



June 10, 2017

10:00am -12:00am

Wetland Walk About

Our next activity in the Papakeechee Lake Wetland Preservation area will be Saturday, June 10th, from 10:00 am, to 12:00 am. By that time many of the nesting birds will have had their families raised.

Progress was made last participation day with people picking up sticks, debris and identifying native plants with white flags.

Once again, our main focus will be on the cattails and the purple loosestrife. Before a treatment is chosen, the cattails will need to be examined. If they are green, they will need herbicide. If they look completely brown and do not pull up easily, they should be cut. If after cutting you see that the stalk is empty, cut it again, this time, down to below the surface of the water. The purple loosestrife has been labeled with red and orange flags. As they sometimes have a sneaky way of returning, leave the flag in the ground to make sure that the next time the plant can be found. Hopefully it will be dead.

The old pond next to the dam needs to be planted with some of the same plants that are growing in the mitigation area. In an effort to keep invasive cattail and loosestrife from returning, I will provide plants and seeds that we can plant around the edges. Hopefully they will spread throughout the area. The plants will include; Black-Eyed Susan, Asters, Big Bluestem, Rattlesnake Master, and other native grasses.

Please bring your own tools. I will provide some as well.

The work from previous seasons has not gone unnoticed. Those contributing hours of energy have made the care of the wetland less laborious.

Nature in the area is enjoyed by many. The redwing is nesting in the garlic mustard and sedge. On a regular basis, new birds and wildlife are often noticed.



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