

# Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

# 2020

## CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

All projects are open to volunteers 18 yrs + (or 13-17 yrs with a guardian present) and walk-ins are welcome. Training, tools and supplies will be provided, no experience necessary. Each project is held from **9-11:30am**. Participants should bring water to drink, wear long pants, closed-toe/sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.

### Garlic Mustard Pulling

**Tuesday, March 24 / Trotter Parking Area**  
Help us remove invasive Garlic Mustard plants.

### Garlic Mustard Pulling & Spring Flower Watching

**Saturday, April 18 / South Wind Circle Trailhead**  
**Tuesday, April 28 / South Wind Circle Trailhead**

Join us as we remove and bag invasive Garlic Mustard plants, then enjoy an educational walk highlighting spring ephemeral flowers.

### Mile-a-Minute Removal & Breeding Bird Atlas

**Tuesday, May 26 / South Wind Circle Trailhead**  
Volunteers dig, cut, and remove invasive Mile-a-Minute vines and other invasive plants. Project also includes an introduction to the Breeding Bird Atlas citizen scientist project.

### Wavyleaf Basketgrass Removal

**Tuesday, June 23 / Trotter Parking Area**  
Remove and bag highly invasive Wavyleaf Basketgrass.

### Perennial Pollinator Planting

**Tuesday, September 22 / Trotter Parking Area**  
Plant perennial plugs for native pollinators.

### Japanese Barberry Removal

**Saturday, October 17 / Trotter Parking Area**  
Dig and remove invasive Japanese Barberry shrubs.

### Autumn Olive Removal

**Tuesday, October 27 / Trotter Parking Area**  
**Tuesday, November 24 / South Wind Circle Trailhead**  
Cut, saw, and trim invasive Autumn Olive shrubs.

#### Information

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#### Registration

<https://tinyurl.com/rmptpkq>

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The Conservation Stewardship Project (CSP) is a joint program of the Howard County Master Gardeners and Howard County Recreation & Parks that addresses the issue of invasive exotic plant species in the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). Invasive exotic plants reduce native floral diversity by competing for resources, additionally offering poor quality food and habitat for native wildlife and potentially aiding soil erosion and reduced water quality. During CSP events, volunteers help combat this problem through the removal of invasive plants and the restoration of native, ecologically-appropriate species.

The MPEA, established in 1996, is 1,021 acres in size 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.



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### Driving Directions

#### Trotter Parking Area Entrance to MPEA 5795 Trotter Rd, Columbia, MD 21044

From Route 29 at Route 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 Route 29 at Route 108: Take Route 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.

#### South Wind Circle Trailhead to MPEA 6495 South Wind Circle, Columbia, MD 21044

Route 29 to Route 108 west towards Clarksville or Route 32 to Route 108 east. Turn onto Trotter Road to South Wind Circle (about 1 mile). Enter the circle and proceed to trailhead on left (opposite Misty Top Pass).

**Due to limited parking, we strongly encourage carpooling.**



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