wineberry is a raspberry-like plant that begins to ripen with fruit between June and July removed with spading forks. Wear high boots for ticks, DEET bug repellent, hat and gloves

Where: Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge 1730 Eastern Neck Road, Rock Hall, MD

RSVP: Colby 410-639-1956

Montgomery County

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL PROJECTS:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARKS WEED WARRIORS

In 1999, M-NCPPC/Montgomery Parks forest ecologist Carole Bergmann created the Weed Warriors Program as a way to combat the non-native invasive plant (NNIs) problem in Montgomery County. The program's goal is to educate citizens about identification and management of NNIs. Through 2010, more than 750 people had been trained by Carole and her staff. Certified Weed Warriors have logged more than 30,000 hours, and have made a valuable contribution to non-native invasive plant control in many parts of Montgomery County's 34,000-acre park system. SIGN UP TO HELP US!

Weed Warriors has two components:

1. [Certified Weed Warriors](#)

Volunteers must complete a two-part online course and participate in a two-hour field training session. Once certified, Weed Warriors are authorized to work anywhere on M-NCPPC/Montgomery County parkland, on their own schedules and at their own pace. They can also work on group projects with the staff coordinator of the Weed Warriors Program, and those with strong interest and leadership skills may be appointed as Weed Warrior Supervisors.

2. [Special Project Weed Warriors](#)

This component gives community members the opportunity to learn about and work on invasive plants in their parks without making the commitment to become full-fledged Weed Warriors. Under the supervision of Weed Warrior Supervisors, special workdays take place throughout the year in small and large parks throughout Montgomery County.

At the present time there are regular weekend and weekday projects in Little Falls Stream Valley Park, Capital Crescent Trail Special Park, Rachel Carson Conservation Park, Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park (two locations), Wheaton Regional Park at Brookside Nature Center, Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park (three locations), Ovid Hazen Wells Recreation Park, and Meadowbrook Local Park along Rock Creek, just north of the Maryland/DC line.

Special Project Weed Warriors, enables community groups (e.g., schools, workplaces, church or synagogues, or community associations) to learn weed ID and removal on the spot and then spend a couple of hours tackling invasive vines, shrubs, and herbaceous plants on county parkland.

Let us know if you are joining us

[Click here for a current project schedule](#) or contact Weed Warriors volunteer coordinator Paul Carlson – paul.carlson@montgomeryparks.org or 301-962-1343. www.weedwarrior.org

The Potomac Gorge

**Invasive Plant Control Workdays in The Potomac Gorge. Ongoing
The Nature Conservancy**

Date: on going

www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/maryland/events/

Details: Help protect native plant biodiversity near DC in partnership with the National Park Service removing invasive in the Potomac Gorge, a 15-mile stretch of river valley between Great Falls and Georgetown with over 200 rare plants and 5 globally rare plant communities. Sign up for a variety of workdays, where we cut or pull some of the most problematic weeds, often in scenic areas. Attend Weed Warrior training sessions to learn 13 non-native plant species. Options to adopt an area and work independently in the National Parks in the Potomac Gorge.

Contact: Mary Travaglini, Potomac Gorge Habitat Restoration Manager, to sign up a school or group for a workday 301-897-8570 x210 PotomacGorgeVol@tnc.org

Woodend Nature Sanctuary,

Audubon Naturalist Society, Chevy Chase, MD

Date: Saturdays 9:30 - 12:00, monthly

Description: Woodend Sanctuary, is a 40-acre oasis in the middle of Chevy Chase bordering Rock Creek Park, with mature woods and meadows, a pond, and an intermittent stream. We need your help to remove invasive non-native plants! Join us for group work sessions where training will be provided; trained volunteers may also be authorized to work independently.

Where: 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RSVP: Liz Jones, Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@audubonnaturalist.org 301-652-9188 x 30

Liz Jones

Volunteer Coordinator

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Invasive Plant Removal on the Blue Mash Nature Trail, Laytonsville, MD

Montgomery County Sierra Club

Date and Time: Fourth Sunday of each month, 9am-11 am (invasive removal, March-November)

Description: Diverse habitats surrounding the closed Oaks Landfill attract birds and wildlife. Bird diversity has dropped off recently due to invasive non-native plants. We are partnering with the Department of Environmental Protection and Montgomery Co Bird Club to observe the relationship between bird diversity and habitat, remove invasive plants and return the area to a birding hot spot.

Bring clippers, saws, loppers, long sleeves & pants, walking shoes or boots, hat, water, gloves. Binoculars recommended.

Directions: North on Georgia Ave through Olney & Brookeville. Left on Brookeville Rd. Right on Zion Rd. Meet at Zion Road park entrance on left 1/2 mile from Brookeville Rd at 20500 Zion Rd before Riggs. Trail map

www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/ParkTrails/trails_MAPS/blue_mash.shtm

And maryland.sierraclub.org/montgomery/calendar.html

RSVP Mimi Abdu mimi.abdu@maryland.sierraclub.org 301-919-6060.

Rock Creek Park, Chevy Chase, MD

Montgomery County Sierra Club and County Parks

Date: First Saturday of each month

Time: 10am-12pm

Description: Montgomery County Parks and Planning Commission plan to put in a wildflower meadow and reforest a 50 foot stream side buffer. First they need volunteers to remove resprouting stumps and seedlings. Bring clippers, saws, and loppers, long sleeves & pants, gloves, hat, walking shoes or boots, insect repellent, sunscreen, and water.

Directions: I-495 to Connecticut Ave exit South towards D.C. ~ 1 mile left on East West Hwy. Right on Beech Dr. Meet at the parking lot by soccer field at intersection of Beech Dr & East West Hwy. Map:

maryland.sierraclub.org/montgomery/calendar.html

RSVP Jeremy Arling jeremy.arling@maryland.sierraclub.org.

Underground Railroad Experience Trail, Sandy Spring, MD

Leader/Sponsors: Jeremy Arling, Montgomery County Sierra Club and Montgomery County Parks

Date: Second Saturday monthly

Time: 10am-12pm

Description: We are partnering with Montgomery County Parks to remove non-native invasive plant species, restore native plant communities, and create a living history museum where people can learn fascinating stories of those who escaped slavery and the people who helped. **Bring:** Tools clippers, saws, and loppers, long sleeves & pants, gloves, walking shoes or boots, hat, and water.

Directions: Take Rt. 28E (Norbeck Rd) across Georgia Ave. Left on Layhill Rd. At intersection of Norwood and Ednor Rds. Go left on Norwood. First driveway on right to Woodlawn at 16501 Norwood Rd. Meet at parking lot near picnic tables.

Trail map maryland.sierraclub.org/montgomery/calendar.html.

www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/ParkTrails/trails_MAPS/Rural_legacy.shtm.

RSVP Jeremy Arling jeremy.arling@maryland.sierraclub.org.

Rock Creek National Park

Friends of Rock Creek's Environment

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Contact: Beth Mullin friendsofrockcreek.org 202-237-8866

Northwood Chesapeake Bay Trail

Dates: Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Description: MC DEP, Northwood HS, and Potomac Appalachian Trail Club are partnering to organize a community work day on Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to continue work on the Northwood Chesapeake Bay Trail and begin work on the Breewood property (owned by Montgomery Parks at SE corner of University and Sligo Creek Pkwy). We will do the following that day:

- **Breewood Property – SE corner of University and Sligo Creek Pkwy**
 - Remove trash and dumped household items
 - Remove invasive species
- **SHA property**
 - Finish Northwood Chesapeake Bay Trail to Arcola and install trailhead sign
 - Remove trash
 - Remove invasive plants

We need three Weed Warrior volunteers to each lead a group of three volunteers to identify and remove invasive species on April 10. If you are a Weed Warrior and able to volunteer, please e-mail me. Thank you.

The goals on the Breewood property are:

- MC DEP stormwater retrofit

- **Build a natural surface trail (continuing the Northwest Chesapeake Bay Trail) to connect Sligo Creek and Northwest Branch Parks**
- **Education and outreach in neighboring communities to clean-up property and encourage respect and pride for it**

Contact: Jennifer Chambers
[Potomac Appalachian Trail Club](#)
Northwood Chesapeake Bay Trail
Project Coordinator

Prince George's County

See Fort Meade Army Installation under Anne Arundel County
See Patuxent Research Refuge under Anne Arundel County

Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center, Accokeek

Date: Ongoing

Description: The Earth Day Network Invasive Plant Removal hike on trails through the diverse ecosystems of the Accokeek Creek and Potomac River watersheds focuses on plants and animals that live there, the interdependence of organisms in food webs, natural cycles, and each person's connection to the environment.

RSVP: Karen Jensen Miles, 301-292-5665 kmiles@fergusonfoundation.org

Greenbelt

Greenbelt Homes Inc Housing Cooperative,

Date: 3rd Saturday monthly

Description: With ~100 acres of stewardship forest and wooded parcels in Old Greenbelt, the Woodlands Committee is actively involved with urban forestry management. Regular outings on 3rd Wednesdays include removal/eradication of non-native invasive plant species, tree plantings, bird counts, native landscaping seminars and guided hikes.

RSVP: Matt Berres Manager, Maintenance Operations 301-474-4161x132

www.ghi.coop/Woodlands/index.htm mberres@ghi.coop

Greenbelt National Park

Date: 1st Saturday monthly Time: 11am-3pm

Description: Greenbelt Park, just 12 miles from Washington DC, is a beloved retreat from the city and important refuge for native plants and animals. Come join us to defend Greenbelt Park from alien invasive weeds. Volunteers hand pull harmful non-native plants such as Japanese honeysuckle, beefsteak mint, mile-a-minute weed and garlic mustard. People of all ages, backgrounds and interests are invited to spend a fun day outdoors learning about native and non-native plants and

helping preserve the health of native wildlife. Bring: lunch, drink, work gloves, and dress for weather.

Directions: From I-495 to Kenilworth Ave south, ~1/4 mile exit on Greenbelt Rd (MD Rt 193) east (a left to go over Kenilworth) to Park entrance on right 6565 Greenbelt Road. From US Rt 1, Greenbelt Rd east past Beltway Plaza shopping center cross Kenilworth Ave. A few hundred yards right at entrance. Meet at Sweetgum picnic area.

RSVP: Tom Crone tomnjan@erols.com 301-864-1959, 202-7462228c or Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. 301-344-3944.

Belt Woods, Bowie

Dates: Ongoing Saturday, Sunday, and occasional mid-week

Description: Invasive species workgroup teams remove creeping euonymous, Japanese honeysuckle, winged burning bush, multiflora rose, oriental bittersweet, Japanese Stiltgrass, Garlic Mustard from mature forest with giant trees. Tools and gloves provided, but bring your own favorite tool or pair of gloves. Groups invited. **RSVP** pamelakcooper@verizon.net 301-390-0797

Lower Beaverdam Creek, Cheverly

Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek

Woodworth Park

Dates: last Saturday monthly March-June **Time:** 9am to 12 noon

Description: 15 acre wooded buffer wedged between a residential neighborhood and Rt 50 is slowly returning to its natural state thanks to The Friends of Lower Beaver Dam Creek. The group landscaped steps into a small hill that leads to an inviting trail volunteers blazed along a shallow winding creek. The creek, divides the park in two, and eventually feeds a tributary of the Anacostia River. The reclaimed land has a peaceful resonance. Trees stand out. Space, depth and light are abundant. Smaller trees such as sassafras, hickory, hornbeam and a dogwood -discovered on a hillside after the thickets were cleared -are labeled. The forest returned to its rightful winter hues - brown, black and gray. Help remove invasives and plant natives to save the most polluted stream in the Anacostia Watershed. Tools provided. wear work gloves & sturdy shoes.

Directions: Meet at Woodworth Park on Wayne Place in Cheverly. (Occasional change in location to Euclid Park and Magruder Springs.) 202 East under the BW pkwy. Go one block, turn right on Cheverly. Go one mile, turn left on Forest Rd. Go two blocks pass church on left. Turn right on Parkway. Go 2 blocks. Turn left on Wayne for one block. Meet by small playground.

RSVP: Dan or Cathy Smith 301-386-4394, Gabe Horchler ghor@loc.gov, or Elaine Friebele 301-341-5722

Lower Beaverdam Creek, Cheverly

M-NCPPC Cheverly Conservation Corps and Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek

Euclid Woods Park

Dates: Please call 301-341-1261 to arrange a work session, when you are free to help out.

Description: Euclid Woods consists of a 50 acre contiguous wooded area wedged between a residential neighborhood, the hospital hill, and the Cheverly Industrial Park, bounded on the west side by a tributary feeding into the Lower Beaverdam Creek. After restoration work began shortly after 2000 the area is slowly returning to its natural state, primarily due to removal of invasive plants and the rescue of young trees and shrubs from windfalls. The restoration has allowed the return of a rich understory of native shrubs, saplings and herbaceous plants, which form the basis of the local food chain and which in turn encourage insects that, according to the entomologist Doug Tallamy, form over 96 percent of the summer diet of our birds. Smaller trees and shrubs, such as dogwood, hawthorn, sassafras, serviceberry, spicebush and several viburnums, such as the hobblebush and witherod are now thriving. Birds such as the pileated woodpecker, woodcock and a number of raptors that had gone missing are now returning. The forest is beginning to function as it should to keep our air and waters pure and support the web of life that in turn supports us. Bring friends and help us remove invasive plants to maintain and further improve this largest and most productive natural area in Cheverly. Tools provided, but bring work gloves and sturdy shoes.

Directions: Call ahead to arrange the time and meet at 5607 Greenleaf Rd in Cheverly. Enter Forest Rd from Cheverly Ave heading west; go three blocks and keep right when the road splits; continue straight ahead and park anywhere at the end of on Greenleaf Rd.

Contact: For further information please contact Matt Salo at 301-341-1261.

Patuxent River Park

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Dates: Saturdays, 9 am-12 noon, February 26, March 26, April 9, May 14

Description: Invasive plants present one of the greatest threats to the health and biodiversity of public lands. Join a park naturalist to help remove these invasive plants. Please dress in old clothes and closed toe shoes or work boots. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Register at www.pgparcs.com. Ages 13 to adult. Call Stephanie for more information at 301-627-6074

Directions: Meet at the park Visitors Center at 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Suitland Bog

M-NCPPC Park Rangers

Dates: Ongoing

Description: Come learn about and help preserve unique rare magnolia bog habitat. Manual removal of honeysuckle and multiflora rose using shovels, pruners and perseverance. Bring: water, work boots, durable clothes, long sleeves, gloves,

pruners, and shovels. Light refreshments provided. There is some poison ivy at work site.

Directions: From I-495, Exit 7A Branch Ave Rt 5 south toward Waldorf. Allentown Rd Exit. Left on Allentown Rd. At 6th light left on Suitland Rd. Pass under Suitland Pkwy. Entrance to Suitland Bog on right. Meet in parking lot.

RSVP: Chris Garrett or John Dillon M-NCPPC Park Ranger Office 301-627-7755

Indian Creek Trail @ Lake Artemesia, Berwyn Hgts

Dates: Ongoing.

Description: Garlic Mustard Pull-off at Lake Artemesia/National Area Park, by 38-acre lake, beautiful park includes aquatic garden, handicapped-accessible fishing pier and over two miles of hiker-biker trails. Teams compete to remove non-native invasive weed Garlic Mustard. Prizes to winning team for largest amount pulled in a given area and time. **Bring:** water, work boots, durable clothes, long sleeves, gloves, pruners, and shovels. Light refreshments provided. There is some poison ivy at work site.

Directions: Meet in Lake Artemesia parking lot along Berwyn Rd in College Park. Park in lot at Osage St and Swathmore Ct in Berwyn Hgts (easy walk) or access via trails at 5200 block of Calvert Rd in College Pk. From south I-495, Exit 23

(Kenilworth Ave) toward Bladensburg. Right on Rt 193 (Greenbelt Rd). Right on Branchville Rd turns into 55th Ave. Parking lot on the left at the Berwyn Road intersection. From north, I-495, Exit 25 (Rt 1) toward College Park. Left onto Rt 193 (Greenbelt Rd), Left on Branchville Rd. etc

RSVP: Chris Garrett or John Dillon M-NCPPC Park Ranger Office 301-627-7755

Watkins Regional Park, Upper Marlboro Weed Warrior Work Day MNCPPC

Dates: Ongoing. Contact John Dillon or Chris Garrett for dates and times

Description: Watkins Regional Park with 850 acres offers all kinds of outdoor adventures with Nature Center, Carousel, Old MD Farm, miniature train, mini-golf, camping, picnic areas, playgrounds, and miles of hiker/biker trails through deciduous forest. Help pull up Garlic Mustard! Bring water, work boots, durable clothes, long sleeves and gloves. Light refreshments provided. Some poison ivy at work site.

Directions: Meet at Watkins Nature Center parking lot. 1 mile west of Six Flags park. I-495 Exit 15A Central Ave east, ~3 miles right on Watkins Park Dr (Rt 193), park entrance on right. Or Rt 301 to Central Ave (Rt 214) west, ~3 miles (past Six Flags) left on Watkins Park Dr.

Contact: John Dillon or Chris Garrett M-NCPPC Park Rangers 301-627-7755

Little Paint Branch & Cherry Hill Road Community Parks, Beltsville.

Date: Last Saturday monthly **Time:** 11am –3pm. Little Paint Branch Park

Description: Maryland Native Plant Society, Sierra Club, and Anacostia Watershed Society co-sponsor monthly projects at Little Paint Branch Park (150 acres), Cherry Hill Road Community Park (15 acres) in Beltsville and Magruder Park in Hyattsville MD (15 acres) with the MNCPPC and City of Hyattsville Native plants to enjoy and protect at Little Paint Branch Park identified by Joe Metzger April 10, 2006 include:

Jack in the Pulpit, White Wood Aster, Spring Beauty, Trout Lilly, Strawberry Bush, American Holly, Spotted Touch-me-not (Jewel Weed), Eastern Grasswort, Woodrush, Flat Tree Club Moss, Partridge-berry, Cinnamon Fern, Dwarf Ginseng, Virginia Knotweed, Cinque-foil, Cursed Crowfoot, Buttercup, Dewberry, Black Raspberry, Elderberry, Solomon's Seal, Goldenrod, Skunk Cabbage, Meadow-Rue, New York Fern, Cranefly Orchid, Low Blueberry, Possum-haw, Common Blue Violet, and Netted Chain Fern

Our objective is to remove the invasives to allow natives to grow back. We will continue the wonderful progress accomplished the last three years by the Americorps workers, General Electric Volunteers, Robert Goddard French Immersion and Montessori Elementary School, Washington Quaker Work Camps, and World Bank volunteers at Little Paint Branch Community Park. Learn natural history and special features of the park, methods and reasons for the project to control the spread of invasives. Native flowers and plants will be identified as we work to rescue them. There are full indoor toilet facilities and a large seating area for lunch. There will be a sign-in and safety orientation with handouts. Gloves and tools are provided. We can continue even with a little rain or heat. It is best to wear long sleeve shirts and pants.

DIRECTIONS:

DC Beltway to US Rt 1 north, pass BARC, ~ 1 mile left at light on Montgomery Rd, 3 blocks left on Sellman Rd, ~5 blocks, at the bottom of the hill right into Little Paint Branch Park. Meet at Beltsville Community Center parking lot. For Cherry Hill, take the U.S. 1 south exit off the Beltway. Stay in the right lane. Turn right onto Cherry Hill Road. Go about 3 blocks passing Shoppers and Home Depot and turn right into Cherry Hill Road Community Park at the bottom of the hill. Or take U.S. 1 north almost to the beltway. Turn left (west) at the light on Cherry Hill Rd. Go 3 blocks and turn right into Cherry Hill Road Community Park at the bottom of the hill. Metro: the bus number to College Park Market Place, Cherry Hill Road, from the green line at College Park metro station is now bus 83 every half hour and Bus 17 8:38 am 8:55 am and 9:39 am. Bus 17 takes 9 minutes and bus 83 takes 16 minutes. We meet at the MNCPPC parking lot.

RSVP: Marc Imlay, Marc.Imlay@pgparks.com 301-283-0808h, 301-442-5657c on day of.

**Magruder Park, Hyattsville
Anacostia Watershed Society**

Date: March 5, 16, 31 and ongoing

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Workday Description: AWS invasive removals usually employ hand-pulling, cutting (with hand pruners and cutting saws) and pulling using tools i.e. pitchforks. In autumn and winter we usually control species like, English Ivy, Chinese wisteria, Common periwinkle and Bush Honeysuckle. Our invasive plant removal outings have an educative approach; AWS staff will talk about our watershed, about the history and the natural history of the park and will be sure to point out interesting native plants and animals. Also, AWS staff will make sure you have a completely safe and enjoyable outdoor experience by briefing volunteers about basic safety measures regarding poison ivy, and deerticks.

What to Bring: We strongly recommend the use of long pants, closed-toe shoes (hiking or waterproof) and basic gear to protect from UV rays (hat, sunglasses and sunscreen) in this open-land habitat. Also, long sleeve shirts should help protect skin during plant removal and minimize skin exposure to poison ivy and ticks, which are found in the area. We recommend bringing along a repellent designed to repel both deer ticks and mosquitoes. Don't forget to bring plenty of water and potassium rich foods and beverages to avoid dehydration. AWS will provide gloves, tools and other supplies to get the job done. If you are one those amateur naturalists don't hesitate to bring your bird and wildflower field guides to enjoy the biodiversity of the Anacostia watershed! Regarding winter outings, it is important to wear layered clothing made of wool, silk or synthetic fabrics. Cotton is not recommended as it holds on to moisture so it does not insulate when you get wet. AWS will provide gloves, tools and other supplies to get the job done.

Meeting Place: Magruder Park in Hyattsville, MD. We will meet up at the parking lot past the Hamilton Pool (on 3901 Hamilton Street) right by the sports fields. From Queens Chapel Road take Hamilton Street, go by the Safeway on the right, pass 38th street, go about one block and turn right into the park. Magruder Park is Metro accessible; from the West Hyattsville Metro station on the Green Line walk a 10 block walk to Magruder Park or take the bus F8 to Cheverly Station and get off at the bus stop between 38th Av. and Hamilton St., walk one block and turn right into the park. Website: www.anacostiaws.org

RSVP. E-mail: info@anacostiaws.org. Note- The March 31 event needs a minimum of 10 people for participation. Please RSVP 301-699-6204, and Conservation Biologist Jorge Bogantes Monterol, will verify by March 30th if the event is still scheduled.

Anacostia Riparian Meadow Restoration Project:

Anacostia Watershed Society

Dates: March 15 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 25 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Description: Same as Magruder Park .

Meet near the 38th Avenue Bridge in Hyattsville, MD.

RSVP. E-mail: info@anacostiaws.org. 301-699-6204,

Magruder Park, Hyattsville

Friends of Magruder Woods

When: Third Saturdays monthly, 9 am to 1 pm

Description: Save native plants in a popular urban park including Aster, Blackberry, Pokeberry, Tulip Poplar, Sweetgum, Sycamore, Poison Ivy, Skunk Cabbage, American Grape, American Beech, and Silver Maple in the woodlands and forested swamp.

Directions: From UMCP take Adelphi Rd to intersection with East West Highway (Rt. 410) turn soft right on Queens Chapel Rd. Left on Hamilton. Pass Safeway on right, pass 38th street, turn right into park. Meet at furthest end of parking lot.

Approx 10 block walk from West Hyattsville Metro on Green Line.

RSVP: Colleen Aistis (301) 985-5057

St. Mary's County

See Hellen Creek Preserve under Calvert County

Warren County, VA

Near Western Maryland

Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Attached are our events to date.

Description: Join other volunteers to remove non-native invasive plants from along the world famous Appalachian Trail and protect bird habitat. This spring event focuses on early non-natives to improve bird habitat of the Upper Blue Ridge Important Bird Area, designation of National Audubon Society of Virginia. Targeted plants include garlic mustard which is lethal to West Virginia white butterfly. Wear long sleeves, long pants, shoes and socks. Bring water and lunch. Work gloves provided. Min age 8 years and in the close oversight of parents or leaders. May adopt your very own area along the Trail to monitor, map and manage!

Short-term Volunteer Events Planned --

Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Event Name Location Date Cal-Year 2011 assigned staff status

Classical Cottage School - 2 Location TBD 4/12/2011

Mountain Laurel Montessori - 8 Location TBD 4/14/2011

Earth Day Saturday - 2011 Location TBD 4/16/2011

Sherando HS Ag Class - 4b Location TBD 4/28/2011

Oberle School - 6 Location TBD 5/3/2011

Defenders of Wildlife - 9 Location TBD 5/14/2011

Highland School - 2 Location VA-638 9/9/2011
National Public Lands Day - 2011 Location TBD 9/24/2011

ONE-TIME VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME
No Experience Necessary

Contact: James Åkerson james_akerson@nps.gov
Director, NPS Mid-Atlantic Exotic Plant Management Team
3655 U.S. Highway 211-E, Luray, VA 22835
(540) 999-3500 ext. 3496 office

Rock Creek National Park

Friends of Rock Creek's Environment

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Contact: Beth Mullin friendsofrockcreek.org

Multiple

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)

Sponsoring Organization: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)

WSSC is doing invasive weed removal projects in Prince George's, Montgomery and Howard Counties at their recreation areas along the Patuxent. WSSC provides training, gloves and garden snippers. All invasive weed removal projects are from 9am to noon. Locations include:

- **Brighton Dam (Montgomery County)**
- **Browns Bridge Recreation Area (Montgomery County)**
- **Greenbridge Recreation Area (Montgomery County)**
- **Pigtail Recreation Area (Howard County)**
- **Scott's Cove (Howard County)**
- **Supplee Lane Recreation Area (Prince George's County)**
- **Triadelphia Recreation Area (Montgomery County)**

Check the calendar or chapter pages for events in the above areas.

More Information: Kim Knox, WSSC's Community Outreach Manager, (301) 206-8233, kknox@wsscwater.com.

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Potomac Conservancy

[Potomac Conservancy's Growing Native](#) is a year-round volunteer project that helps to restore and protect rivers and streams in the Potomac River watershed. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds participate in Growing Native by collecting native tree seeds and planting trees along streams and rivers across the region. Not only are participants creating forests for tomorrow, they are also learning the important connection between healthy, forested lands and clean waters

Since Growing Native's inception in 2001, nearly 30,000 volunteers collected more than 94,000 pounds of acorns, walnuts, and other hardwood tree seeds. These seeds have generated seedlings that will be used to restore sensitive streamside lands.

Growing Native's efforts culminate in the fall, when we do large scale outreach to individuals, community groups, and local businesses to get involved while seeds are dropping on the ground! We invite people to volunteer by acting as Growing Native ambassador, seed collection event coordinators, and Drop-off site coordinators.

More information: Contact Kate McNamee, Outreach Coordinator, Potomac Conservancy, 8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 612, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301.608.1188 x211.

Web site: www.potomac.org.

The Nature Conservancy in Maryland/District of Columbia

Weed Busters! Two years ago, we trained our first generation of Weed Watcher volunteers! Weed Watchers explore our preserves and map new occurrences of invasive plant species that threaten our native flora. The Conservancy's weed management philosophy emphasizes preventing new weed infestations to minimize the impact and expense of weed control.

The second part of this program is promptly controlling new weed infestations. That's where Weed Busters come in. Control may include pulling, cutting, digging roots, mowing, or applying herbicide to foliage or cut stumps. In some cases, we have enough advance notice to describe the projects on this website and in our volunteer newsletter, along with our other outdoor projects. In other cases, we won't have enough time.

So, we've developed a list of volunteers who want to be contacted about these short-notice field projects. If a given workday does not fit your schedule, we'll understand and hope to see you at the next one! We conduct 6-10 weed control workdays throughout Maryland in a given growing season (April through November), and we hope that people on the Weed Busters list will be able to participate in 2 or more workdays per season.

If you'd like to be notified about these field projects, please send an e-mail to dbarber@tnc.org or call Deborah Barber, Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 897-8570. Thanks, and we hope to see you in the field!