

Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council

Call for Volunteers

Robert E. Lee Park Serpentine Restoration Project

The Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council is a non-profit organization committed to the restoration and environmental sustainability of the Robert E. Lee Park. Volunteers are needed for **Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd** for the Robert E Lee Park **Serpentine Restoration Project**.

The serpentine area within Robert E Lee Park is a globally rare prairie grassland plant and animal community. For thousands of years this grassland community has been perpetuated by human activity. But over the last 50 years the area has been on its own and the grassland area has been reduced by the spread of Virginia Pines. If this is allowed to continue the grassland will turn into a pine forest with the loss of many rare and uncommon plants and animals. To return the serpentine area to grassland we have embarked on a multi-year project to eradicate the invasion of pine trees.

The volunteers are needed to cut limbs from the felled trees and move them to the shredder, plus moving and loading the main trunks from the pines onto the park trailer for removal.

Time slots: Saturday and Sunday Morning Shift 9 am to 12 pm Afternoon Shift 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. But you can stay longer if you like.

Please provide the dates and times you are available, include your cell phone number and email address. And tell us how you received this information and if your are representing an organization.

If you have friends who would like to help we can schedule you as a team.

Feel free to forward this to anyone you know. The more volunteers we have to more work we can get done this year.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to the project please email Dwight Johnson at: dwrightmjohnson@comcast.net. Dwight can be reached by phone 410.366.7239 (home) or [551.486.8518](tel:551.486.8518) (cell).

Event Details:

Project Location & Parking - The project area is located off of Copper Hill Road. Please park at the Baltimore County Home & Hospital School located at the corner of Falls Road and Copper Hill Road. We will be running a shuttle back and forth from the parking lot down Copper Hill Road as there is no parking at the project site.

Amenities – Bottled water and **Lunch will be provided**. There are no restroom facilities.

Weather Policy – In the event of rain or snow the event will be postponed. To learn if the event is postponed **please check the RELPNC homepage www.relpnc.org**. The event will be rescheduled for the next weekend.

What to bring – Please bring a pair of work gloves and work shoes. If you would like to help remove limbs please bring a lopper.