



# SIERRA CLUB

## WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

### Clean Energy & Climate Change

The Maryland Chapter's Energy Committee is committed to moving our state beyond coal and replacing it with clean energy. We're working to meet aggressive climate action goals and need your help to roll out more wind and solar, making sure we all have clean air and clean water that isn't polluted by dirty fossil fuels.

### Fighting Gas Infrastructure

On Tuesday, April 4th, Governor Larry Hogan signed HB 1325 into law, officially banning fracking statewide! Now we continue to fight the expansion of gas infrastructure across the state.

### Fighting Antibiotic Resistance

Currently, 70% of the medically important antibiotics are sold for use on farm-raised chickens, hogs, and cattle. Meanwhile, 2 MILLION people in the US contract an antibiotic-resistant infection every year and 23,000 die as a result. With the help of our efforts, the MD General Assembly passed the Keep Antibiotics Effective Act to prohibit routine use of human antibiotics in livestock!

### Pesticide-Free Yards

Our yards are important habitats for bees and pollinators. However, the use of pesticides can expose bees and wildlife to a "toxic soup" of chemicals that can kill or harm them. We're working to promote commitments to pesticide-free yards in entire communities.

### Clean Water

Stormwater pollution from development is the fastest growing source of pollution into the Chesapeake Bay. To reduce this pollution, Maryland's counties are required to retrofit 20% of all impervious surface, such as roads and parking lots, and we're trying to keep the pressure on the counties to hit this goal.

## HOW ARE PEOPLE INVOLVED?

**Tabling at public venues to collect signatures in support of campaigns** · **Weekend invasive plant removal at local parks** · **Biking, hiking, and paddling outings that teach conservation lessons** · **Movie screenings and education events** · **Attending public hearings and meetings on proposed local legislation and plans** · **Lobbying and participating in activism marches and rallies!**

## JOIN US AT



Donald Trump and his band of climate deniers in his Cabinet and in Congress want to turn the country back to a reliance on climate disrupting dirty fossil fuels by killing the Clean Power Plan, EPA, and Paris Climate Accord. But we aren't buying it. Go to <http://www.sierraclub.org/maryland/peoples-climate-march-maryland> for more info!

## CHECK OUT

**Our Chapter Calendar for Other Events Coming Up! Go to <http://www.sierraclub.org/maryland/calendar>**

## VOLUNTEER!

**We want to protect the environment in Maryland and we can't do it without you! Go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/maryland/volunteering>**

## Take a Look at These Upcoming Events!

RSVP at <http://sierraclub.org/maryland/calendar>

### FREE CLIMATE CHANGE FILM SCREENING AT LEXINGTON PARK LIBRARY

DATE AND TIME: THUR, APR 27, 2017, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

ORGANIZED BY: SOUTHERN MARYLAND GROUP

THIS ACCLAIMED DOCUMENTARY FILM WITH LEONARDO DiCAPRIO IS AN EXPLORATION OF THE CHANGES OCCURRING AROUND THE WORLD DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHAT WE CAN DO NOW-- GREAT PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH! THIS WILL ALSO BE OUR LAST IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR THE BUS LEAVING FROM CALIFORNIA, MD AND STOPPING IN CHARLOTTE HALL, MD BEFORE ARRIVING IN DC FOR TO THE CLIMATE MARCH ON APRIL 29!

### HELLEN CREEK FOREST AND WILDLIFE PRESERVE NATURE WALK

DATE AND TIME: SAT, APR 29, 2017, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ORGANIZED BY: SOUTHERN MARYLAND GROUP

LOCATED IN CALVERT COUNTY, MD, THE HELLEN CREEK PRESERVE COVERS SOME FIFTY ACRES OF MARSHES, FORESTS, STREAMS, AND SLOPES. ALONG WITH THE ADJACENT TNC HEMLOCK PRESERVE OVER 120 ACRES OF THE WATERSHED HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER PERMANENT EASEMENT. JOIN US ON THIS HIKE TO SEE THE SOUTHERN-MOST STAND OF EASTERN CANADIAN HEMLOCKS IN THE EASTERN UNITED STATES. THE OTHER SPECIES THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HERE ARE MORE CHARACTERISTIC OF THOSE FOUND IN THE APPALACHIAN FORESTS OF WESTERN MD. THE DIVERSE ECOLOGY OF THIS AREA PROVIDES HABITAT FOR A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SPECIES OF WILDLIFE AS WELL AS OVER FIFTY DIFFERENT KINDS OF BIRDS, ALL OF WHICH WILL SERVE TO MAKE THIS NATURE WALK BOTH AN EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.

### INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL AT LITTLE PAINT BRANCH PARK IN BELTSVILLE

DATE AND TIME: THE LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 11 AM-3 PM

ORGANIZED BY: MARYLAND CHAPTER

OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO REMOVE THE INVASIVES TO ALLOW FOR THESE NATIVE TO GROW AND FLOURISH. 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 LONG PANTS.

### TOUR OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DUAL-STREAM RECYCLING CENTER AND TRANSFER STATION

DATE AND TIME: FRI, MAY 5, 2017, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

ORGANIZED BY: MONTGOMERY COUNTY GROUP

EVER WONDER WHERE YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES GO AND WHERE THEY END UP? JOIN US FOR A FREE TOUR OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER AND TRANSFER STATION. LEARN ABOUT WHAT IS AND ISN'T ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY FOR RECYCLING, HOW IT IS SORTED, WHERE IT GOES, AND WHAT IT BECOMES. THIS IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF SINGLE-STREAM VS. MULTIPLE-STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAMS. THE FACILITY'S MANAGER, JEFF CAMERA, WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. SPACE IS LIMITED. RSVP TO ATTEND AND ARRANGE CARPOOLING, SINCE PARKING SPACES ARE LIMITED.