



**Piedmont Plateau - September & October 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!



## ***General Meeting and Environmental Program***

**Wednesday \* September 14, 2022 \* 6:15 - 8:00 PM**

### ***Carolina Tiger Rescue***



As the only accredited wild cat sanctuary in North Carolina, **Carolina Tiger Rescue** is federally accredited and accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS). Their work revolves around rescuing wild animals, primarily wild cats, that were privately owned pets, exploited for money, or used in entertainment and to provide them with a lifelong home. Along with

their rescuing, they educate the public on the plight of wild cats in captivity and in the wild. Through education, they believe they can end the exploitation of wild cats, the private ownership of them, and help their wild cousins thrive.

Guest speaker, **Katie Cannon**, is the education director of Carolina Tiger Rescue. She has been with the Rescue for over 7 years.

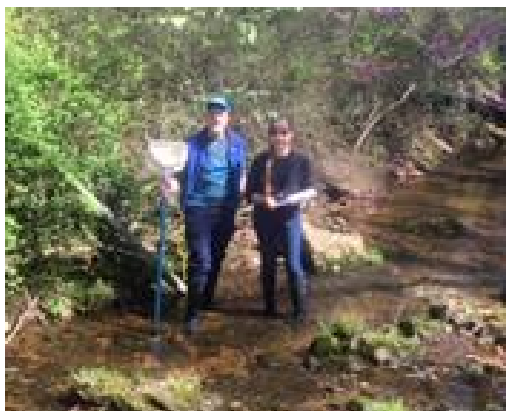
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For more info or to sign up, click on: [www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub](http://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub)



## ***Stream Clean-up & Monitoring in Forest Hill Park***

**Saturday \* September 24 \* 2:00 - 4:00 PM**



Join Marie and Don for a stream clean-up and their quarterly water quality monitoring for Haw River Assembly data. They will be testing water quality for turbidity, pH, flow and looking for macroinvertebrates. Wear shoes or boots that can get wet. Be prepared for mildly difficult terrain with stream banks and slippery rocks. Bags and gloves will be provided for litter clean up in the stream and park.

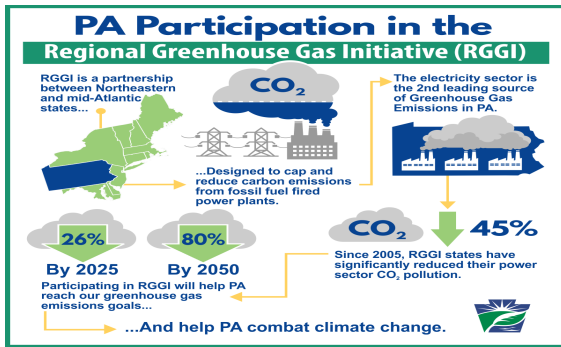
Location: Forest Hill/Cascade Park, 3901 Watauga Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410  
Show up or sign up at: [www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub](http://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub)



# General Meeting and Environmental Program

Wednesday \* October 12, 2022 \* 6:15 - 8:00 PM

## Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)



North Carolina regulators are working on rulemaking that would enable our state to join eleven other states in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a program in which states are working together to cut greenhouse gas emissions to address climate change and improve air quality.

Guest speaker, Cassie Gavin, is the Sierra Club Senior Government Affairs Director. Cassie joined the Sierra Club in 2013 and has been our lobbyist and director of government affairs at the NC General Assembly since then. In her free time, Cassie likes to kayak and hike with her dog River.

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## Hike the Connector Trail at HRSP

Saturday \* October 22, 2022 \* 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM



**Hike leaders:** Karen Katula and Marie Noel

**Meeting Place:** Haw River State Park at the Iron Ore Belt Access parking lot at the Connector Trail. See this map: <https://files.nc.gov/ncparks/maps-and-brochures/haw-river-state-park-iron-ore-belt-access-map-2021.pdf>

**Description:** We will hike the Great Blue Heron Loop Trail. It is a moderate 3.8 mile loop. It is anticipated to take a leisurely 2 hours.

**Instructions:** If the forecast is for heavy rain, the hike will be canceled for that day. The hike will proceed in light rain. Please bring sufficient water, a snack (if desired), rain gear (jacket or umbrella), and wear appropriate shoes.

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**Questions:** Contact Karen Katula at [kkatula@gmail.com](mailto:kkatula@gmail.com) or 336-848-2094



## Special Announcements

~From the Piedmont Plateau Group:

**Volunteers Needed for PPG's Communications Team**



If interested in sending out publicity, editing newsletters or developing fliers, please contact Hazel at [piedmontplateaugroup@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontplateaugroup@gmail.com).

### ***Nominations for PPG's Executive Committee***

**Join the decision-making team by nominating yourself or a friend!** If you're interested or know of someone who is willing to serve on PPG's ExCom, please send your nominations to: [piedmontplateaugroup@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontplateaugroup@gmail.com).

~From the Local Environmental Groups:

### ***Volunteers Needed for Haw River Assembly Camp Guilrock***

Help with HRA's 2022 Learning Celebration program in Guilford County on October 4, 5, 6 & 7 providing local 4th graders outdoor river education. Volunteer for one day or all 4! <https://hawriver.org/support-the-virtual-learning-celebration/>

~From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

### ***Learn about the Environmental Stakes in the November Elections***

Kym Meyer, a lawyer with the Southern Environmental Law Center, will cover the judicial races, while NC Representative Graig Meyer will discuss the legislative races.

Join this Headwaters Group program on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 PM at:

<https://www.meetup.com/nc-sierra-club-headwaters-group/events/288177159/>

***Speak up on North Carolina's carbon plan.*** The NC Utilities Commission is still taking feedback on Duke Energy's proposed plan for how it will reduce carbon emissions. You can submit your own comments with this form provided by [Fossil Free NC](#). There's more information on those hearings and the whole process at the [NC Utilities Commission's website](#).

~From the National Office of Sierra Club:

### ***Attend the Sierra Club Wastewater Residuals Team's Webinar on the Reuse of Sewage Effluent for Drinking Water and Agriculture, Thursday, Sept 15, 6 PM.***

The reuse of municipal sewage effluent (treated wastewater) is being promoted by the EPA in some states as a solution to water shortages caused by droughts related to our changing climate. But is it? In this webinar we will look closely at the kinds of pollutants found in sewage effluent, how they are detected, and their impacts on human health and ecosystems. Featured speaker is Dr. Rob Hale, Professor, Dept. of Aquatic Health Sciences, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), William & Mary. **RSVP to [pilar\\_claiborne@yahoo.com](mailto:pilar_claiborne@yahoo.com) to receive a link to the webinar.**

### ***Tell Vanguard: Act Now to Help End the Climate Crisis!***

Vanguard has quietly become the second largest asset manager on Earth and one of the world's biggest investors in oil & gas corporations. Tell Vanguard it needs to help stop the expansion of fossil fuels now. **Sign [Sierra Club AddUp petition](#) now!**

#### **PPG Officers, Committee Chairs and Advisors**

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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.

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