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Dear Potential BioBlitz Participant,

Together, the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, South River Federation and Scenic Rivers Land Trust are co-hosting the second BioBlitz at the Bacon Ridge Natural Area in the South River Greenway in central Anne Arundel County. The event will take place from noon on **Saturday September 18 until noon on Sunday September 19, 2010**. This 1117-acre natural area surrounds Bacon Ridge Branch, the headwaters of the South River. It contains extensive interior forest habitat, stream valleys, and recent and old beaver ponds.

The South River Greenway BioBlitz will occur over a 24-hour period where scientists of various disciplines will offer their expertise to gain a snapshot of the flora, fauna, and other taxa within the parkland. In addition to an information gathering opportunity, this BioBlitz will serve as an educational tool for volunteers, a promoter of scientific awareness, a networking opportunity for experts and staff, and a chance to have fun in the field. There will be six 4-hour sampling periods--select the time frames most appropriate for your schedule and taxon.

The objectives of this BioBlitz are to:

- **Estimate Species Richness.** Identify and catalog the diversity of flora and fauna in this unique, multi-habitat ecosystem, including native and non-native species.
- **Foster Partnerships.** Build upon the collective knowledge of the staff and its partners, regarding this natural area.
- **Education.** Add to our repertoire of knowledge in order to better educate the public regarding what lives and thrives within the South River Greenway.
- **Park/Scientist/Volunteer Bridge Building.** Offer the park staff, experts, and volunteers a chance to network, collaborate, and connect in their common environmental interests.

As an outdoor enthusiast, we believe you will offer a valuable service for this event. You may or may not have participated in a past BioBlitz, and if you haven't, we welcome you to join us in this experience. **Feel free to invite friends and colleagues and pass along my contact information.**

Please complete and return the accompanying questionnaire to Karyn Molines regarding the 2010 South River Greenway BioBlitz by **August 6, 2010**.

Sincerely,

Karyn Molines
Supervisor of Cultural Resources
kmolines@aacounty.org

South River Greenway BioBlitz September 18-19, 2010
Participant Questionnaire
Please Return by August 6

Name _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Interested in participating in the BioBlitz?	Yes:	No:	Maybe:
Willing to be a team leader? *	Yes:	No:	Maybe:
If a team leader, how many volunteers could be assigned to your team?	Minimum Number:	Maximum Number:	
Areas of expertise or desired role (e.g. ornithologist, mycologist, herpetologist, entomologist, field volunteer, data entry)			
What times would you be available? (circle all that apply)	Sat: 12-4 pm	4-8 pm	8 pm-12 am
	Sun: 12-4 am	4-8 am	8 am-12 pm
Planning to bring volunteers/associates?	Yes:	No:	Maybe:
Are you planning to bring a laptop computer?	Yes:	No:	Maybe:
Are you planning to stay overnight/camp?	Yes:	No:	Maybe:
Do you have any special dietary needs (e.g. vegetarian, vegan, allergies)?	Yes:	Explain:	No:

* Team Leader: One or two people from each taxon are designated as team leaders of that taxon. Team leaders are responsible for ensuring quality control of species ID by their team members, organizing and giving instruction to the team, providing appropriate sampling and collecting equipment, and submitting species data.

Additional Comments:

Please return this form to:
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