

*This being the only living world we are likely to know, let us join to make the most of it.*

*~ Edward O. Wilson*



## There's Never Been a Better Time

Will you live the rest of your life in Prince William County? If not ... does that make this community here - people, plants, critters, streams, etc. - less valuable to you?

Sometimes we treat our family and friends differently from strangers. We expect to see them again, but that clerk at the counter, the person greeting you at the entrance to WalMart... do you feel the same obligation to be nice to strangers?

So we may not feel the same level of personal commitment to helping strangers, but for every action, there are consequences. We could be the "stranger" to others. Haven't you had your day brightened at times when a fellow commuter lets you merge smoothly into traffic, or a person standing in line makes a joke that eases the wait?

Prince William County may be a stranger to many, including more than 100,000 new residents since the 2000 Census. Many residents are transient, and do not intend to stay here forever.

But that doesn't mean we can throw litter on the street, just because we won't be living here very long. Let's not ignore the mud flowing off construction sites into our streams, just because we won't be planning to swim or fish - or drink the local water - for very long.

We teach our children to play fair and be nice, whether or not the relationship will be permanent. Let's treat Prince William County the same way.

Let's protect what we have, including cultural and natural areas not yet transformed by development, even if we just plan to come back and visit after we retire to some other place - some other place that, hopefully, some strangers are protecting right now.

## *Prince William Conservation Alliance*

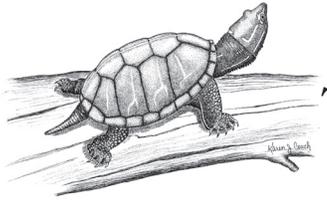
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Northern Virginia  
Natural Areas!**



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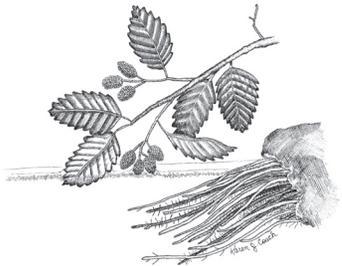
[www.pwconserve.org](http://www.pwconserve.org)

## Programs & Activities



### Take a Hike

Wildlife watching is fun for the whole family! Join us as we explore local nature areas and stream corridors. Discover more about the birds and butterflies that live in Northern Virginia forests, stream valleys and wetlands. Most programs are free of charge. Check our webpage for current programs.



### Stewardship Activities

Clean ups, restoration and other stewardship activities improve the quality of local natural areas, complement watershed preservation programs, promote long-term stewardship for important public spaces and help create a sense of community.

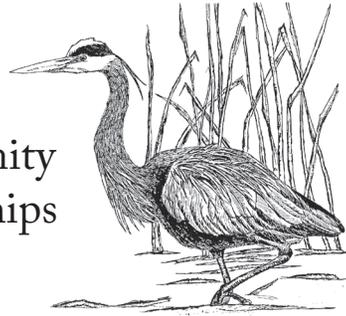
## Act Locally!

### Conservation Priorities



The Prince William Conservation Alliance successfully formed a partnership with state and federal agencies to permanently conserve a 300-acre property in Nokesville, Virginia, known as Merrimac Farm. This and other similar efforts help demonstrate the community values associated with local nonprofit organizations.

### Community Partnerships

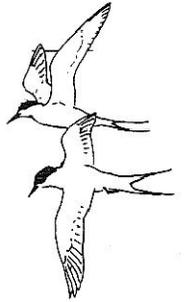


Join PWCA Board members at our monthly meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month to catch up on the latest news, discuss current events and meet new friends. Topics and special speakers vary, please check our webpage for current programs.

## Prince William Conservation Alliance

Your support will help us expand local opportunities!

- Merrimac Farm and other conservation projects;
- Stewardship opportunities;
- Nature hikes and tours;
- Youth education programs;
- Community presentations;
- Programs to increase citizen participation in conservation choices;
- Website, brochures, bi-monthly e-newsletter.



*Please join our circle of friends working to conserve and restore Prince William natural areas!*

**Yes!** I can help. I'm interested in ...

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- \$50 Waterfowl Friend
- \$100 Amphibian Ally
- \$250 Wildlife Partner
- \$500 Stewardship Associate

Please mail to Prince William Conservation Alliance, P.O. Box 6351, Woodbridge, VA 22195. You can also donate online at [pwconserve.org/join](http://pwconserve.org/join)

From the Potomac River to the Piedmont,  
Prince William is special and unique!

*Please join us in acting locally to conserve our beautiful natural areas, preserve our important natural resources, protect our drinking water supply and help save the Chesapeake Bay.*