



Piedmont Plateau - June & July 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!

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***Annual PPG Picnic***

**Tuesday \* June 14, 2022 \* 3:30 - 7:30 PM**



***High Point City Park Lake***

Share the evening with friends and fellow environmentalists at this lovely park. Bring a covered dish and your own beverage. No alcohol allowed. There is a grill if anyone cares to bring charcoal. Dinner will start at 5:15 PM. Arrive early to socialize or enjoy activities on or around the lake. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent. Plates, cups and utensils will be provided. Those who have extra plants or missed the plant exchange can bring their plants and swipe them for other plants.

Location: High Point City Park Lake, Main Street, Jamestown. Shelter #4  
Sign up at: [www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub](http://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub)

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Stream Monitoring in Forest Hill Park

Monday * June 20 * 2 PM - 4 PM



Join Marie and Don for their quarterly water quality monitoring for Haw River Assembly data. They'll be measuring for turbidity, pH, flow velocity and looking for macroinvertebrates. Wear shoes or boots that can get wet. Be prepared for mildly difficult terrain with stream banks and slippery rocks.

Location: Forest Hill/Cascade Park, 3901 Watauga Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410
Show up or sign up at: www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub

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# Hike and Trail Clean-up at Crockett Trail

Sunday \* July 24 \* 1:00 to 3:00PM



PPG recently re-adopted Crockett Trail as part of a City of Gso program that involves maintenance and monitoring of the trail. Crockett Trail is one of six watershed trails designated as part of the North Carolina Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

We will meet at the parking lot at 5318-5326 N Church St, Greensboro, NC 27455 (on the right side of the N Church St traveling North). Please bring work gloves and hand trimmers for clearing brush. Don will supply garbage bags for trash pickup. Show up or sign up at: [www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub](http://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub)

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Special Announcements

~From the Piedmont Plateau Group:

Visit PPG's table at National Trails Day, Saturday, June 4, 9AM-12PM, at Shelter 7 in Country Park, Gso. Participate in special programs for hikers, mountain bikers, and paddlers starting at 9 am. Admission is free; to participate in a guided hike, bike, or trail run, sign up online at www.greensboro-nc.gov/TrailsDay. Free event parking is available at Jaycee Park, 3802 Jaycee Park Dr.

PPG Stream Adoption Approved! We have been approved by the city of Greensboro to adopt the stream flowing from Cascade Park to the Bicentennial Garden. Look for future stream clean ups on Meetup! Remember to check out Creek Week activities for your area [Creek Week website](#)

~From Local Environmental Groups:

Recycle your Styrofoam™, including clean packaging material, coolers, meat trays, egg cartons, take out trays, plates and cups, at **Tiny Houses Community Development, 1310 W. Gate City Blvd and other drop-off locations in Greensboro and High Point.** For more info, go to Triad Foam Recycling Coalition's new website at: [Home | Recycling Foam](#)

The U.S. Forest Service and Environment North Carolina report that our nation's forests and trees are essential for curbing climate change. They offset nearly 870 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year -- the equivalent of taking 50 million fossil fuel-powered vehicles off the road for a year. Using their dense canopies and deep roots, older trees are able to better mitigate erosion and the impact of extreme heat as they physically transform energy and water. **Trees also cool our air, helping to protect us from severe droughts, extreme heat and floods caused by an ever-warming climate.** The ancient trees of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska are critical for ecosystem health and sheltering an incredible diversity of animals. Unfortunately, the logging industry is threatening to cut down too many of these important trees. **Without the forests we have now, the planet would be hotter and the weather would be even more extreme. You can help by:**

1. **Calling Congress and urging them to support the [Roadless Area Conservation Act](#),** which would permanently protect the Tongass National Forest (our last remaining intact temperate rainforest) and other roadless areas.
2. **Calling on companies, like Home Depot and Costco,** urging them to not source wood pulp and lumber from critical areas of the boreal forest.

~From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

Help Protect Local Rules That Ensure Healthy & Livable Urban Environments in North Carolina. Rural NC Legislators are trying to interfere with suburban/urban

property owners. S 367 Clarify Property Owners' Rights, sponsored by Senators Tom McInnis (R - Anson Moore, Richmond, Scotland), Joyce Krawiec (R - Davie, Forsyth), and Brent Jackson (R - Duplin, Johnston, Sampson), would disallow counties and cities from regulating the removal of trees from private property without the express approval by the NC General Assembly. This would limit local government ordinances meant to protect trees and ensure a livable and healthy urban environment. Sign petition here: [S 367 Clarify Property Owners' Rights](#)

Tell Governor Cooper: Reject the Mountain Valley Pipeline!

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 the MVP! Sign: [NC, Sierra Club AddUp petition](#) now!

~From the National Office of Sierra Club:

Urge President Biden to Be a #PlasticFreePresident: Plastic is made from fossil fuels. Fortunately, President Biden and his admin can begin to clean up this mess. Urge the president to take eight actions to help stop plastic polluting our communities and world. Sign: [Sierra Club AddUp petition](#) now!

Tell President Biden to Protect Our Old-Growth and Mature Forests! Forests on federal land must be protected in order to safeguard our communities from the future impacts of climate change. Sign [Sierra Club AddUp petition](#) now!

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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 the human environment.

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

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