



Piedmont Plateau - April 2021 E-News

PPG traditionally sponsors outings, trail/creek clean-ups, social gatherings and educational programs that address climate and environmental concerns in Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Richmond, and Montgomery Counties. Joining together to Explore, Enjoy and Protect our Planet!

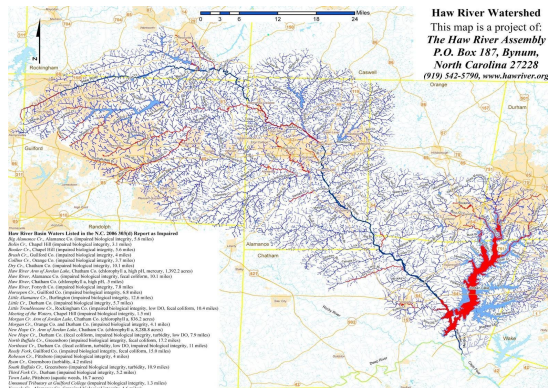
General Meeting & Sustainable Speakers Series

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM EDT

Working Together We Can Accomplish Much More!

Sierra Club, Piedmont Plateau Group is currently participating in the Haw River Assembly's Stream Monitoring Program. This is a program in which a person or group chooses a stream location somewhere in the Haw River Basin and, after an initial evaluation, monitors it 4 times (one each season) a year. HRA supplies equipment and training and we supply our time. The results are turned in to Haw River Assembly, evaluated, and any necessary action is taken.



There is a substantial threat to the streams in the basin as indicated in the above map. Red streams are impaired. **Come and learn about how this collaborative project is impacting a very real environmental threat!** The presentation is by George Wissmiller, veteran of over a decade of activism in Illinois and current local Sierra Club Group Chair. Join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214587676>

Earth Day Plant Exchange via Zoom

Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM

Join Program Chair, Linda Margo, for a lively discussion about your favorite perennials.

Plan to show the plants (or photos) and share info about the plant, i.e. is it a sun or shade plant, deer proof, bird and butterfly friendly... Arrangements for the actual exchanges will be made during the event. Join the Zoom event at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214587676> or www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub.

For more info about this event, visit our Meetup page or register directly on Zoom.

Let's Celebrate Earth Day, Every Day!

The Covid-19 Pandemic fundamentally changed the way we celebrate Earth Day.

As the 51th anniversary of Earth Day approaches without plans for big in-person celebrations, we need to realize that while we protect ourselves and families by social distancing, we actually **protect our planet**. Most of us changed our lifestyles, worked from home, traveled less or not at all and shopped differently. Many of us connected more with nature, by hiking, walking and gardening. Children played outside more in their yards, enjoyed the clear sky and bonded with their families.

Our biggest accomplishment during the past year was that we significantly reduced our carbon emissions! Plus, we gained plenty of opportunities to live sustainably! There seems to be only one thing that's certain during uncertain times: we and our planet thrive when we simplify our lifestyles. In other words, when we go "green" and become conscientious consumers, we get in sync with the world around us.

The current question is "will we, humans, continue to follow this "new norm" or will we slide back into the old routines of over-consuming and over-doing." **PPG's Sustainability Committee** invites you to view [The Twelve R's for Reducing Our Carbon Footprint](#) on our website, GreenTeamsUSA.org. This is the perfect time to:

**Request Renewable Energy * Refuse * Reduce * Reconnect * Replenish
Rethink * Recycle * Restore * Respect Nature * Retrain * Resist * Remember!**

National Sierra Club invites you to participate in the [EARTH WEEK of ACTION](#) for a more livable planet for all. Starting on April 22, you can text EARTH DAY to the number 69866 to get text updates of the daily events!

Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 PM

All PPG members and friends are welcome to join our virtual ExCom meetings online. Join the Zoom meetings at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>. For more info about all of our meetings and to join the Zoom meetings, visit our Meetup page or register directly on Zoom.

***Volunteers are needed to serve on the Communications Committee!**

Email Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com or call 872- 222-6860, if interested.

Special Announcements

From the Piedmont Plateau Group

PPG's "Save Our Trees" Petition & AddUP Campaign has recently been revised. It now includes a request of support for a tree ordinance and more details about a moratorium.

To view our revised slideshow, click here: [Where Have All Our Forests Gone?](#)

To sign the petition, click here: [Save Our Trees petition](#).

Please write letters to Greensboro Mayor, Nancy Vaughan and City Council Members in support of the "Save Our Trees" petition.

Sample Letter: I urge you to: 1). declare a moratorium on rezoning and clear-cutting wooded property for multi-family housing and commercial development; 2) establish standards for developers to build on abandoned properties; 3) adopt a strong city-wide Tree Preservation Ordinance.

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

Mail letters to: Mayor NANCY VAUGHAN, Box 3136, Greensboro NC 27402-3136

From the Greensboro Farmers Curb Market:

The market will host the [Go Green Plant & Garden Sale](#) on Sunday, April 25, 2021 from 9 am to 2 pm at 501 Yanceyville St., Gso. 27405

From Tiny Houses Community Development:

You can now recycle your Styrofoam™, at 1310 W. Gate City Blvd, Gso. For more info, go to [Tiny Houses' webpage](#).

From the Greensboro Public Library:

Earth Month Challenge, April 2021. Join a month long adventure in April to become more connected to the Earth and live sustainably. To receive an Earth Challenge

Guide, e-mail: melanie.buckingham@greensboro-nc.gov

From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

The Mountain Valley Pipeline is an environmental and climate change disaster. Sign NC AddUp petition to tell the Biden Administration: [Stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline!](#)

The NC Utilities Commission has rescheduled the Duke IRP hearing, breaking it into six hearings at 6:00 p.m. on April 14 and 19, and May 5, 12, 17, and 26, 2021. The hearings will be streamed on [YouTube](#) with a link available on the [NC Utilities Commission website](#) on the day of each hearing.

Transportation emissions are the #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 here.](#)**

From the National Office of Sierra Club:

All Chapter and Group Outings with Sierra Club will remain closed through Sunday, July 4, 2021. We will keep you posted via Meetup, if other virtual outings become available.

Tell President Biden: Commit the U.S. to Reducing Climate Emissions by at least 50% by 2030. | Help Wildlife, Protect the Environment, Support Nature Conservation, Save the Planet. Sign [Sierra Club AddUP petition](#) now!

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](#)

