



Piedmont Plateau - February 2022 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!

January Program & General Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

7:00 to 8:30 PM



Environment Policies and Sustainable Practices of Central China

Guest speaker, George Wissmiller, will be speaking about the environment in central China. His presentation will include some of China's environmental issues, its progress, short comings, and some thoughts about what the US and the rest of the world could learn from China. He will also discuss the sustainable practices of the Chinese people, including their many uses of bamboo.

George is a former group chair, veteran police officer and a social and environmental 45-year activist. He has traveled to China with his Chinese wife 4 times for a total of about 4 months. They visited family in the interior and didn't stay in the typical tourist venues along the coast.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85866862654>

Register for the meeting at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

First Executive Committee Meeting of 2022

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

7:00 to 8:15 PM

Meet & Greet PPG's Executive Committee for 2022

All members and friends are invited to join PPG's Volunteers to help plan future programs, outings, events, special projects, stream & trail clean-ups, newsletter articles and website updates.

To join the meeting on Google Meet, click this link: <meet.google.com/jkk-fxre-shu> or register for this meeting at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

If interested, but can't attend the meeting, please contact us at 336 686-4806

Special Announcements

From Piedmont Plateau Group **Together, We Can Save Our Trees!**

The **Save Our Trees** petition was delivered to the Greensboro City Council on Nov. 17. Since they have not voted on the petition, PPG members and friends must remain vigilant in warning them of the many dangers that re-zoning and clearcutting forestland poses to our community.

>**Send emails** to Mayor Vaughan and Greensboro City Council Members urging them to call a moratorium on clear-cutting for urban development and to stop rezoning forestland. Email them at:

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

>**Sign the NC Chapter petition at:** www.act.sierraclub.org/actions/NorthCarolina

Local Environmental Activities and Services:

Recycle Drop-off of Styrofoam® food containers and packaging materials at the Tiny House Development Corporation site at [1310 W. Gate City Blvd.](http://1310.W.GateCityBlvd) More info at: TinyHousesGreensboro.com.

From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

Tell Gov Cooper: [Protect NC Forests and the Climate: Stop the Wood Pellet Industry](#) NC forests are being cut, made into wood pellets and shipped overseas as fuel. Protect our forests - and the natural carbon sink provided by uncut woodlands that help keep climate change in check.

Tell Gov Cooper & NC Law Makers: [Reject the Mountain Valley Pipeline \(MVP\)](#). This pipeline poses threats to the environment and communities in its path. Let your elected officials know this is an issue you care about, and you'd like to see them publicly oppose is a proposed 303-mile pipeline being constructed to carry fracked gas from West Virginia into Virginia.

From the National Office of Sierra Club:

Tell Federal Officials: [#StopLine3 Pipeline Construction Now!](#) The corporate polluter Enbridge is in the midst of constructing this dirty tar sands oil pipeline and federal officials need to do everything in their power to stop it now.

Sign [Sierra Club AddUP petition](#) now!

Tell Congress: Make Big Investments in Electric Vehicles & Public Transit in Infrastructure & Budget Bill. Sign [Sierra Club AddUP petition](#) now

Sierra Club's 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
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