

A Call for Volunteers 2005/2006 Activities

As we enter the winter planning phase and prepare our working plans for the coming year, there are several needs and projects that have emerged. Some are standing projects, others are ones that are envisioned and for which funding is being sought. There is something here for all interests and skill levels. See something that interests you? Get in touch and we'll add you to the notification list. Hearing from you will help us determine whether there is adequate volunteer support to complete these projects....

- **Annual Cleanups:** Riverwide: Spring trash removal from designated sites.
- **Special Cleanups:** Bowie, Laurel and Odenton: Clean and beautify selected sites by removing trash.
- **Tree plantings:** Central and Southern Patuxent. reforestation of sensitive and sediment prone areas.
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** Riverwide. Develop a network of local water testers who can pool their data for more global snapshot of the total watershed.
- **Fish Blockage Removal:** Little Patuxent areas near Columbia. Moderate exertion.
- **Tire Dump Removal:** Southern, MD in St. Mary's. Deep ravines, many tires. Physically challenging work.
- **Patuxent Guide Training:** Central to Southern Patuxent. Planned first aid, kayaking and other training for volunteer guides in preparation for the Summer 2006 Patuxent Sojourn.



Turtles sunning on the Patuxent River near Hill's Bridge.

Place Your Orders for Official Riverkeeper Maryland License Plates

We have selected the logo seen above to inaugurate the first ever Patuxent MD License plates. You must be a member of Patuxent Riverkeeper to receive the plates. The cost \$25 for each set of plates. Our initial order will go to the Motor Vehicles Administration at the end of November. The distinctive plate will feature the characteristic cattails and the proud name of our river for the envy of other motorists from other tributaries. Once your order is placed and fee received we will submit the plate design to MD/MVA. The plates will be shipped directly to you and you will need to return your existing license plate at that time. New members who join at the \$50 rate can have the new license plate included in the membership fee. Please send requests and your payments to: Patuxent Riverkeeper; 18600 Queen Anne Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

Can the Riverkeeper speak to your community association, watershed or civic group?

We would love to customize a slideshow and/or a talk for your group. Please call to discuss and schedule a time.

Patuxent River Commission Meeting

November 9, 2005
 Maryland Department of Agriculture
 Truman Parkway, Lower Conference Rooms
 Annapolis, MD
 4:00 PM -5:45 PM

Annual Kabler Award Event

Honoring Maryland's Chesapeake Waterkeepers
 When: November 29, 2005
 Cocktail Reception: 6:30-9:30pm
 VIP reception: 6-6:45pm

Sponsored by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. Tickets and details about sponsorship levels please contact: Liz Nelson at 410-280-9855 or enelson@mdlcv.org

Annual Patuxent River Clean Up

When: April 8, 2006
 Please contact Patuxent Riverkeeper for more information and site locations.