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Get Rid of Invading Plants on National Public Lands Day

Roll up your sleeves and lend a hand as the Fairfax County Park Authority tackles invasive plant species this National Public Lands Day. Join forces with friends, neighbors and other county residents as the Park Authority hosts a habitat restoration project at Nottoway Park from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

The day will begin with brief remarks by local officials, followed by some hands-on work at the park. Volunteers will get the chance to feel the satisfaction of tearing out invading plants that threaten native plants and animals.

Invasive Management Area (IMA) projects will also take place that Saturday at Royal Lake Park in Fairfax from 9 a.m. to noon and at Oakton's Borge Street Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Sunday, September 25, you can sign up to help with IMA projects at Larchmont Park in Falls Church from 9 to 11 a.m. and Piney Branch Stream Valley Park in Fairfax from 9 a.m. to noon. The Park Authority offers IMA volunteer experiences throughout the year. Find other opportunities at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/ima-calendar.htm>.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort on behalf of the public acreage that accounts for about 30 percent of America's land. The first NPLD was held in 1994 with just three sites and 700 volunteers participating. The event has grown to include hundreds of thousands of people of all ages at sites scattered across the entire country.

To sign up for a Public Lands Day activity, contact Erin Stocksclaeder at 703-324-8681 or Leslie Gerhard at 703-324-8766. You can also sign up on the IMA website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/ima/>.

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