



A Stream Restoration Tour **of Donaldson Run's Tributary A in Arlington County**

Saturday May 30th 2015, 11 AM to 12:30 PM

(Rain date June 6th 2015, 11 AM to 12:30 PM)

Zachary Taylor Nature Area

2900 Military Rd, Arlington, VA 22207

(Park on Military Road. Meet by the information kiosk near the entrance to the park at 11 AM.)

Located in northern Arlington, Donaldson Run was identified as a priority watershed in the Stream Assessment Study that was completed in 2011. The impacts of stormwater flows and development prior to the advent of stormwater regulations had resulted in severely eroding stream banks, exposed infrastructure, and tree loss within the stream valley. The restoration of Donaldson Run's Tributary A was completed in 2006 and utilized natural channel design principals. Donaldson Run's Tributary B is



scheduled for a similar restoration in the near future. Donaldson Run's Tributary A is also a part of the County's long-term macro-invertebrate and bacteria monitoring programs.

Jen McDonnell, Stormwater Outreach Specialist with Arlington County Department of Environmental Services will lead us on a tour of the stream restoration work. The tour will highlight the stream restoration techniques, and discuss the challenges of stream restoration planning and construction. The tour will also include a look at Tributary B, which will provide a comparable before/after comparison.

Logistics

Location and schedule: Parking is available along Military Road. Meet at the information kiosk near the entrance to the Zachary Taylor Nature Area on Military Road at 11 AM. (A map will be provided in a future announcement.) After a 1-hour tour, stay for a (bring-your-own) picnic lunch at nearby Potomac Overlook Regional Park. The park also has trails, educational gardens, and a Nature Center.

What to bring: It is a short walk to the stream restoration site but the path may be uneven in areas. Please wear appropriate clothing and a sturdy pair of shoes, and bring water, sunscreen and other necessary protectants. Also, please bring your own lunch if you plan to join us afterwards for the picnic.

Registration: The registration fee is \$5. We encourage you to register in advance, by May 22nd, at our website <http://awrancrs.org/>, or by sending an email to Mathini at natcapawra@gmail.com.