

# Lands and Waters 2022

*Sorry for the delay in getting my annual letter to you - unexpected things just kept happening.*

The year was going well until July when I broke my femur bone. Then things slowed down a bit, but didn't stop. With surgery, physical therapy, and crutches, I went back to work, coordinating and directing volunteer workdays. Volunteers removed invasives and planted native plants. No one seemed to mind me just standing around directing, except me.

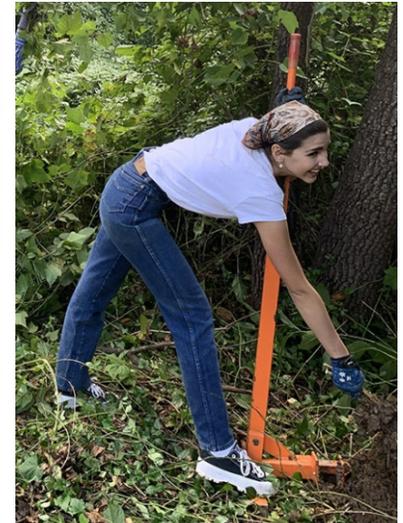
In spite of it all, the year was productive. Our work with The New School in Fairfax City will continue as well as our efforts to increase volunteer workdays, engage new partners, and expand our educational outreach. This letter highlights some of our new partners.

## *Volunteer Workdays with Principia Tutors & Consultants*

In February, I organized a volunteer workday for a group from Principia Tutors and Consultants. Principia Tutors was founded in 2016 by Oliver Lee and his wife Elainia Mercatoris. This amazing group of tutors and consultants are dedicated to providing families with comprehensive educational support. They are also an amazing group of volunteers. They volunteered with us twice in 2022. We look forward to working with them again in 2023.



Volunteer Kelly and I at my community's wildlife habitat



Above: Pictures of one of the volunteer workdays with Principia in the forested areas of Daniels Run School.

## *Volunteer Workday with Rockhill Management L.L.C.*

When Pam Brown contacted me to set up a volunteer workday for a group from Rockhill Management, I was delighted but hesitated because the work area was completely covered with invasive vines mixed with poison ivy. Pam was fine with that. A date in October was set. Pam and her group were enthusiastic and determined. It was a very productive morning. We really enjoyed working with them and hope they will join us again in '23.



Above: Pictures of the volunteer workday with Rockhill (Daniels Run School). Bottom left: The day ended with planting several small oaks in the cleared areas.

## *Volunteer Workday with Cohn Reznick Firm*



Group picture: Volunteer workday with Cohn Reznick. Altogether, we had more than 20 volunteers. We divided them into smaller groups working in different areas. It was so busy, we only managed to take a group picture. Several large areas were cleared for spring plantings. It was a most successful day. We hope to see them in '23.

*Best wishes to all of you. Thank you so much for your continued support, Jeanette Stewart*