August 13, 2026
A Habitat Restoration Challenge

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical period running from September 1 to October 4 and is dedicated to prayer, reflection, and action for the environment.

In celebration of the Season of Creation, the **NCP Earth Care Network** (https://thepresbytery.org/resources/earth-care-network/) invites all faith communities to participate in a habitat restoration challenge.

Each faith community is challenged to send three (or more) of its members to any local habitat restoration event of their choosing and then share with others the story of what was experienced. You can find your own habitat restoration event or create one or go to one of the sites below to find opportunities.

If you participate, feel free to send the NCP Earth Care Network information about how many of your members attended an event and what the event was like. The Earth Care Network will be happy to spread the word about your success. Feel free to contact us at swbinvirginia@gmail.com or ncpecn2026@gmail.com to share your story.

MARYLAND
Montgomery County Parks in Maryland:
https://montgomeryparks.org/support/volunteer/

Department of Natural Resources:
https://dnr.maryland.gov/pages/volunteer.aspx

Watershed alliances:

- Eyes of Paint Branch
- Friends of Cabin John Creek https://www.cabinjohncreek.org/creek-clean-ups
- Friends of Sligo Creek
- Little Falls Watershed Alliance
  Saturday, September 12, 2026 10:00 AM -12:00 PM
  https://www.lfwa.org/events/clean-parkway-clean-creek-09-2026
- Muddy Branch Alliance
- Neighbors of the Northwest Branch
- Seneca Creek Watershed Partners
- Watts Branch Watershed Alliance

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Watershed/Nature Organizations in the DC area:

- Anacostia Riverkeepers
- Anacostia Watershed Society
- Defensores de la Cuenca (Watershed Defenders)
- Nature Forward
- One Montgomery Green
- Potomac Conservancy
- Rock Creek Conservancy

VIRGINIA

Master Naturalist sponsored events in Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, and Theodore Roosevelt Island: https://armn.org/opportunity-calendar/

Friends of Dyke Marsh: https://fodm.org/get-involved/volunteer.html

Alexandria Department of Natural Resources:
https://www.alexandriava.gov/parks/natural-resources-volunteer-opportunities
Arlington Opportunities:
https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Sustainability/Ecology/Volunteer
Earth Sangha: https://www.earthsangha.org/
Fairfax County Invasive Plant Management program has a monthly calendar of volunteer events. Registration is required, but no experience needed.
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area