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**EXPLORE TWO HABITATS AND FIND OUT WHAT MAKES THEM DIFFERENT
DURING THE MONTHLY NATURE WALK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

Purcellville, VA—December 12, 2018 — The Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board invites you and your family to join them on Sunday, December 30 at 1 p.m. The guide for this month is Paul Miller. Paul is a lifetime member of the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, a Virginia Master Naturalist, and a retired Loudoun County Public Schools administrator. The free walk will start at the Chapman DeMary Trail then cross Hatcher Avenue to the Sue Kane Nature Preserve where we will see differences in the two habitats. Mr. Miller will compare and contrast the two natural areas during the walk.

The Chapman DeMary Trail is a 10-acre area considered to be the last stand of old-growth forest in the Town of Purcellville. It runs along the South Fork Catoclin Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The area is open to the public for environmental recreation, exploration, and education. The Town of Purcellville holds the conservation easement for this privately-owned property. The entrance and parking for the Chapman DeMary Trail is behind the building at 205 East Hirst Road in Purcellville.

The Discover Nature's Secrets guided nature walks have been held the last Sunday of each month at the Chapman DeMary Trail. Throughout 2018, walks were led by experts from the Virginia Department of Forestry, Loudoun Watershed Watch, Loudoun County Tree Stewards, the Piedmont Environmental Council, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, and an Environmental Explorations Teacher from Loudoun Valley High School. Topics will include water quality, pollinators and monarchs, wildflowers, birds, water quality, tree identification, and more. The Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board plans to continue these walks in 2019.

Learn more and register online on the Events and Activities page of the Town of Purcellville's website at www.PurcellvilleVa.gov.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiques, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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