



Patapsco Heritage Greenway | April/May 2021 Newsletter

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## Explore and Celebrate Earth Day

While we often think of Earth Day as emphasizing environmental

conservation, the history of Earth Day actually runs deeper. Prior to the 1970s, environmental activism was practiced in a rather disjointed way with groups working on various aspects of conservation and often little overlap between rural and urban spheres. Earth Day brought together advocates on issues ranging from the impact of industrialization on natural resources to establishing urban green spaces, both of which are present in the Patapsco Valley. More importantly, Earth Day helped provide a framework which helped people understand that issues such as pollution, urban sprawl, pesticide use, waste disposal, and wildlife conservation are all interconnected and that confronting them directly highlighted a much larger environmental crisis as well as an opportunity. At Patapsco Heritage Greenway, we embrace this framework and work to preserve, protect, interpret, and restore the natural resources of the Patapsco River Valley through our environmental, heritage, recreation and arts and culture program areas. We uphold the sentiment that as humans we are inherently connected to and part of our environments, and that we are shaped by these environments just as much as they are shaped by us. To learn more about the significance of Earth Day and the events that brought life to the movement, check out an excerpt from historian Adam Rome's book [The Genius of Earth Day](#),

## Environmental Program Updates

Patapsco Heritage Greenway's spring volunteer season kicked off the first weekend of April with stream cleanup and invasive plant removal events in both Ellicott City and Oella. New events are added to our volunteer opportunities every week and include cleanups, invasive removals, tree plantings, and more. These opportunities will run through mid-June, so we hope to see you at an event soon! In addition to our group volunteer opportunities, we are also in the middle of the pilot year of our vernal pool inventory program and our Patapsco water quality testing program. Data from both of these programs will begin to be available to the public as we collect and analyze it.

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We also recently received new grant funding from both the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Keep Maryland Beautiful (KMB). These grants will help fund our tree planting efforts in both Baltimore County and Ellicott City, respectively, over the next one to two years. We aim to plant new native trees to help reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff, provide more habitat and food for native wildlife, and to add to the urban tree canopy in the Patapsco watershed."

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## Investigate Invasive Plants

Spring has sprung! This time of year presents an excellent opportunity to spot and identify invasive plants in the area as everything is still blooming and changing color. Invasive plants are a major threat to the Patapsco Watershed, particularly our beloved trees. If you would like to learn more about the basics of recognizing and removing some common invasive plants,

Check out our **FREE** webinar on [Youtube](#).



## Discover More with Patapsco Shorts!

Watch our new [VERNAL POOLS](#) segment in our ongoing PATAPSCO SHORTS video series. Stay tuned for upcoming segments that explore Memorialization in the PVHA and Trail Etiquette.

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST...

- [Baltimore's newest trash wheel but also a critical look at what happens to the trash after it's collected: \(Baltimore Magazine\)](#)
- [Migratory fish in the Patapsco after dam removal: \(Baltimore Sun\)](#)
- [Passing of Howard County's Plastic Reduction Act:\(Baltimore Sun\)](#)

## RECENT and UPCOMING EVENTS... Click on links for details

- **Saturday April 24th** 10am-130pm [Tree Planting at Foxhall Farm site](#) :
- **Saturday April 24th**, 10am-1pm: [Bull Branch Cleanup at CCBC](#).
- **Wednesday, April 28th** : [5% Donation Day at MOM's Organic Market](#). PHG will receive 5% of the sales at the **Jessup** location from that day so we want to encourage people to shop at that one on that day.
- **Saturday May 1**, 10am-1pm: [Watershed Cleanup off of Route 1 in Halethorpe](#)
- **Saturday May 8**: 10am-1 pm [East Branch Herbert Run Cleanup in Arbutus](#)

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