

AGENDA

Maryland Invasive Species Council

National Agricultural Library
Abraham Lincoln Building
10301 Baltimore Ave
Beltsville, MD 20705

Thursday, March 21, 2019 ~ 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

- Introductions
- Comments by Facilitator
- Review and Approval of January 17, 2019 meeting minutes
- Membership - pending, new requests, address/affiliation changes

Guest Speakers



Danielle Bays - Community Cats Program Manager,

The Humane Society of the United States

Danielle Jo Bays is the Community Cats Program Manager for the Humane Society of the United State (HSUS), Utilizing her skills in public policy, hands-on TNR, networking and resource development to expand The HSUS's community cat work nationwide. Prior to rejoining The HSUS, Danielle served as Program Manager for the community cats program at the Washington Humane Society in Washington, D.C. and continues to be a strong and passionate voice for

community cats in her neighborhood and city.



Pete Marra - Cat Wars:

The Devastating Consequences of a Cuddly Killer

Mounting scientific evidence confirms what many conservationists have suspected for some time—that in the United States alone, free-ranging cats are killing birds and other animals by the billions. Equally alarming are the little-known but potentially devastating public health consequences of rabies and parasitic *Toxoplasma gondii* passing from cats to humans at rising rates. Marra will discuss his book *Cat Wars: The Devastating Consequences of a Cuddly Killer*. He will present data on the threats non-native and invasive free-ranging

cats pose to biodiversity and public health throughout the world and will also shed new light on the controversies surrounding the management of the explosion of cat populations. Marra will paint a revealing picture of a complex global problem—and propose solutions that foresee a time when wildlife and humans are no longer vulnerable to the impacts of free-ranging cats.

- Agenda Items
 - Feral Cat Discussion
 - Discussion on the MIT and List size
 - Discussion on guidelines for changes to the list
- Invader of the Month - http://mdinvasivesp.org/invader_of_the_month.html
- Agency Updates (As time allows)
- News and New Business (As time allows)
- Next meeting: When and where?
- Adjourn

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