CONSERVATION + EDUCATION + RECREATION CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

Join us on Saturday November 11 at 9am as we work to remove trash from along the creek near Chuck Hutton Chevrolet on Mt Moriah Rd. The area where we will be working is a terrace along the south bank of the creek. The bank that we will need to walk down to get to the terrace is a little steep, but the terrace is pretty flat and gradually slopes down to connect to a gravel bar on the creek. While we are working make sure you take a little time to check out this area . There should be quite a few birds along this part of the creek and if the water is low there are a couple large gravel bars in the area. Most of the trash in this location consists of plastic as pictured below. There are a few tires and other items as well. When you arrive for the clean-up please park near the northwest corner on the lot closest to the wooded area by the creek. We will be putting out a more information via social media and e-mail about a week ahead of the clean-up.

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OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

On Sunday October 15 we had a field trip to Hickory Hill Park. Eight of us including some new faces walked the one mile trail loop through the park. We stopped to check out a few things along the way. The weather was a little off, but despite the threat of rain we only had a few stray raindrops. Since the initial hike was short about half of the group opted to pay a visit to the section of the Creek by Halle Stadium. Part two of the field trip gave us a chance to document a few more fish species in the creek. We also checked out a recently built beaver dam and some of the exposed deposits along the creek from the last ice age.



Checking out the beaver dam near Halle Stadium

BECOME A MEMBER

Becoming a dues paying member is an easy way to support the conservancy. Individual Membership is \$10 a year, Family Membership is \$15 a year.

Dues go to support both conservation and education along the creek. You can find a copy of the <u>Membership Application here.</u> or visit <u>nonconnah.org</u>





The group pauses to check out some plants at Hickory Hill Park



A suckermouth minnow (Phenacobius mirabilis)

OCTOBER MEETING

Our Meeting for October was held on Monday October 9, 2023. We reviewed and approved minutes from our September meeting and recounted recent events including our September Field Trip and our participation in the Tiger Blue Goes Green event on 10/4/23. Lorrie lackson was nominated and elected to serve as out treasurer. Upcoming events including the Halloween Hike at the Memphis Botanic Garden and our November Clean-up were discussed. There was some discussion and brainstorming about the conservancy hosting a Nonconnah Creek Fest at some point in the future and also some information shared about Living Lands and Waters Alternative Spring Break. Our Next meeting will be on Monday November 13, 2023 at 7pm in Johnson Hall on the main campus of the University of Memphis.

2023 Field Trips Nov-Jan

CLEAN-UP November 11 at 9am Chuck Hutton Chevrolet 2471 Mt Moriah Rd Memphis, TN 38115

Some pictures from recent outings

November 18 at 7:30am Christine's Woods Members Only (limit 15 people)

November 26 at 2pm Collierville Greenway S. Tarren Mill Cir Collierville, TN 38017

December 9 at 9am Quince Rd East Segment 7370 Winchester Rd. Memphis, TN 38125

January 1st at 11am Dan B Turley Natural Area Forest Hill Irene Rd Memphis, TN 38125

If you have a recommendation for a location you would like to visit or if you are willing to lead a Field Trip please let us know.

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MTOS PRESENTATION

Ryan Pudwell will be giving a presentation on Nonconnah Creek at the November Meeting of the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society on Wednesday October 15, at 7pm at St. George's Episcopal Church at 2425 S Germantown Rd. Guests are welcome to attend.

TIGER BLUE GOES GREEN

On October 4th we had a table at the U of M's Tiger Blue Goes Green event. This annual event promotes sustainability and being mindful of the environment. During the course of the event we had a chance to talk to quite a few people about the conservancy and show them some of the cool stuff that can be found along Nonconnah Creek.



Nonconnah Creek Conservancy at "Tiger Blue Goes Green"

UPCOMING EVENTS CLEAN-UP

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Send your contributions/suggestions and pictures for the newsletter to Ryan Pudwell <u>rpudwell@immanuelmemphis.org</u>

Deadline is the 15th of each month

You can also contact us at: nonconnahcreekconservancy@gmail.com