

Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance
2009 Calendar of Events

January Events:

- **January 8th from 1-3 pm:** Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance meeting held in the Community Room at the Common Market, Evergreen Plaza, 5728 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 21704 301 663-3416 or see <http://www.commonmarket.com/index.html> for directions. For information contact Kay Schultz at 301 600-1741 or kschultz@fredco-md.net.
- **January 15th at 7pm:** Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance, Inc. Annual Meeting at the Mt. Aetna Retreat Center, White Pine Lodge Cumberland Room. Subject: Election of Board of Directors (BOD) by qualified members, Conduction of Corporate Business, Election of officers by the BOD. Click here for a campus map. Mt. Aetna Retreat Center Staff Contact: Diane Fishell, 301.824.6045, mtaetnacamp@myactv.net. If you have any questions, please contact: Sally Hatch, secretary, 301.790.0378, sally.bob@verizon.net
- **January 16th:** The Maryland Water Monitoring Council is sponsoring a one-day freshwater benthic macroinvertebrate workshop at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland. The workshop will focus on family and order-level identification of the major orders of stream benthic macroinvertebrates. Using stereoscopes (family-level only) and dichotomous keys, you'll have an opportunity to learn how to identify these fascinating creatures. Experts will be on hand to assist you! We will use two labs for family-level taxonomy and one lab for introductory, order-level taxonomy. Those with little or no experience in freshwater benthic macroinvertebrate taxonomy should consider attending the order-level lab.
- All registration materials must be mailed to MD DNR and be postmarked no later than Friday, January 9. Due to the limited number of stereoscopes, space is limited to the first 50 registrants for family-level registrants. The order-level lab can accommodate 25 registrants.
- Registration details and a draft agenda can be found at http://mddnr.chesapeakebay.net/MWMC/index_files/2009_registration_form.pdf
- **January 16th and 17th:** Connect Locally - Food, Farms, and Community 10 Annual Conference held at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Frederick, MD. Click here for more details.
- **January 17th from 9-11am:** Winter Wildlife Nature Walk at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary near Mt. Airy. Even with frigid air, snow and frozen ground, wildlife is still out and about and interesting to observe, if you know where to look. (Hint: we can help.) A brisk January hike at the sanctuary will surely help you beat the Winter blahs! (Be sure to dress warmly, and If you have binoculars, be sure to

bring them along!) ASCM Member Hal Pazourek will lead this walk. Hal is a longtime volunteer at the Audrey Carroll sanctuary, and he's looking forward to sharing his extensive knowledge and experience there with Nature Walk participants. For more information, send an email to Hal. You'll find directions and maps to our Audubon Sanctuaries, plus more information on our Nature Walk schedule, by clicking here.

- **January 24th from 9am-3pm:** Bugs and Blight Workshop - Learn how to identify, control and treat our more serious pest invaders. Join specialists from MD Cooperative Extension, The Nature Conservancy and Bartlett Tree Experts as they introduce us to the invasive insects and diseases that threaten the health of our native trees and forests. The workshop will be held at the Maryland Cooperative Extension Building- Carroll County 700 Agricultural Center Dr., Westminster, MD 21157 (west of Rt 32, off of Smith Ave.) Price: \$20 per person, includes morning refreshments, lunch provided, and class materials, due by Jan. 17. (\$25. after Jan. 17th). For more information call 410-848-9290 or email dldavis@dnr.state.md.us. Sponsored by the Carroll County Forestry Board, Maryland Forests Association and Maryland Tree Farm System (ISA and SAF CEU's will be available). Click here for a flyer with additional information.

February Events:

- **February 1st from 10am-12pm:** Get the DIRT Out - The Potomac Riverkeeper is hosting a special training session for all those who would like to take action against one of the biggest threats to our rivers and streams: polluted runoff. Join Potomac Riverkeeper Ed Merrifield as he teaches residents how to stand up to the polluters who contaminate our drinking water supply. In our new "Get the DIRT Out" training, residents will learn how to evaluate the pollution on construction sites, report violations of existing clean water laws, and help ensure that construction sites are not contaminating the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Participants will receive free Potomac Riverkeeper hats! The training will be held at the REI in Fairfax, 11950 Grand Commons Ave, Fairfax, VA 22030. To register online go to: <http://www.potomacriverkeeper.org/>
- **February 5th at 7pm:** Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) training - to help you prepare for the 2009 GBBC, Elaine Pardoe will be giving a talk on the event at the Glenwood Library. The talk will be suitable for all ages, and you'll come away with useful tips on basic bird identification methods, plus an understanding of how to get your own information into the overall database through the GBBC web site (and see what birds other GBBC contributors in the area have spotted).
- **February 7th:** 13th Annual Meeting of Maryland's Tributary Teams held at the Maryland Department of Environment Montgomery Park Building in Baltimore, MD. This year's theme will be " Close to the Source - Local Success Stories in Bay Restoration". Online registration will be available after November 3rd. Click here for

the Call for Presentation announcement. Click here for the presentation proposal application form. Click here for the registration form.

- **February 7th from 8:30am-3:30pm:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Waders Volunteer Stream Sampling Program at Horn Point Environmental Science Education Center (Dorchester County). Register by January 30th.

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To register for a training session or to receive more information, email streamwaders@dnr.state.md.us or call the Stream Waders hotline at 1-877-620-8DNR (x8623). Please provide your name, contact information, and expected training location. Click here for a very informative Frequently Asked Questions page.

Directions to Training Location:

FROM POINTS NORTH: Take Ocean Gateway/ US-50 E across Senator Frederick C. Malkus Jr. Memorial Bridge crossing into Dorchester County. Turn right onto MD-343/ Washington St. Follow MD-343 for about 3.2 miles and make a slight right at Horn Point Rd. Continue about 1.5 miles to the entrance of Horn Point Laboratory. The entrance can be distinguished by two pillars surmounted by rams. After about ½ mile turn right onto Morris Lane. From here follow signs to parking.

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To see a map go to: <http://hpl.umces.edu/visitorsInfo/hpel.htm>

- **February 13th-16th:** The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a fun and easy birding event open to all. In 2009, it will run from February 13th through 16th. It's always impressive to see how many small contributions add up to creating a big, comprehensive picture. Click here to get the details.
- **February 18th from 8am-4pm:** MBSS Training for Spring Index Period - This training focuses on the collection of benthos, physical habitat and water quality. The training will be held at the Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro. The cost for the spring training is \$50. Registration deadline is February 12th. Click here for a flyer with additional information including an agenda, link to the Patuxent River 4-H Center, and a registration form.
- **February 21st from 8:30am-3:30pm:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Waders Volunteer Stream Sampling Program at Patuxent River 4-H Center in Upper Marlboro. Register by February 13th.

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Directions to Training Location: 184 Queen Anne Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

FROM WASHINGTON D.C.: Take the Capital Beltway 495/95 to exit 15. Take exit 15A, Central Avenue, Route 214 East. Go about 4 miles (you will see landmark railroad tracks) and exit onto Route 301 South and follow for about 3/4 mile. Turn left onto Queen Anne Road. Follow this road for 2.2 miles to the 4-H Center entrance on the right. Turn right and bear left onto the paved road. Go Through the green gate. Follow the paved road to the 4-H Center.

FROM BALTIMORE: Take Route 301 South to Queen Anne Road (just south of Route 214 and 5 miles south of Route 50). Turn left onto Queen Anne Road. Follow this road for 2.2 miles to the 4-H Center entrance on the right. Turn right and bear left onto the paved road. Go Through the green gate. Follow the paved road to the 4-H Center.

- **February 27th from 8:30am-4pm:** GREEN MATTERS Symposium - Water-Wise Landscapes at the Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902. Early Registration fee of \$79 ends January 16th (\$89 after the 16th)

The terms "drought" and "stormwater management" have become commonplace in our vocabulary when referring to landscapes. The threat of drought looms larger with each growing season, and the days of using drinkable water in the landscape are probably numbered, as witnessed by other states and municipalities. With this in mind, as gardeners and environmentalists, we need to be strategic with our planting designs and stingy with our water use. Come to the Green Matters Symposium to learn how to create a water-wise landscape of your own.

Topics include:

- The Big Picture: What is the future of water-use regulations in the landscape?
- Efficient Utilization of Harvested Water Resources
- No-Nonsense Natives: Gardening for Drought and Heat
- Rain Gardens: Gardens as tools for on-site stormwater management

Featured Speakers:

- David Berle, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
- Paul Bassett, Water Management, Inc. and the Green Building Institute, Jessup, Maryland

- Ian Caton, Larry Weaner Landscape Design Associates, Glenside, Pennsylvania
- Ann English, Low Impact Development Center, Beltsville, Maryland

What is Green Matters?

Green Matters, an annual symposium, concentrates attention on environmental issues with which we are currently faced and over which we have some control. Environmental stewardship is a core value of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Brookside Garden's parent organization. As such, we strive to provide timely information and viable solutions to environmental challenges, because we feel strongly that green does matter.

Who should attend?

Homeowners - Gardeners - Community Leaders - Nursery and Landscape Professionals - Landscape Designers - Municipal, County, and State Parks Personnel - Property Managers - Environmental Educators - Extension Agents - Master Gardeners - Conservation Organizations - Naturalists - Restoration volunteers - Watershed Groups

Course number 64759

Fee: \$79 early registration by January 16; \$89 after January 16

For a detailed description and to register online, visit www.brooksidegardens.org.

Questions? Call 301.962.1470 or click here for a flyer with additional details.

- **February 28th from 8:30am-3:30pm:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Waders Volunteer Stream Sampling Program at Fairview Outdoor Center in Clearspring (Washington County). Register by February 15th.

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Directions to Training Location: 12808 Draper Rd., Clear Spring, MD 21722

From Interstate 70 at Clear Spring (Exit 18, Maryland Rt. 68); go north into the town of Clear Spring about three blocks and turn left onto US Route 40; go west one block and turn right at the traffic light onto Martin St.; at the end of Martin Street turn right on Broadfording Rd. and continue for about 100 yards; turn left onto Draper Rd.; go about 1/3 mile and turn left into Fairview Outdoor Education Center (sign); follow the Center's main road past the large pond on your left; park in the large parking lot on the left; walk up the hill on the paved road to the Roundhouse (follow the signs).

To learn more about Fairview go to:
http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us/custom_pages/495/Main/index.htm

March Events:

- **March 7th from 8:30am-3:30pm:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Waders Volunteer Stream Sampling Program at West Nottingham Academy in Colora, MD (Cecil County). Register by February 27th.

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Directions to Training Location: 1079 Firetower Rd., Colora, MD 21917

FROM THE NORTH: Interstate 95 South to Exit 100 (North East/Rising Sun). Exit toward Rising Sun and turn left on Rte. 274. Go exactly 5 miles to Barnes Corner Road on your left. Follow Barnes Corner Road 1.9 miles to the traffic light (Rte. 276). Turn left on Rte. 276 and take first right on to Firetower Road. At the stop sign bear to your left onto campus.

OR U.S. Rte 1 South to Maryland, Rte 276. Turn left on Rte. 276 (sign to Port Deposit); follow approximately 2.4 miles to Firetower Rd. on the right. Enter Firetower Rd. and go to stop sign, bear left onto campus.

FROM THE SOUTH: Interstate 95 North to Exit 93 (Port Deposit/Perryville) At top of exit ramp turn right and follow Rte. 222 to Rte. 275 (continue straight through blinker light) to Rte. 276. Turn right on Rte. 276 and follow exactly 3.3 miles to Firetower Rd. on left. Enter Firetower Rd., go to stop sign and bear left onto campus.

OR U.S. Rte. 1 North to Maryland Rte. 276. Turn right (sign to Port Deposit) and follow Rte. 276 approximately 2.4 miles to Firetower Rd. on your right. Enter Firetower Rd., go to stop sign, and bear left onto campus.

FROM ANNAPOLIS: 301S/50W exit left to I-97/Washington/Baltimore. Merge onto I-97 exit 21 toward Baltimore. Take the left exit toward I-895/Harbor Tunnel. This becomes I-95N. Take exit 93/MD-222 Perryville/Port Deposit. Take a right onto MD-222/MD-275/Perrylawn Dr. Take a right onto Jacob Tome Memorial Hwy/MD-222/twd MD-276. Take a left on Firetower Rd.

- **March 9th to April 10th:** 4th Annual Stream Cleaner Environmental Forum - The Cacapon Institute is pleased to announce this free, curriculum-based internet activity

that is available 24/7 to high school classes throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed. To date, more than 900 students in biology, chemistry, environmental science, and vocational agriculture from four states have participated.

The SCE Forum is a project based learning exercise in which students seek solutions to the complex problems of non-point source water pollution. Through an extended, collaborative process, students investigate the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort, a regional issue relevant to their lives. They engage their peers across the internet and role play as stakeholders, problem solvers, and consensus builders to formulate solutions. Students strengthen their critical thinking abilities and decision making skills, and are given an opportunity to not only investigate, but also become actively engaged in watershed restoration efforts.

The SCE Forum is open to 9th-12th grade classes - urban, suburban, or rural - anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The lessons are available online now and the dialogue runs from March 9th through April 10th. The background reading takes 2-3 hours (in class or as homework) and the dialogue requires a minimum of three 45 minute class periods.

To see the lesson and format of the SCE FORum visit www.cacaponinstitute.org/high.htm and click on the phone, for more background click on the eForum Information and Sign Up.

- **March 14th 9am-5pm:** "Plan It, Plant It, Planet Green" - Fifteenth Annual Hagerstown Community College Alumni Association Flower & Garden Show at the Hagerstown Community College Athletic, Recreation, and Community Center. The Frederick County Scott Key Center will be participating in the event and will be selling rainbarrels, plants, and flowers. Admission: \$4.00, Children under 12 Free. For information call: 301-790-2800, ext. 346 Or visit their website at: <http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/>. The event is sponsored by the HCC Alumni Association and benefits HCC and their Students.

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April Events:

- **April 2nd at 7pm:** Frederick County residents are invited to attend public information meetings at local elementary schools to talk about agricultural land preservation programs that allow landowners to be paid for development rights while maintaining ownership of their farms. This public information meeting will be held at Thurmont ES. Click here for a press release with more information.
- **April 4th from 9am-1pm:** Ruann George's farm, Phase II - Beaver Creek Stream Buffer Planting in the Antietam Creek Watershed, Boonsboro (Washington County), MD - This project is part of CBF's Farm Stewardship Program in the Antietam Creek watershed. We will be planting 1,000 plants along 2,000' of a spring tributary after the cows have been fenced out and a water trough has been installed. We will also be expanding a buffer along the main-stem of Beaver Creek that was planted by volunteers in 2005. Beaver Creek is a cold water fishery that is a favorite among fly fishermen. The Newcomer Farm is a Century Farm and in 2008 was put in a permanent agricultural easement through the Maryland Environmental Trust. We encourage adults, families and community groups to come out for a day to help the Bay! Dress for the weather, refreshments and tools provided, but bring work gloves and shovels if you have them. Project partners include the Beaver Creek Watershed Association, Antietam Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, the Maryland Department of the Environment Landowner Incentive Program, the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Wildlife Program. To sign up, please contact Marcy Damon at 443.482.2156 or email MDrestoration@cbf.org
- **April 6th at 7pm:** Frederick County residents are invited to attend public information meetings at local elementary schools to talk about agricultural land preservation programs that allow landowners to be paid for development rights while maintaining

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- **April 7th at 7pm:** Frederick County residents are invited to attend public information meetings at local elementary schools to talk about agricultural land preservation programs that allow landowners to be paid for development rights while maintaining ownership of their farms. This public information meeting will be held at Middletown ES. Click here for a press release with more information.
- **April 10th from 10am-2pm:** "Spring Break" volunteer tree planting at Bar-T Mountainside - contact Bryan Seipp with the Potomac Conservancy for additional details or to sign up - 301.608.1188 x207 or seipp@potomac.org.
- **April 11th from 9am-3:30pm:** Invasive Species Workshop - Learn from specialists about non-native species that drastically alter our Maryland ecosystem. The workshop will be held at the Bear Branch Nature Center at 300 John Ownings Rd, Westminster, MD 21158. The \$20/person fee includes lunch and class materials. Click here for a registration form and flyer with additional information.
- **April 18th from 9-11am:** A Nature Walk at the Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary near New Market will be sponsored by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland. Participants will be looking for early spring migrants such as Broad-winged Hawk, Brown Thrasher, Gray Catbird, American Robin, House Wren, Eastern Phoebe, Louisiana Waterthrush, Tree Swallow, and the first arrivals at the Purple Martin colony. Most of our resident birds will be well into nesting by that time and should be in full song. Some that we will see and hear include the Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Northern Cardinal, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Bluebird, and Carolina Wren. There will also be plenty of butterflies beginning to emerge including the spring azure and juvenal's duskywing. And for the plant lovers there will be spring ephemeral flowers including spring beauties and toothworts. Come join in the explosion of spring.!

People of all ages are welcome. The sanctuary entrance, marked by an "Audubon" sign, is located on Boyers Mill Road, just one mile north of Rte. 144. No rest room facilities are available, and the walk will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. For further information contact David Smith at lacsmith12@comcast.net or Bob Schaefer at robert.schaefer@gmail.com

- **April 21st from 9:00-11:00:** Sustainable Communities Workshop - Green Building Certifications: How to get and use them. A tour of Stewarts Building immediately following. Why should you build green? Attend this workshop about green building certifications and learn the benefits of going green in your community. Additionally, learn about LEED certification and identify how it can be utilized in your community. This training will include a tour of the Stewart's Building, a LEED certified, adaptive reuse project that now serves as Catholic Relief Services world headquarters.

Speakers:

Tom Liebel, AIA, LEED AP, Associate Principal with Marks, Thomas Architects
Julie E. Gabrielli, NCARB, LEED, Gabrielli Design Studio.

Location:

Catholic Relief Services
The Stewart's Building
228 W. Lexington Street
Baltimore, Maryland

REGISTER TODAY! Visit www.NeighborhoodRevitalization.org and click on "Training". There is no registration fee but registration is required.

For more information contact Tim Murphy at 410.209.5818

This workshop is being conducted in partnership with the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development and Department of Natural Resources. This is the second in a series of five workshops focused on Sustainable Communities

- **April 21st from 7-8:30pm:** Our CommonWEalth speakers on "Wind Turbines, Solar Panels and Renewable Energy Sources". The event is FREE and open to the public. It will be held at the C Burr Artz Public Library, Frederick City, MD. Local leaders in wind, solar, geothermal and bio fuels will present cutting-edge options in technology and financing for homeowners, farms, businesses and government.
- **April 25th:** 8th Annual Big Sweep - volunteer to help clean up litter roadsides, dumpsites, and area parks. Click here for a flyer with additional information about how to sign up.
- **April 30th:** The Maryland Water Monitoring Council (MWMC) is pleased to invite you to a 1-day workshop entitled "The Roles of Science, Planning, and Regulation in Water-Supply Management in Maryland's Fractured-Rock Aquifers", will be held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The goal of the workshop is to improve the understanding of the complex issues affecting the management of water supply in fractured-rock aquifers in Maryland.

An announcement of the workshop, the workshop agenda, and a registration form can be accessed on the MWMC website at <http://mddnr.chesapeakebay.net/mwmc>. From the MWMC entry page, click on Announcements in the left panel. Click on the link at the top of the Announcements page.

Participation in the workshop is limited to 75 people, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in participating, please complete and mail (snail mail) the registration form found at the URL above to register as soon as possible, but no later than April 17 (please ignore the deadline of April 10 on the registration form).

There is a \$25 registration fee to be sent in by check or money order with the registration form. Instructions for writing the check or money order and where to mail (snail mail) the completed registration form are included at the URL above. The registration fee will cover a continental breakfast at 8:00, a lunch served in an onsite café at noon, and snacks in the morning and afternoon.

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- **May 2nd and 3rd:** Team Catoctin Land Trust will be participating in the Frederick Running Festival as a fundraiser to support the land preservation programs of the Catoctin Land Trust (the CLT).

The Catoctin Land Trust's mission is to preserve and protect the rural landscape and cultural history of the Blue Ridge and Piedmont regions in Central Maryland, Northern Virginia, Northern West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania. To date, we have protected over 2180 acres through 20 conservation easements in this region. With your help, we can protect more open space, critical forests and other habitat in this rapidly developing region

Our Team CLT fundraisers will be running in a variety of races during the festival including, the Marathon, Half-Marathon, Marathon Relay and the 5k. We would be grateful if you would help support their efforts!

Please go the following link and donate online safely and securely - you can do so anonymously <http://www.active.com/donate/TeamCLT>.

We are not asking you to train for weeks and then run 26.2 miles with us in Frederick (unless you want to), but we are asking you to run and grab your credit card now and make your tax deductible contribution today!

You can certainly donate via a check. Simply make it payable and mail it to: Catoctin Land Trust, PO Box 107, Frederick, MD 21705

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email me or call me at 301.668.4028.

- **May 5th from 6-9pm:** The Woods in Your Backyard training- this three workshop series training will be on May 5th and 12th from 6p-9p at the Frederick County Cooperative Extension Building at 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. There will be an optional field day on May 19th location TBD. There will be a \$20 fee for course materials including book and CD. Click here for a flyer with additional details. Interested parties can also contact Bryan Seipp with the Potomac Conservancy for pre-registration details - 301.608.1188 x207 or seipp@potomac.org
- **May 9th from 12-8pm:** Brook Trout Informational Open House - The Inland Fisheries Division of Maryland Fisheries Service is planning a “Brook Trout Informational Open House” for later this spring. Plans are coming together and subject to change. The Open House will be held at Allegany Community College. Interested parties can check the website, or call Susan Rivers at 301.791.4736 for further information. The Open House will highlight the history of trout management, current information of brook trout populations, ongoing and future brook trout studies. The public is invited to attend and learn about brook trout and give their input. Other topics that will be presented include: future yellow perch management for Deep Creek Lake; status of crayfish bans in the state; invasives, including whirling disease and didymo; and, regulation proposals for 2010. All are welcome to learn about brook trout management in Maryland.
- **May 12th from 6-9pm:** The Woods in Your Backyard training- this three workshop series training will be on May 5th and 12th from 6p-9p at the Frederick County Cooperative Extension Building at 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. There will be an optional field day on May 19th location TBD. There will be a \$20 fee for course materials including book and CD. Click here for a flyer with additional details. Interested parties can also contact Bryan Seipp with the Potomac Conservancy for pre-registration details - 301.608.1188 x207 or seipp@potomac.org
- **May 15th from 6:30-8:30am:** Bike to Work Day - Join TransIT in celebrating Bike to Work Day 2009 at the Transit Center (MARC train station), East Street, Frederick Or join the bike convoy leaving from the steps of City Hall to the Transit Center (7 AM). Register at www.waba.org. TransIT invites you to participate in this annual event celebrating bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Cyclists who combine biking and riding public transportation on Bike to Work Day may ride FREE on TransIT Connector and Shuttle buses. This is a FREE event and open to all area commuters. Join us for food, fun, and a chance to win a bicycle from the Bicycle Escape. Call TransIT at 301.600.3543 with any questions.
- **May 16th at 9am:** A demonstration of bird banding will be given by the Audubon Society of Central Maryland (ASCM) on Saturday, May 16, at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary. Song birds will be captured in nets and each will be given a small metal band which fits on its leg. The band has a unique number which is recorded together with information on the bird’s species, sex, and age. If the bird is recaptured, one can then get information on its longevity and migration path. It is a

good opportunity to see some birds really close-up, and to find out how one can determine the age and sex of the bird.

Interested participants should meet at the sanctuary entrance at 9 a.m. or, if they hope to see a larger number of birds, at 7:30 a.m. (there is a reason we refer to rising early as “getting up with the birds”). The sanctuary entrance is in Mt. Airy on Old Annapolis Road a short distance east of Detrick Road. For the exact location, type in “Audrey Carroll” in the Google Maps “search maps” box. Children are welcome on this trip. There are no rest room facilities at the sanctuary, and people should be aware of the presence of ticks at this season. The demonstration will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. For more information, contact Bob Schaefer at robert.schaefer@gmail.com or 301.831.5660.

- **May 17th at 1:30pm:** Looking Back, Moving Forward: Growing The Future Of American Chestnut - this event is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Izaak Walton League of America Headquarters, 707 Conservation Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. The presentations include "Our Foundation's Growth - Where Do We Go From Here?" presented by the TACF President and CEO Bryan Burhans and "Some of What We Still Don't Know & How To Find Out" presented by Phil Rutter, Founding President of TACF and Founder of Badgersett Research Corporation. For additional details, please visit www.mdtaf.org. A wine and cheese reception will follow the presentations.
- **May 18th-20th:** MBSS Training for Summer Index Period - This training focuses on fish, herpetofauna, crayfish, exotic plant, and mussel taxonomy. The training will be held at New Germany State Park in Garrett County. It is recommended that cabin and/or camping spots be reserved soon. The cost for the training is \$100. Registration deadline is April 30th. Click here for a flyer with additional information including an agenda, how to reserve cabins and/or camping spots, what to bring, and how to register.
- **May 19th:** The Woods in Your Backyard training- this three workshop series training will be on May 5th and 12th from 6p-9p at the Frederick County Cooperative Extension Building at 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. There will be an optional field day on May 19th location TBD. There will be a \$20 fee for course materials including book and CD. Click here for a flyer with additional details. Interested parties can also contact Bryan Seipp with the Potomac Conservancy for pre-registration details - 301.608.1188 x207 or seipp@potomac.org
- **May 21st from 1-2:30pm:** Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance (MCWA) Bimonthly Meeting. Thurmont library's Community Room. For further information, contact Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco-md.net or 301.600.1741.
- **May 30th from 10am-4pm:** NatureFest at Fountain Rock Park. Click here for a flyer with additional details.

- **May 31st from 3-5pm:** First Public Meeting of Catoctin Forest Alliance (CFA) to be held at the Thurmont Regional Library Community Room, Moser Rd, Thurmont, MD. Light refreshments will be provided.

The group will discuss the future of the Catoctin Mountain Forest based on a summary of “The Meeting on the Mountain” that was held April 22, 2009 (Earth Day) at Camp Greentop. Attending were many local and state organizations, as well as interested educators and landowners.

This public meeting provides an opportunity for residents in the Catoctin Region to express concerns and to share ideas in support of the protection and preservation of the Catoctin Mountain Forest..

The Catoctin Forest Alliance will also show a short narrative film by Richard Louv, author of the acclaimed “Last Child in the Woods”. Richard Louv discusses the present and future generations of children that suffer from “Nature Deficit Disorder” and explains why he first rejected the use of the phrase. Richard Louv is a powerful and dynamic speaker.

The Catoctin Forest Alliance is a non-profit organization composed of concerned citizens, private landowners, organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies who to seek to preserve and promote the health of the Catoctin Mountain Forest for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Catoctin Forest Alliance welcomes you to this important event.

June Events:

- **June 6th from 8am-1pm:** Volunteer for Parks at Catoctin Mountain Park in Thurmont, MD. Volunteers meet at Round Meadow. [Click here for a flyer with additional information.](#)
- **June 9th from 7-9:30pm:** A panel of experts invited by the Frederick Board of County Commissioners will present information on composting non-traditional organics. The composting presentation and panel discussion is open to the public and will take place in the first floor hearing room of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Md. [Click here for additional information.](#)
- **June 13th from 8am-12pm:** The Department of Solid Waste Management will sponsor a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day at the Public Safety Training Facility on Reichs Ford Road. [Click here for a flyer with more details.](#)
- **June 16th at 6pm:** Listening Session - Change is affecting every aspect of forests. Many forest landowners in Maryland are struggling to plan for the future of their family lands in the face of reduced timber values and increased regulation. But with change comes opportunity. New markets for sustainable forest products and

environmental services offer new opportunities for landowners, as citizens statewide begin to recognize the public values of private forests.

It will take smart and inclusive planning, strategic public and private investment, and leadership at all levels to prepare Maryland's landowners, communities, forestry professionals, and forest industry to succeed and thrive in this new world, and your input is important!

Regional Listening Sessions will play a direct role in setting public policy that will affect your future. What kinds of technical support, educational opportunities, and cost share programs do you need to help you manage your forest land and market forest products in a changing world? Local and state leaders are faced with tough choices over how to spend scarce resources, and needs to hear from you. The listening sessions are tailored to give you the opportunity to express your concerns and needs. A listening session will be held for Frederick and Washington Counties at the Urbana Regional Library in the Urbana Community Room - 9020 Amelung Street, Frederick, MD 21704

For further information, contact:

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or visit the Center's website: www.agroecol.umd.edu

- **June 24th - 28th:** The Potomac River Ramble is an annual multi-day canoe/kayak trip that highlights issues facing our local rivers. This year's Ramble will feature the Monocacy River, Maryland's first scenic river, and the downstream Potomac River. Area biologists, resource professionals, and elected officials will provide programs throughout the river journey. Meals, camping, shuttle and guide services are provided. Visit the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin at www.potomacriver.org or contact Adam Griggs at agriggs@icprb.org or 301.984.1908 x103 for more information.

July Events:

August Events:

- **August 11:** Chesapeake Bay Town Hall Meeting -President Obama has ordered the EPA and other federal agencies to draft plans by Sept. 9 to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. A diverse group representing business, academic, faith, environmental and other interests will meet Aug. 11 in Annapolis to discuss specific steps the Administration must take.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

St. Philip's Episcopal Church
730 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

Invited: Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator; Chuck Fox, EPA Senior Advisor on the Chesapeake Bay; Dr. Don Boesch, President, UMD Center for Environmental Science; Will Baker, President, Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Tommy Landers, Policy Advocate, Environment Maryland.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Tommy Landers at Environment Maryland, 410-467-0439 or Terry Cummings at Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 410-268-8816.

- **August 11:** Please join the Montgomery County, MD Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the EPA, and the USGS for a workshop on the integrated ecological studies being conducted in the Clarksburg, MD area. This workshop will be held in Clarksburg, MD from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Clarksburg, MD is a Special Protection Area (SPA) currently undergoing suburban development using the best available sediment control and stormwater management Best Management Practices (BMPs). Results from our work in this area were recently used by the Montgomery County Planning Board in their decision to recommend to the Montgomery County Council to revise and update the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan as it pertains to the environmentally sensitive Ten Mile Creek area.

At the workshop, we will give short presentations in the morning to provide an overview of ongoing ecological studies in the area, and then have a bus and walking tour in the afternoon of the sediment control and stormwater management Best Management Practices (BMPs) being implemented as part of the development activities in this SPA. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a study review with a focus on how to direct future research efforts.

Please email dhogan@usgs.gov if you will be able to join us for our review of the Clarksburg studies so that we may make appropriate plans for lunch and seating space for the afternoon bus tour. Directions to the workshop and the final agenda will be sent later.

- **August 15:** Join the Audubon Naturalist Society of Central Maryland at 9:00 AM for a Butterfly Nature Walk on Saturday, August 15th, at our Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary, just outside New Market, Maryland. August is a great time to view summer wildflowers and the butterflies that nectar on them. Many late brood swallowtails, skippers, and monarchs are beginning to fly so we should have a good opportunity to see (and perhaps photograph) a sampling of our butterfly fauna.

Come prepared with sturdy shoes, a hat and sunscreen. And if you have binoculars, be sure to bring them along! People of all ages are welcome.

We'll meet at 9 AM at the entry gate to the sanctuary, on the east side of Boyer's Mill Road, just one mile north of Rte. 144 in New Market. (If you navigate by GPS, the approximate street address is 6011 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market, MD 21774.) Note that no rest room facilities are available. The walk will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. For further information, email David Smith or Bob Schaefer or call Bob at 301-831-5660.

- **August 25 & August 27, 7- 8PM:** Join the Frederick County Master Gardeners for their 2009 Summer Library Series "Grow It Eat It" Initiative! Do you want to know more about growing your own food? Have you been wondering just how to go about starting your own garden? Let a Frederick County Master Gardener guide you through the basics of planting your own vegetable garden – from Raised Beds to Fall Garden Prep! Experienced, well-trained Master Gardeners are hosting FREE sessions at local library branches to help you - the new gardener - start your own Vegetable Garden.

Tuesday, 8/25, 7:00-8:00 PM:

C. Burr Artz Branch - "Food Gardening with Children"

Thursday, 8/27, 7:00-8:00 PM:

Middletown Branch - "Fall Bed Prep"

- **August 30, 6- 8 PM:** Join us for the Community Dinner at ThorpeWood for an evening of fun, food, and familiar faces! Come to the lodge with your favorite dish to share, and catch up on what's going on with your neighbors. Bring a beverage and serving utensils, and ThorpeWood's lodge will provide the atmosphere! Our Guest Speaker will be Paul Kazyak, and the theme will be "Sustainability: Your future and ours."

The young men and women of Boy Scout Venturing Crew 202 will discuss and present on sustainability. Over the last three years, this highly dedicated group of youth has spoken to an estimated 12,000 Marylanders as part of their environmental outreach effort. As a result, they have received several national awards, numerous state-level awards, and specific recognition from the Governor. Because they represent the next generation, their message is especially poignant and should be heard by all. Come learn where we are, where we are going, and what must be done to blend environmental, economic and social issues into a single solution.

Please RSVP via email or call our main office at 301.271.2823. See you soon!

September Events:

- **September 2:** Join Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources & the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a workshop to learn more about the Watershed Assistance Collaborative, a partnership between MD DNR, Chesapeake Bay Trust, UMD SeaGrant Extension, Environmental Finance Center, and others that provide funding and technical

assistance for watershed restoration planning and design. This is an exciting opportunity to talk directly with Funders, project leaders, technical service providers and state agency representatives about potential watershed restoration projects in your region. PLEASE REGISTER ON LINE WITH CBT:

<http://cbtrust.kintera.org/WatershedAsstCollaborative>. For more information, click here or contact Carrie Decker (DNR) at 410-260-8723 or Jamie Baxter (CBT) at 410-974-2941.

- **September 10:** Reserve your spot today! How to Effectively Advocate and Fundraise Online With Limited Staff, hosted by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund. This seminar will be held at the Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, from 9AM- 1PM. Training topics include: Websites and Emails- How to recruit new constituents, engage them, and fundraise; Social Networking- Where do you start? How to use it effectively?; Tools to make it all happen; Make a Plan for What's Right for Your Organization - What do you do now? Is it working? How many staff do you have for it? How many email members? What resources do you have? Contact Jen at jbrock@mdlcv.org or 410-280-9855 ext. 202 for more information.
- **September 16, 3 PM:** The Frederick County Sustainability Commission meets every month on the 3rd Wednesday at 3pm in the 3rd floor meeting room of Winchester Hall.
- **September 19, 9 AM-1 PM:** Save the date for the 4th Annual Rubbish Round-up sponsored by the Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance (ACWA). ACWA (pronounced AQUA) is a group of concerned citizens striving to protect and preserve Antietam Creek and its tributaries.
For more information contact Dave Biser at 240.520.4364 or biserd@msn.com.
- **September 19, 9 AM-1 PM:** On Saturday, the FFF's Mid-Atlantic Council will hold its seventh Learn to Fly Fish Course at Devils Backbone County Park in Maryland. The course is ideally suited for adults and teenagers who are beginner or novice fly fisher and desire a more intensive technical course. Our instructors are some of the best in the region. The cost of \$50 per person is an excellent value as compared to those courses offered by fly fishing shops. For more information and a registration form click here. For additional information please contact:
Don Fine - secretary@macfff.org.
- **September 19, 9 AM:** The Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary provides habitat for dozens of species of butterflies through the year. Join the Audubon Society of Central Maryland as we explore the Sanctuary looking for and learning about butterflies. See Monarch conservation up close as we tag butterflies for the Monarch Watch Program! For more information, visit our website.
- **September 19- 26:** The Great Frederick Fair - Be sure to visit the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance booth in the City Streets, Country Roads Exhibit. The

fair is open every day from 9am-9pm. Click [here](#) for additional fair details or a map of the fairgrounds. If you are interested in volunteering to help man the booth, please contact Heather Montgomery at 301.600.1741 or by email at hmontgomery@fredco-md.net.

- **September 26-27:** The 2009 Maryland Native Plant Society Annual Conference will be held in Walkersville, MD this year! The conference, titled "The Catoctin Mountains: Maryland's Blue Ridge," starts the morning of Saturday, Sept 26 with a series of speakers, followed by afternoon and Sunday field trips throughout the region. For more information, [click here](#).
- **September 30, 9 AM- 4:30 PM :** Please join the Potomac Watershed Partnership at the next PWP Information Exchange: Achieving Success in Restoration Plantings and Projects. This event will be held at Cacapon Resort State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV. Please RSVP by September 16, 2009. The Information Exchange will feature two panels: Planning a Restoration Project, and Maintaining a Completed Project. Please look for the complete schedule in the coming weeks.

Tickets are \$15, and include lunch as well as morning and afternoon snacks. Checks should be made payable to Potomac Conservancy, and mailed to: Deanna Tricarico, Potomac Conservancy, 8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 612, Silver Spring, MD 20910

If you have any questions, email or call Deanna at (301) 608-1188 x204

October Events:

- **October 1-31:** The Central MD Audubon Chapter holds a birdseed sale during the month of October to benefit our two wildlife sanctuaries in eastern Frederick County. Seed can be ordered by mail by getting a form at your local library or by printing a copy from our website www.centralmdaudubon.org. You can choose to pickup your order at Clarksville on October 31, or Mt. Airy on November 7. For more info, call 410-795-6546, 301-831-5060, or 410-465-3840.
- **October 3-4:** The 2009 Tour of Solar Homes and Buildings covers two days, with a remarkable variety of design, technology and sustainable living concepts illustrated in over 60 homes. Hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday, October 3 & 4. For more information, visit www.solartour.org.
- **October 3-4:** For the first time, Frederick's In the Street Festival will be featuring a 'Going Green Block' located between Third and Fourth Street in downtown Frederick. A number of local groups and county departments will be offering information to aid in finding solutions to make our lives healthier-socially, economically and environmentally. For more information, [go here](#).
- **October 5:** Maryland Forestry Summit - Linthicum Heights, MD. The Maryland Forestry Summit will address the future of sustainable forests in Maryland by

covering the following issue areas: Retention and management of privately owned forests, economic viability of Maryland's products industry, retention and management of publicly owned forests, diversity of Maryland's forestry and the need to maintain that diversity and expansion of value-added and alternative eco-enterprise opportunities.

- **October 9-11:** The Chesapeake Watershed Forum is an annual conference for watershed organizations and local government officials from around the multi-state Chesapeake Bay region. It is an opportunity to learn the latest scientific techniques in Bay restoration and protection, address specific organizational capacity building needs, focus on regional and watershed-wide needs, network with other watershed organizations, and enjoy the beauty of the watershed. Registration is now open until September 18, 2009. Forum registration link: Chesapeake Watershed Forum 2009. For more information contact: Lou Etgen (410) 377-6270.
- **October 15, 1PM:** MCWA meeting. Albert Powell Trout Hatchery, 20901 Fish Hatchery Rd, Hagerstown, MD. For more information, contact Heather Montgomery.
- **October 16-17:** The inaugural "Choose Green" Expo will be hosted by the Frederick County Builders Association at Frederick Community College this fall. The expo will be open to the public and will showcase Green Living choices for consumers in indoor and outdoor displays. For more information, please visit: <http://www.choosegreenexpo.org/>.
- **October 17, 9AM-11AM:** Join the Audubon Society of Central Maryland for an Autumn Nature walk at the Fred Archibald Sanctuary where one can expect to see numerous birds on their way south for the winter, many of them feeding on the seeds of the tall warm-season grasses that fill the meadows. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Sanctuary entrance, which is on the east side of Boyer's Mill Road just one mile north of Rte. 144 in New Market. There are no rest room facilities at the Sanctuary, and the walk will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. For more information, contact Bob Schaefer at 301-831-5660 or robert.schaefer@gmail.com.
- **October 19-20:** Please register for the Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring Conference taking place Monday-Tuesday October 19-20, 2009 at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. The conference is FREE for the first 150 people that register. Registration and information on lodging options can be found [here](#). The 2009 Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Monitoring conference will provide a forum for volunteer monitors, environmental organizations, and agencies to meet, present, and promote volunteer monitoring efforts. The conference includes plenary session, workshops, and breakout sessions on topics such as sustaining volunteer organizations, data use, watershed issues, and monitoring techniques.
- **October 21, 3PM:** The Frederick County Sustainability Commission meets every month on the 3rd Wednesday at 3pm in the 3rd floor meeting room of Winchester Hall.

- October 24, 6PM-9PM:** Where on Earth are we going? And what can we do about it? These are two of the questions that are at the heart of the Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium. The Symposium is a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to fundamentally change our human presence on Earth. You've seen the consequences of our collective actions from all over the planet - drug use, poverty, environmental disasters, and much more. You also know in your heart that things need to change, and soon. Come explore the possibilities with a group of bright, forward-looking teenagers from Carroll County as they present state-of-the-art information in a dynamic and interactive manner.

Sponsored by: Boy Scout Venturing Crew 202, Westminster, MD, held at Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD, Performing Arts Center

Suggested free-will donation \$5. Reservations preferred – please register by e-mailing Paul Kazyak at pkazyak@dnr.state.md.us with the number in your party. For more information: <http://www.awakeningthedreamer.org>.
- October 28, 5PM:** The next Upper Potomac Trib Team meeting will be held at the Washington County Division of Environmental Management, 16232 Elliott Parkway, Williamsport, MD 21795 on Wednesday Oct. 28th at 5pm.
- October 29, 5PM-7PM:** Join students, teachers, and others involved with the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Schoolyard Habitat Program for the Schoolyard Habitat Celebration at 7630 Hayward Rd., Frederick, MD. Learn more about creating your own site; network with schools experienced in the process; network with partners; and find out how you can support this initiative!
- October 30-31:** This year's Maryland Forest Association Annual Conference theme is "staying green in a red economy." This conference, held in Flintstone, MD, will look at the evolution of the conservation movement from many different perspectives and then look to the future and discuss what we have learned and where we go from here. For More: visit <http://mdforests.org/AM2009.html>
- October 31:** The Department of Solid Waste Management will sponsor a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day on October 31, 2009 from 8am until noon at the Public Safety Training Facility (8349 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704).

November Events:

- November 2, 7PM- 9PM :** Take action against one of the biggest problems in the Potomac River watershed: polluted runoff from construction sites. Please come to a Potomac Riverkeeper "Get the Dirt Out" training session! Learn how to identify and report sediment control violations at construction sites. You will find out how to evaluate the pollution controls on construction sites and how to report violations of existing clean water laws. Hosted by Friends of Rock Creek's Environment (FORCE) and the Little Falls Watershed Alliance from 7pm to 9pm on Monday, Nov. 2 at

Geneva Hall, Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chase Circle, Washington, DC 20015. Please click here to register now!

- **November 9, 7PM :** The next meeting of the Frederick County Forestry Board will be on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Gambrill State Park.
- **November 10, 7PM- 8:30PM :** The Potomac Valley Fly Fishers (PVFF) board would like to extend MCWA members an invitation to the next PVFF board meeting held at the Maryland School for the Deaf. Leopoldo Miranda-Castro, supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chesapeake field office will be talking about the final report on endocrine disruption in the Potomac watershed. For more information, visit PVFF's website.
- **November 12, 6PM :** The Catoctin Forest Alliance will hold its next meeting at the Manor Area visitor center, Cunningham Falls Park. The meeting will begin at 6pm. For more information about the Catoctin Forest Alliance, visit their website.
- **November 14, 11AM- 1PM :** Help plant 700 native trees, shrubs and live stakes in this tributary in the Catoctin Creek watershed (Myersville, MD). This planting is the last phase of a stream restoration project. Learn about in-stream habitat enhancement and erosion protection techniques. Partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Town of Myersville, Monocacy and Catoctin Watershed Alliance, Trout Unlimited and the Highlands Action Program. Dress for the weather, equipment and refreshments provided. To register, send your complete contact information to Marcy Damon at 443-482-2156 or email MDrestoration@cbf.org.
- **November 16:** Assistance from DNR is available to help achieve restoration acres at the local level. Examples may include, but are not limited to, forested and/or grass buffers on county or municipal park land, enhancement or conversion of stormwater facilities to wetland functions, school greening projects that include the conversion of asphalt or cement to forested or grass buffers, etc. Proposals for assistance are due November 16. Click here for a factsheet and here for an application.
- **November 18, 12PM-2PM Eastern:** “Who will speak for the trees?” wondered the Lorax in a popular book from our childhood. Go back to school this November to learn what the Lorax already knew about Urban Watershed Forestry, the art and science of using trees to protect and restore our watersheds. The Center for Watershed Protection's Urban Watershed Forestry webcast will cover Urban Tree Canopy 101, Advanced Urban Tree Canopy, and, for those math geeks out there, Urban Tree Accounting, plus a virtual field trip to learn hands-on planting and maintenance techniques from our resident forester. The webinar will introduce participants to various urban watershed forestry tools and will feature guest speakers from two communities to share their experiences with urban forestry at the municipal scale and the site scale. See you in class! Cost: \$99. To register (by 11/11), click here.

- **November 21, 9AM-12PM:** November is a transition time of year for our bird fauna. Most southbound migrants heading for the Tropics have passed through and the winter residents have settled in. However, November is also a time when wayward migrants from the West show up in the East. Last November, during a walk at the Audrey Carroll Sanctuary, a sandhill crane came flying north over the sanctuary. Some years, cave swallows make an appearance in our area (though none have yet been recorded at the sanctuaries). The fox sparrows should be in and plenty of other possible treats await discovery. People of all ages are welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. at the entry gate to the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary at 13030 Old Annapolis Road (just east of Detrick Road) in Mt. Airy. No rest room facilities are available, and the walk will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. For more information contact David Smith at lacsmith12@comcast.net or 410-549-7082.

December Events:

December 2, 3PM: Join us for "Recession-Proof Your Grantwriting". A WEBINAR workshop on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 3:00 p.m. Featuring Beverley Francis, President and CEO of The Columbia Foundation. This free one-hour webinar is for beginning and intermediate grant writers. As Funders have had to become more strategic in their funding decisions, grant seekers have had to become more creative and collaborative in their search for new dollars. Learn how to build new relationships with foundations and get the funding you need. This session is intended to answer your questions about resources in your own backyard. Registration is REQUIRED, first come, first served up to 150 people. Watch live and ask your questions in the chat room! To register: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/a6mesham9od5>.

December 4, 8AM- 6PM: The Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council's Turning a New Leaf Conference is a conference for landscaping professionals to promote and learn about sustainable landscaping and development practices. Conference tracks include: Sustainable Landscape Design: Making beautiful practical; Selling Green: Business models, planning, and marketing; Getting it Done with Local Governments; The Science of Sustainability: Urban ecology and new technologies. For more information, visit www.chesapeakelandscape.org.

December 7, 1PM- 4PM: You are invited to participate in a workshop to learn more about interactive mapping (no formal GIS experience required). This workshop is geared toward outreach providers, Extension faculty (4-H, AGNR, and more), and other groups who work with communities or different stakeholder groups, and are thinking of ways to use geospatial technology (GIS, GPS) for engaging with their community. Content: Overview of GIS and software available for interactive use; Training on how to use Mapper (IMRivers); Discussion of how each organization could use community mapping; Open discussion.

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This event is free, but space is limited and registration is required. This is sponsored by University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension and National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education.

December 8, 2:30PM- 4:30PM: The U.S. EPA is holding 15 public meetings on the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) throughout the watershed's six states and the District of Columbia from early November through mid-December 2009. The TMDL is a strict "pollution diet" that will drive actions to restore local waters and the Chesapeake Bay. A full list of the meetings, along with driving directions to each location, is available at www.epa.gov/chesapeakebaytmdl. The Dec. 8 meeting will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Maryland Department of the Environment Office, 1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 530, Baltimore, MD. For those who are interested in participating but are unable to attend, the December 8 meeting will also be broadcast on-line via Webinar. Access to the audio presentations and slide shows will be provided via computer, as well as on-line participation in the Q&A session. Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/568237411>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

December 15: Has your community—a homeowners association, school, park, town, etc—participated in a tree planting event this year? Have you and others maintained the health of your community's existing trees through watering, mulching, and more? If so, your community may be eligible for state-wide recognition as a Maryland PLANT community! The Maryland Urban & Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) encourages communities to apply for this year's 2009 PLANT awards- applications are due December 15! Applications and more information can be found at: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/programs/plantinfo.html>

December 15, 2:30-3:30: Join American Rivers on December 15th from 2:30 – 3:30 for a webcast to learn how states used their required (20%) portion of water infrastructure funding from the stimulus for green infrastructure and water efficiency. Example projects will be highlighted as well as some of the barriers that were discovered. Then learn about the continued opportunity to fund a variety of smart stormwater and water efficiency projects in your community via the State Revolving Fund. The new federal budget again requires that states spend 20% of their money on these smart investments, providing almost \$700 million for green infrastructure and water and energy efficiency nationwide.

To join the Web Conference visit: <http://www.quickconnected.com/web/index.html> and use Entry Code: 5828. For more information, contact Katherine Baer at 202-347-7550.

December 15, 12PM-2PM (EST) : The Center for Watershed Protection is pleased to announce the fifth offering in our new webcast series. Attendees can now save time, travel expenses and, perhaps most importantly, carbon emissions, by attending our training workshops over the Web. This webcast will focus on Erosion and Sediment Control. Join speakers from the Center as well as guest speakers from the U.S. EPA's Office of Water and Tetra Tech for this webcast from 12-2pm Eastern. The erosion and sediment control (ESC) program is a fundamental water quality initiative that has been around in many parts of the country for decades. Managing runoff from an active construction site while construction equipment is literally moving the ground under your feet has presented continuing challenges for the regulator and regulated

communities. This webcast will begin by highlighting the latest EPA rulemaking: Final Effluent Guidelines for the Construction and Development Industry, and provide a detailed overview of how the federal, state, and local permit implementation programs are designed to work. The webcast will also discuss state and local strategies for training, plan review, inspection, and enforcement that have been successful at improving on-site compliance.

For more information about this webcast and the entire 2009 series, visit <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/>

Cost: \$99; Registration closes 12/11/09.

December 18, 1PM-3PM: You won't want to miss our next MCWA meeting! This will be a special networking opportunity - two full hours consisting of a potluck lunch and a fun agenda aimed at strengthening relationships between Alliance partners. Mark your calendars now!

The meeting will be held at the Browning Building (8350 Pinecliff Park Rd. Frederick, MD 21704). RSVP by December 11.