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| News from the Trails  2022 | Volunteer Workday at David Force Park    Flower accent icon, larger  **Trail Care Crew** |
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| Hand Tool, 70HR Rogue Hoe Rake (54 Ash Handle), ProHoe | This year has been full of hard work and communication. Trail projects occurred at **Rockburn, Savage, Schooley Mill, Gorman NRA, Western Regional, Robinson Nature Center & David Force.**  Many thanks to volunteers and staff who took the time to help out on the trails this year! |

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| Volunteers  **We wouldn’t be able to complete all the trail work this year without the help of our volunteers. See below for all that was accomplished in 2022!** |
| Flower accent icon on second page Volunteering by the numbers Volunteers at David Force Park   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **David Force Park** | **Savage Park** | **Timberland Circle Open Space** | **MPEA** | | **58** volunteers completed **415 hours** and built **2,485 feet** of trail | **31** volunteers completed **128 hours** and built **1,450 feet** of trail | **2** volunteers completed **189 hours** and maintained **11,263 feet** of trail | **4** volunteers completed **440 hours** and maintained **26,677 feet** of trail |   Corridor clearing at Savage  **There were 8 scheduled volunteer workdays at David Force with an additional 3 corporate groups. At Savage Park, there were 3 workdays with Girl Scouts for a Gold Award Project.** |

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth”

-Muhammad Ali

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| **Events**   * 2/6: Little Patuxent River Run at **PBT** with 500 attendees * 2/12: Mid-MD Ultra 50k & relay at **RBP** with 400 attendees * 4/9 & 4/16: Walk-a-thon at **CEN** with over 300 attendees * 4/9: Attended GreenFest and got a list of potential volunteers. * 8/7: Lustgarden Walk at **CEN** with 300 attendees * 8/15: Columbia Triathlon at **CEN** with 1,500 attendees * 8/28: Mid-MD Triathlon at **CEN** with over 1,500 attendees * 9/11: Police Pace 5k at **CEN** with 1,200 attendees * 9/24: Alzheimer’s Assoc. Walk at **CEN** with 1,000 attendees. * 10/3: Haviland Mill Park Grand Opening. The first universally accessible natural surface trail in the County. * 10/15: Pet Parade at **CEN** with 500 attendees * 11/14: Cyclocross at **RBP** with 400 attendees * 11/19: HoCo Autism Society Walk at **CEN** with 500 attendees * 12/10: Big Foot Race at **RBP** with 500 attendees       New Initiatives   * Created Trail Work Plans for   **Robinson Nature Center &**  **Timberland Circle Open Space**   * Completed and received   wayfinding signs for **Western Regional**  to be installed in early 2023   * Updating bridge layers in MapInfo and receiving   Above: Before pic at RNC where trail was unsustainable down to water  Left: Fixed trail with locust logs and aggregate steps  new 911 bridge signs for **DFP & CEN**   * Mapped 6 miles of user defined trails   at **Gorman NRA**   * Continuing work on MapInfo Trail Layers * Work is almost completed at **Rockburn Segment 11C**, the old trail was closed, and 200 trees were planted. * Completed work on stairs down to the water at **Robinson Nature Center** * Ordered and received new GPS Units with   iPads for NHRD to work on field data more  efficiently   * Completed **Schooley Mill Park** Trail Assessment and   working on generating a work plan for 2023   * Trail improvement projects identified in 2015 trail assessment to start at **Savage Mill Trail** in 2023 * **David Force Park** received a lot of help this year, 4 new bridges are ordered and will be installed along with a new front entrance kiosk! -Special Thank You to Park Construction Crew for assisting.   Right: Newly installed kiosk at David Force Park | trainings & events **Trainings**   * Several American Trails Webinars were held throughout the year. You can still find them here:   [**https://www.americantrails.org/training/webinars**](https://www.americantrails.org/training/webinars)   * 1/12: Conducted Trail Training for Zone 3 staff at Schooley Mill Park * 4/29-4/30: Trail Seminar on “Building Trails in Wet & Wetland Areas” * 8/30-9/1: Trail Rigging Workshop to learn how to move large rocks and create new trail features * 9/12-9/16: Wetland Delineation course to be sure when new trails are built, we are not disturbing the natural environment * Over the year, trained 86 volunteers with on-site training for volunteer workdays.     Above: Picture of rigging equipment used in training  Left: Haviland Mill Park trail |  |
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