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**VOLUNTEER TO HELP ENHANCE AND ESTABLISH POLLINATOR GARDENS AT  
CHAPMAN DEMARY TRAIL ON SEPTEMBER 10**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. August 24, 2022** - The Purcellville Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee invites students, scouts, and residents to help enhance and establish pollinator gardens at the Chapman DeMary Trail. On Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers will clear away weeds and plant a variety of pollinator-friendly plants. To volunteer, please [sign-up online](#) by September 7. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own work gloves, shovels, water, and snacks, and to dress appropriately for the weather and for working in a wooded area. This project is funded in part through Keep Virginia Beautiful's 30-in-30 Green Grant program.

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 Catoctin 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 Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of approximately 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Innovation Award for Environmental Sustainability and in years past, the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for innovation and green initiatives. The Town most recently received the Tree City USA Award for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and was ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town 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 antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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