



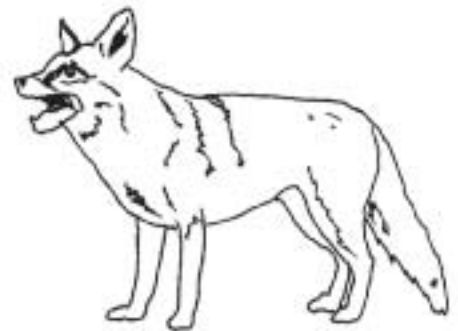
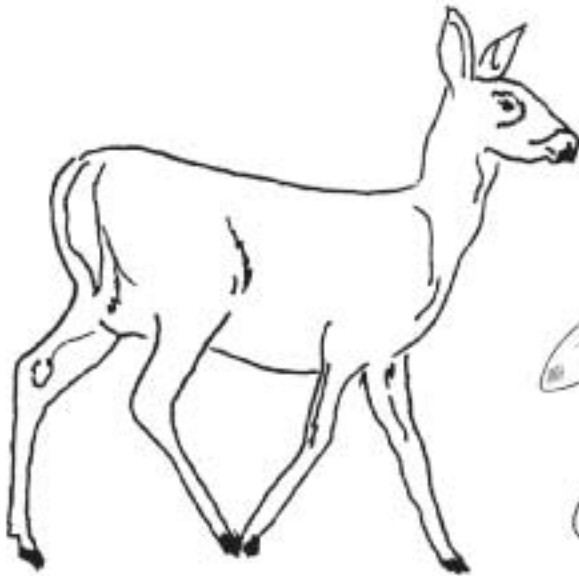
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OUR MISSION

To preserve, protect and enhance the history, heritage and natural resources of the Patapsco River Valley

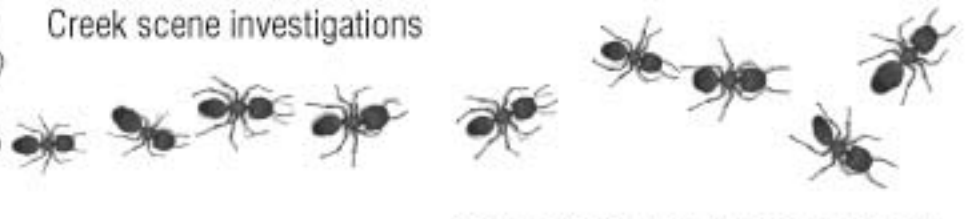
Some of our forest friends you may see in the Patapsco Valley



Our Education Programs and Events

Stream watch
Watershed cleanups
Tree plantings
Tree maintenance
Creek scene investigations
Invasive plant removal
Environment workshops
Creek scene investigations

Kid friendly watershed programs
Storm drain stenciling
History talks
Guided bike rides
Guided kayak/canoe rides
Trail maintenance



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What you may see or do in the Patapsco Valley



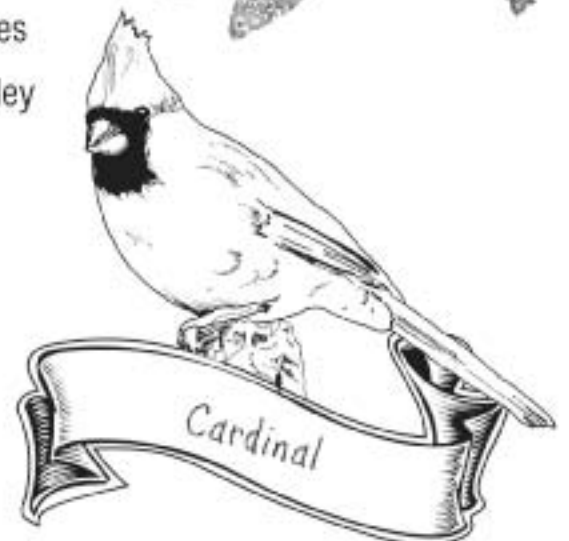
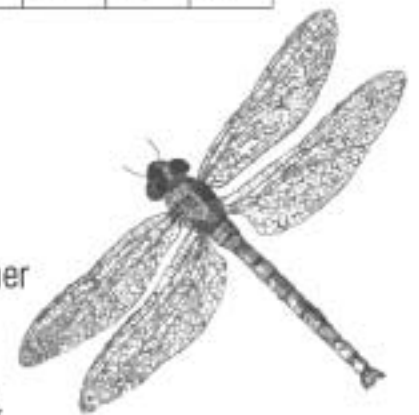
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Look For Chestnuts in the Fall

- Bees
- Bike
- Birds
- Bugs
- Cleanup
- Crayfish
- Deer
- Ducks
- Fish
- Flowers
- Friends
- Hike
- Hills
- History
- Invasives
- Kayaking
- Leaves
- Litter
- Nuts
- Rain
- River
- Rocks
- Salamander
- Snake

- Squirrels
- Storm Drain
- Streams
- Stream Watcher
- Trails
- Trees
- Valley



How can YOU stop pollution from going into the Chesapeake Bay?

Pick up trash BEFORE it goes down a storm drain.

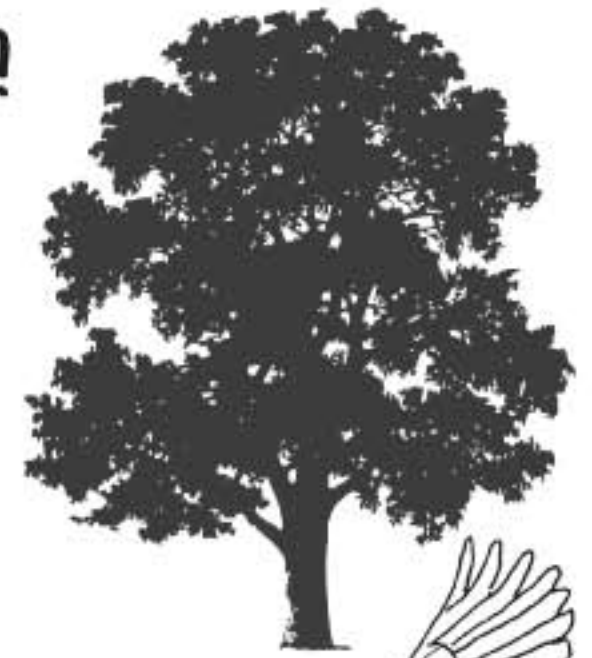
Remember any pollution (antifreeze, motor oil, paints, detergents and even grass clippings and leaves) that goes down a storm drain eventually goes into our streams and rivers. That pollution ends up in the Chesapeake Bay. It can harm the trees, plants, birds, water creatures and other animals along the way. Every little bit you do helps!



Jack picking up trash



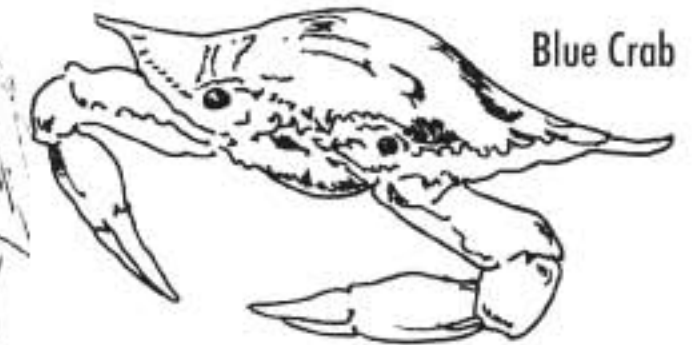
Barn Owl



Great Blue Heron



Sea Grasses



Blue Crab

Volunteers picking up trash in the river



Chesapeake Bay Bridge

Some of Our Bird Friends in the Valley



Invasive Plants

These "Villains of the Valley" are bad for our forest friends & need to be removed
They invade and take over native plants that normally grow and host our
special friends: the butterflies, birds and forest animals!



Wavyleaf Basketgrass



Multi-Flora Rose



Mile-A-Minute



Lesser Celandine



Poison Oak

Native but itchy!



Garlic Mustard



English Ivy



Poison Ivy

Can you guess which trees belong to the leaves that are found and that we plant in the Patapsco Valley?



D _ _ W _ _



_ D _ B _ _



S _ _ M _ _



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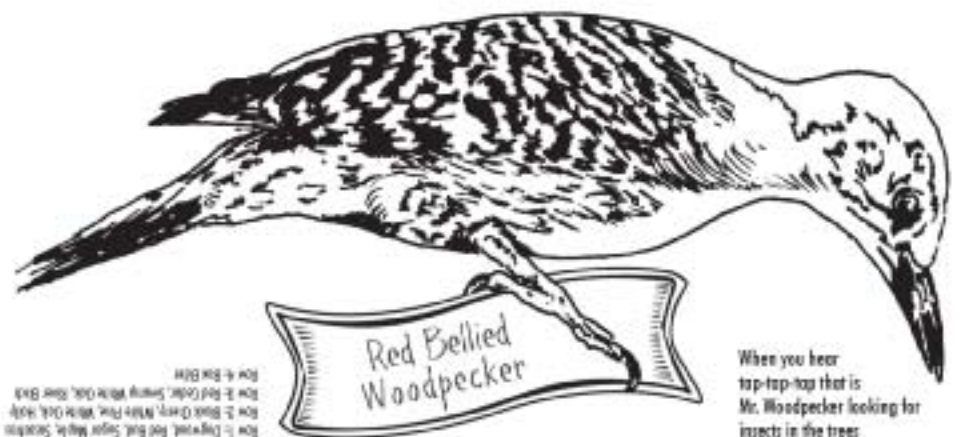
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B _ _ L _ _



Row 1: Dogwood, Red Bell, Sugar Maple, Sycamore
 Row 2: Black Cherry, White Pine, White Oak, Holly
 Row 3: Red Cedar, Spruce, White Oak, Blue Oak
 Row 4: Elm, Birch

When you hear top-top-top that is Mr. Woodpecker looking for insects in the trees

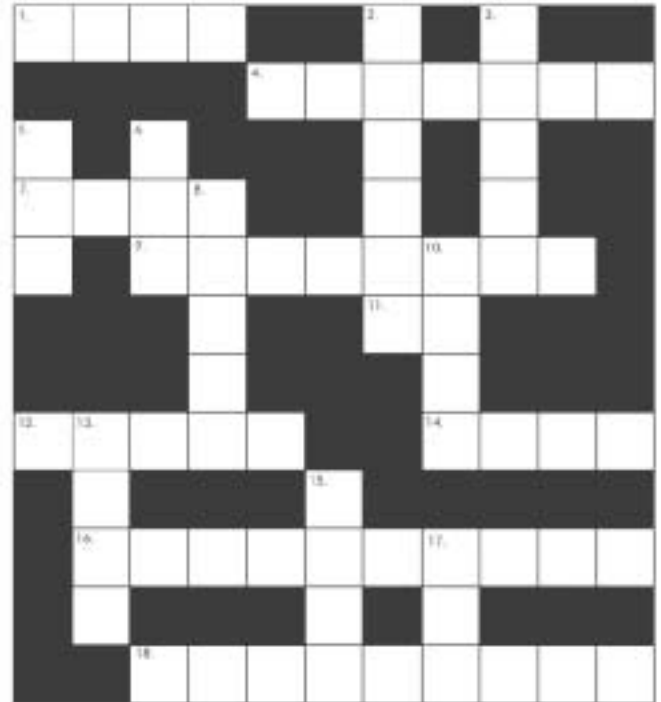
Have Fun with this crossword puzzle

ACROSS

- One way to _____, preserve and protect our watershed is to volunteer to become a stream watcher and clean up a stream near your home!
- Glass and plastic _____, cans, plastic bags and fast food wrappers are often found in streams after being washed down storm drains.
- Another name for animal poop.
- The two main nutrients hurting the Chesapeake Bay are phosphates and _____.
- Who can reduce pollution and help clean our environment?
- Over 225 tons of _____ have been removed from the Patapsco River watershed by the Friends of Patapsco Valley & Heritage Greenway volunteers.
- Planting a _____ does many things to help our watershed, as well as help clean the air we breathe.
- We live in the _____ Bay watershed!
- Be careful not to over _____ your lawn – these chemicals often get washed off and runs into nearby storm drains and streams, harming the ecology of the Bay! Do it in the fall to minimize annual weed growth.

DOWN

- Anything that goes into a storm drain usually ends up in the closest _____.
- Patapsco Valley State Park is a great _____ close to home to hike, bike, kayak or just enjoy nature!
- Abbreviation of our "Creek Scene Investigation" where we search for lots of different critters that help us identify the health of a stream.
- One person _____ make a difference by volunteering to help with cleanups, tree plantings or invasive plant removal events!
- Thousands of these large, black, heavy, rubber things have been removed by Patapsco Heritage Greenway volunteers at cleanups!
- A pH _____ is the best way to know if your garden and lawn need lime to balance the soil's acidity, aiding the growth of attractive plants and grass.
- Another name for the native Striped Bass found in the Chesapeake Bay is _____ Fish.
- You need this on your line to catch crabs and hook fish.
- The American _____ is not as common as they once were in the Patapsco River so several dams are being removed to permit them to move upstream.



Join the fun in Patapsco Valley.
 Help to clean up the valley for all
 to enjoy!



Come and join us for our next event. For an updated list of upcoming events, go to www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org/events or email patapscofriend@gmail.com to be on our email list receive an updated list of activities!