



December 18, 2019

Dear Friend of Sligo Creek:

Protecting, improving, and appreciating the ecological health of Sligo Creek Park and its surrounding watershed is the mission of our volunteer-led, neighborhood non-profit organization. In 2019 Friends of Sligo Creek did a variety of activities to:

- Showcase and document local wildlife
- Improve water quality
- Nurture native plants and trees
- Promulgate useful knowledge both practical and theoretical
- Support and encourage Sligo Creek/Anacostia Watershed enhancing decision-making by our public officials
- Make our parks and neighborhoods cleaner and more beautiful

In 2019 we celebrated of the amazing transformation of Sligo Creek's Breewood Tributary in Wheaton, a culmination of ten years of effort by Montgomery County, Montgomery Parks, the State of Maryland, community establishments, organizations and residents. We learned mowing practices best suited for sustaining pollinators—and worked to have PEPCO to put them into practice. We led trash cleanups and invasive plant removals throughout the Sligo Creek watershed.

Friends of Sligo Creek hopes to build on our progress in 2020 by reducing Sligo Creek-harming stormwater at Carolyn Condo in Silver Spring, holding educational programs on native trees, removing invasive plants, helping prevent the expansion of the Beltway, and much, much more.

With your help, we can do more. It's amazing what a small group of neighbors can do – armed with passion and a desire to conserve and protect our own backyard. Will you help us? With the exception of grant income, our budget consists primarily of donations.

You can donate via our website – <http://www.fosc.org/join/donate/> -- or by sending a check to us at:

Treasurer, Friends of Sligo Creek

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Additionally --- please also consider joining us. We have many opportunities for service – our friendly committees cover activities as diverse as invasive plant removal to water quality monitoring to service on our Board – and we are always open to new Friends of the Creek joining our efforts.

From all of us at FOSC, thank you for considering our request. We hope to see you in the Park soon!

Best wishes for a great 2020.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Smith

President, Friends of Sligo Creek