

Call for Volunteers

Citizen Scientists Needed

US National Arboretum Stream Restoration Project

Activity Description

The USNA is looking for volunteers to help with the collection of native seed material from local native plant populations. The germplasm will be cleaned, stored and then propagated for future planting in the restored streambed at Springhouse Run. Training will be provided in the June 14, 2012 workshop. Post-coursework will involve teams of three volunteers collecting seed at various sites in the region with follow-up propagation activities at the USNA. Work begins Summer 2012 and will continue through Fall 2012.

Training Workshop

The training workshop will be led by Mary Rager, Director of Biologie and USNA staff. Training will include coursework in seed collecting techniques and practices and outdoor field work. Space is limited to those who will continue the work in the field through Fall 2012. Reservations required.

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Training Workshop

Date

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Time

9:30a-2:30p

Location

US National Arboretum

Sponsors

FONA, Garden Club of America

About Springhouse Run

The USNA has pledged to support the on-going restoration of the Chesapeake Bay tributaries which run through its property. The stream was channelized back in the 1930's and has since fallen prey to erosion and invasive plants. The goal of the project is to re-construct the streambed into a natural shape and then re-populate it with native plants from around the region.