



E-News from the Piedmont Plateau Group

The Piedmont Plateau Group (PPG) addresses climate and environmental justice concerns in Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Richmond and Montgomery counties.

Upcoming Programs for February & March 2021

General Meeting & Sustainable Speakers Series

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM EDT

Composting: Changing a Problem to a Benefit



Kyra Levau, Orange County Solid Waste Management Education and Outreach Coordinator, will review the “ins and outs” of composting in Orange County. Kyra will talk about the program history, waste composition in OC, the food waste collection program (a pilot program in a residential neighborhood) and commercial composting service for restaurants and businesses.

Kyra graduated from NC State University with a degree in Environmental Science. Kyra currently develops and conducts educational workshops and webinars, advertising campaigns, community events, social media content and flyers.

Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub/> or <https://zoom.us/j/4767381098?pwd=SnZSakxjSDN5aFRpY3I2aVJzdHludz09>

For more info about this presentation and to join the Zoom meeting, visit our Meetup page or register directly on Zoom.

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Update from NC Conservation Network



Guest speaker, **Stephanie Bishop Schweickert** will give us an overview of the advocacy timeline at the state level for 2021 and share some issues that we're likely to see at the state legislature. She'll also go more in-depth on forever chemicals/PFAS.

Stephanie is the Senior Campaign Organizer for **NC Conservation Network**. She coordinates issue campaigns and oversees programs to strengthen the environmental community's work, build leadership, and mobilize activists.

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Petition Signing Events

Tuesdays, February 9 & March 9, 2021

7:00 PM to 7:15 PM EDT

(Preceding the Speakers Series)

“Save Our Trees” Petition & AddUP Campaign



The Piedmont Plateau Executive Committee is pleased to sponsor the “Save Our Trees” campaign, which is based on an in-depth study of the global, national and local crises that have been caused by clear-cutting and deforestation. The study, conducted by PPG in 2019 and 2020, was the basis for the “Where Have All the Forests Gone?” Slideshow, the October “Save Our Trees” Forum, as well as a Sierra Club AddUP Campaign. The study serves as a reminder: **We cannot fight climate change and diseases without our forests! We must take immediate action to Save Our Trees!**

View the slideshow presentation: [Click Here](#)

Sign Sierra Club’s AddUP Petition: [Click Here](#)

Write letters to Greensboro Mayor, Nancy Vaugan and City Council Members in support of the “Save Our Trees” Petition. **To view a sample letter,** [Click Here](#).

E-mail: www.greensboro-nc.gov/government/city-council/e-mail-city-council

A similar petition will be delivered to the **Guilford County Board of Commissioners** in early June, 2021. The petition can currently be signed at the exit of Deep Roots Market, 600 N. Eugene St. in Greensboro. Please watch for further announcements about this petition.

PPG is currently searching for residents of **Rockingham, Randolph, Richmond and Montgomery Counties** to start similar petitions in those counties. Please contact Hazel at HL.PPG.Sierra@gmail.com, if interested.

Special Announcements

Piedmont Plateau Group has a new Website! George Wissmiller is finalizing the last steps of developing a new website for PPG! Those of you who have group photos please send them to George at: Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com
Check out our website at: www.sierraclub.org/north-carolina/piedmont-plateau.

PPG's Sustainability Committee, also known as **GreenTeamPPG**, is in the process of updating the team's website with new slideshows, local and national petitions, sample letters, magazine articles and videos from the Sierra Club and several other environmental groups. **Check it out at: www.greenteamsUSA.org**

Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings

Tuesdays, March 2 and April 6 at 7:00 PM

All PPG members and friends are welcome to join our virtual ExCom meetings online. Volunteers are invited to serve on the Communications, Conservation, Political and Membership Committees. Email Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com or call 872-222-6860, if interested.

Message from National Office:

All Chapter and Group Outings with Sierra Club will remain closed through Sunday, July 4, 2021. No in-person outings until July 5. We will keep you posted via Meetup, if other virtual outings become available.

From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

Transportation emissions are the No. 1 source of greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change in the United States. **Let's make North Carolina the "Green Roads State" - [Sign our petition](#) to ask for electric vehicle charging stations in every state park!**

Sierra Club AddUP Campaign:

Thanks to people like you, we put climate on the agenda for President Biden's first 100 days in office. Thank him for his commitment to climate action and call on him to do even more. [Thank President Biden For Acting on Climate - and Ask Him to Do More](#)

Sierra Club Statement of Purpose

- To explore and protect the wild places of the Earth.
- To practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources.
- To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.

Comments or suggestions? Contact us at Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com.

Websites: [North Carolina Chapter](#) | [Piedmont Plateau Group](#)