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National Public Lands Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**National Public Lands Day
5th Annual Celebration
September 27, 2014**

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friends of the Allentown Parks needs YOU to join US in our 5th annual celebration of **National Public Lands Day**, the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands in the United States.

This year's event will be held at **Trexler Memorial Park**. Activities will encompass:

- Creation of beautiful pollinator gardens by improving existing garden beds
- Creation of bird habitat by placement of Bluebird and Wood Duck nestboxes
- Enhancements to riparian buffer areas to provide color and habitat utility in addition to serving filtration and other purposes
- Removal of invasive plant species
- Litter collection
- and more

We provide the supplies; you provide energy, enthusiasm and a love for Allentown's wonderful parks. If you walk, jog or bring your dog companions for regular daily jaunts in a park, here is your opportunity to "give back."

Signing up is easy. On-line at www.allentownparks.org email info@allentownparks.org, phone 610-432-7275 Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated! Thanks for your support!

This event is in cooperation with the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society, Edge of the Woods native plant nursery and the Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation.



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Upcoming Events

October 4— 1:00 p.m.—Accessible Nature Hike at Trexler Park. Registration is required. Phone 610-770-9781 x 123 or on-line at www.lvcil.org/accessibleadventures. Meeting point is the parking lot off Springhouse Rd. This event is in cooperation with the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living, Wildlands Conservancy & the Allentown Dept of Parks and Recreation. Free

October 11 —10:00 a.m.— Insect Discovery Walk near the Allentown Rose Garden. They creep! They crawl! They sometimes fly! Back by popular demand, entomologist Marten Edwards helps us discover insects of all shapes and sizes. An activity for children of all ages! Meeting point is the stone house at the Allentown Rose Garden (2700 Parkway Blvd.) Free



2013 NPLD Event Update

Conservation work is always a good thing. It's even better when you can see changes happening. In 2012 Friends of the Allentown Parks was asked to undertake a conservation project in efforts to clean up Muhlenberg Lake and restore the island to a natural wildlife habitat.

Friends partnered with Dr. Kimberly Heiman (faculty at Muhlenberg College) and her Local Sustainability class as well as Sue Tantsits (Edge of the Woods native plant nursery), Scott Burnet (chair of Lehigh Valley Audubon Society's Habitat Development committee), local botanist Claudia Steckel and Rick Holtzman (Superintendent of Parks, Allentown Dept of Parks and Recreation.)

As a result of that work and with the aid of hundreds of volunteers and several generous grantors, Muhlenberg Lake became the official site of our 2013 National Public Lands Day effort. During spring and summer 2014 more work was conducted on the island. It all culminated on September 9 and 10 when the landbridge to the island was finally removed.



Congratulations to all who participated and facilitated in this enormous undertaking. Additional details of this project will be available on the Friends website by end-October. Thank-you to all!