



Piedmont Plateau - August 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!



Sunday * August 7 * 2:00 PM * Hike *Bicentennial Greenway & Deep River Trail Loop*



Meet at 2:00 pm at the Piedmont Environmental Center for a peaceful Sunday afternoon hike. This 3-mile loop consists of a portion of the paved Bicentennial Greenway and the natural Deep River trail along the East Fork of the Deep River. Afterward we can check out the near-complete pedestrian bridge over the lake to City Lake Park which will extend the greenway in the near future. Dogs are welcome with a leash. More info at <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/north-carolina/deep-river-loop-trail>

Please contact Tom Taylor, (336)402-6100 or tnt2703@yahoo.com, or sign up at www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub.



Wednesday * August 10, 2022 * 7:00 - 8:30 PM

General Meeting via Zoom (7:00 to 7:15 PM)

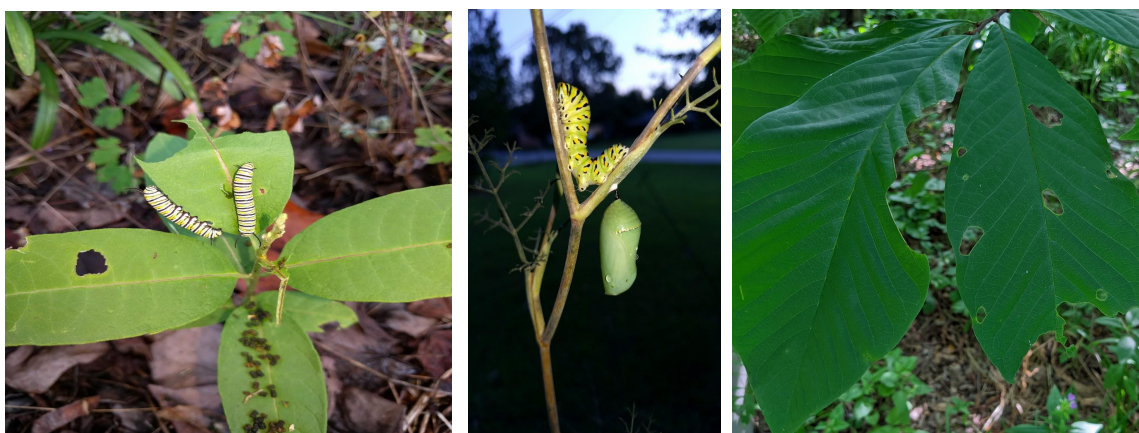
Piedmont Plateau Group welcomes US Congresswoman Kathy Manning!



Kathy, a supporter of the environment, will give a short introductory talk about her campaign for re-election. She is the District 6 Democratic candidate running for Congress in the November midterm election. Read more about Kathy's term in office at: <https://manning.house.gov/>

Environmental Program (7:15 to 8:15 PM)

Nature's Best Hope - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly



Guest speaker, **Judy West**, will present a program entitled, "Nature's Best Hope." Based in part on a book with that title by Doug Tallamy, Judy will talk about her life experiences and additional information from other sources. She'll

discuss what each of us around our living spaces, whether an apartment or acres of land, can do to create and be part of a sustainable ecosystem.

Judy is a retired art teacher who has loved plants from a very early age. She is past chairperson for the Triad Chapter of the North Carolina Native Plant Society and likes the fact that she needs to only open a door at her home to be in nature.

Join Zoom meeting and program at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464601996> or sign up at: www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub

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## Special Announcements

~From the Piedmont Plateau Group:



### **Message from Conservation Chair, Don Henza:**

Many thanks to all who showed up for our first trail clean-up in over 3 years. With 12 hands working, we focused on cleaning up debris and trimming overhanging shrubs and trees along the Crockett Trail. Within 2 hours, over 100lbs of glass and plastic bottles, snack wrappers, fishing gear and a mounted tire were collected, making this a very successful clean-up on a very hot day.

**News Item from Vice Chair, Karen Katula:** "The Supreme Court restricts the EPA's authority to mandate carbon emissions reductions." This recent decision is a blow to the ability of the EPA to tackle climate change and may lead to other challenges to government regulation of air and water standards, conservation, land use, and other environmental issues. As such, it is even more important that local communities and states institute their own policies and regulations to robustly address climate change and other critical environmental challenges of today. Read more at: [www.npr.org/2022/06/30/supreme-court-epa-climate-change](http://www.npr.org/2022/06/30/supreme-court-epa-climate-change)

**News Item from Group Chair, Hazel Landers:** The Biden administration has unveiled plans to plant more than 1 billion trees over millions of acres of national forests in an effort to address a reforestation backlog caused by wildfires and to fight climate change. The strategy was unveiled by the Department of Agriculture on July 25 with funds made available under President Joe Biden's \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its Repairing Existing Public Land by Adding Necessary Trees Act, better known as the REPLANT Act, which were signed into being in November 2021. Read more at: [USDA Forest Service Reforestation](https://www.usda.gov/forest-service/reforestation)

~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](#)

~From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

**We need offshore wind for a clean energy future!** We're in the midst of a climate crisis - and that means we must develop offshore wind for our people, our economy and our environment. Right now, the U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would sink offshore wind development. Section 518 of **H.R. 6865, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022**, could delay or stop offshore wind deployment. That would jeopardize the Biden administration's energy goals, as well as tens of thousands of good jobs, many in North Carolina. Write to North Carolina's U.S. senators, and ask them to oppose Section 518 of the Coast Guard authorization bill. **Click on form here: NC Senators, Richard Burr and Thom Tillis**

~From the National Office of Sierra Club:

**Join Our Team to Visit Car Dealerships and Hold the Auto Industry Accountable!** Automakers are trying to show off their green vehicle options as gas prices soar, but are they really promoting electric vehicles? Or just greenwashing?

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- 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.

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