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All new and existing members must now renew annually. The reliable income from annual dues and your updated contact information enable us to do our work more effectively.

Membership provides you with our monthly electronic newsletter (full of events and volunteer opportunities), chances to meet other neighbors interested in the Park, and the knowledge that you're helping preserve our beautiful natural resource.

Membership dues pay for tools and supplies (trash bags, gloves, clippers), rain garden materials, water-quality monitoring equipment (magnifying glasses, field microscopes), operating expenses (printing, website fees, insurance), sign boxes, and matching funds for foundation grants.

Mail-in Membership

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Individual \$20 Family \$30

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Work Credit (free membership when volunteering for one event or work-at-home task)

I have enclosed an additional donation of \$ _____

Areas of interest (check all that apply):

- Sweep the Creek (Litter Solutions)
- Remove Invasive Plants
- Stormwater Control and Rain Gardens
- Water Quality
- Advocacy
- Natural History
- Outreach
- Other: _____

Questions? outreach@fosc.org

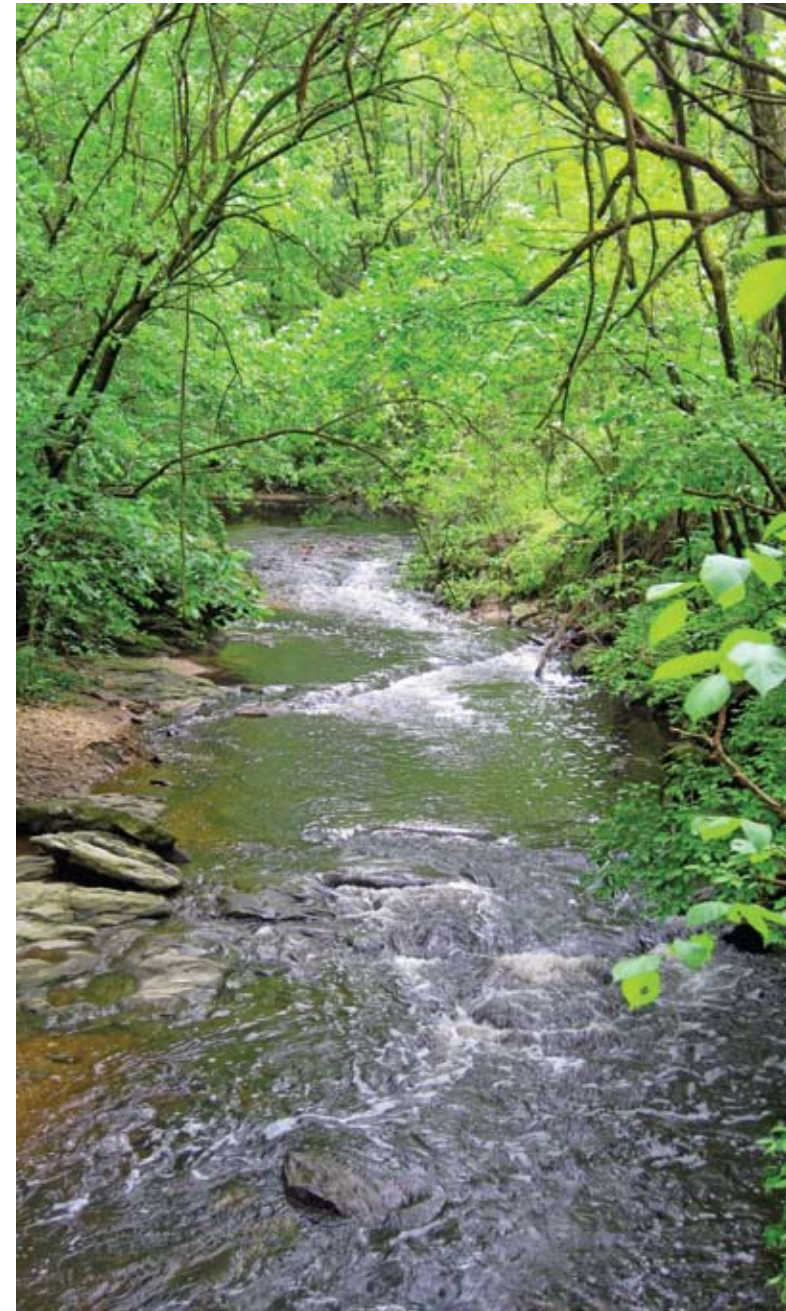


The Sligo Creek Watershed



Map courtesy of Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Cover image and yellow-crowned night-heron by Ellen X. Silverberg, Cub Scout Troop 478 during Sweep the Creek in 2009 by Jennifer Kefer, students from Montgomery College and Blair High School removing porcelainberry in 2009 by Laura Rothlisberger, rain gardens at Eastern Middle School by Ed Murtagh and in Kemp Mill by Diane Cameron, fritillary butterfly by Albert Hartley, boys sampling aquatic life by Michael Wilpers. For more photos, visit www.fosc.org.

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What We Do

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The Friends of Sligo Creek is a nonprofit community organization dedicated to improving the ecological well-being of the Park and its surrounding watershed.



Sweep the Creek

Twice a year, hundreds of volunteers — individuals, families, school classes, youth groups, business groups, and congregations — descend on the Park to clear out trash. Plastic bags and bottles are removed in vast quantities, along with shopping carts, automobile parts, and building supplies. These many hands keep our Park the beautiful place that it is. To learn more and find out the date for the next Sweep the Creek, contact litter@fosc.org.

Remove Invasive Plants

Non-native plants from Europe and Asia — Japanese bittersweet and English ivy among them — are spreading uncontrollably through the Park. These plant invaders smother native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. Our RIP Committee (Remove Invasive Plants) coordinates efforts to pull these troublesome plants from Park land, in cooperation with the Weed Warrior program of the Montgomery County Department of Parks. To learn more, contact invasives@fosc.org.



Water Quality and Stormwater

One third of the Sligo watershed is covered by streets, parking lots, and buildings. These artificial surfaces prevent rain water from soaking naturally into the ground and instead send it rushing down storm sewers and into the Creek at high speed. This stormwater gouges stream banks, pollutes stream water, and deposits sediments that bury rocks and pebbles essential to aquatic life. Our Water Quality Monitoring Team regularly measures chemicals and aquatic life in the creek, while the Stormwater Committee educates residents on stormwater issues, advocates for stronger stormwater regulations, and installs rain gardens and conservation plantings. To learn more, contact stormwater@fosc.edu.



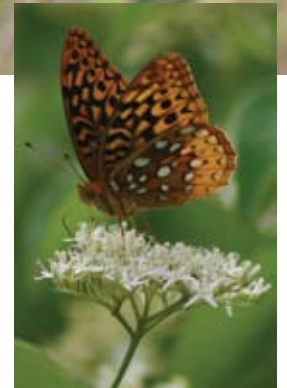
Advocacy

Our team of advocates keeps track of pending rules, legislation, and budgets in city, county, and state governments by serving on panels and advisory groups, testifying at hearings, and writing letters to officials. We often work in cooperation with neighborhood associations, the Anacostia Watershed Society, the Audubon Naturalist Society, and other organizations. To learn more, contact advocacy@fosc.org.



Natural History

Sligo Creek Park is home to 45 species of butterflies, 68 species of breeding birds, and 372 species of native plants, all living in habitats that range from ponds and streams to meadows and forests. The Natural History Committee



helps residents appreciate the beauty and ecology of the Park by developing inventories of its plants and animals, advocating for better habitat stewardship, producing educational literature, and organizing programs and outings that look at Park life through the seasons. To learn more, contact naturalhistory@fosc.org.

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