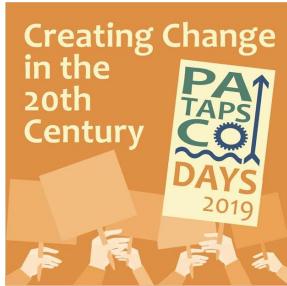


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“Patapsco Days: Creating Change in the 20th Century” brings activism related programming to the valley

ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND— The inaugural Patapsco Days, an annual exploration of the histories of the Patapsco Valley, is planned for the month of March 2019. Patapsco Days grows out of the History Days Patapsco Heritage Greenway held for many years and is an opportunity for a thematic exploration of the Patapsco Valley.

This year’s Patapsco Days is titled “Patapsco Days: Creating Change in the 20th Century” and focuses on activism in the 20th century. A dozen partners will offer over 20 programs including lectures, exhibits, guided tours, movie screenings, and more to engage visitors interested in a variety of experiences. Visitors will learn new perspectives on the many stories of activism in the Patapsco Valley ranging from the fight for fair housing, to efforts to save the Patapsco Female Institute, the Catonsville 9, the tree huggers who fought development, and more.

Each program will be included in a passport. Passports for all Patapsco Day programs will be distributed at the opening and at subsequent events. Passports are a chance for participants to check off the events in which they have participated and enter to win a raffle at the end of “Patapsco Days”.

March 2nd 2pm Kickoff Program: “Redlining: A Patapsco Perspective” at Elkridge Library. Inspired by the Undesign the Redline, an exhibition from design studio Designing the We, this program will explore the history of structural racism and classism, how these designs compounded each other from redlining maps until today, and how we can come together to undesign these systems with

intentionality. Specific insight will be given for examples in Howard County including the Rouse Company, Fels Lane, and more. Pre-registration is requested. Link for [registration](#) and [flyer](#) are here.

March 31st 2pm Closing Program: “Saving the Patapsco—100 Year of Activism” with Ned Tillman at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum. Ned has been walking, canoeing, and studying the Patapsco for 40 years. He has written about it in his first two books. He will tell us a few of the stories that made the river legendary, describing the people and the efforts who have been important to the river’s health in the past, in the present, and what is needed to keep it healthy in the future. The closing event will also include raffle drawings for the top Patapsco Day participants with the most items checked off on their passports. Pre-registration is requested. Link for [registration](#) and [flyer](#) are here.

Other “Patapsco Day” highlights throughout March include:

CCC/WWII Conscientious Objectors Camp Hike with Patapsco Valley State Park

Migration Stories in the UMBC Photography Collections with UMBC

Choose Your Own Adventure with Howard County Library System

Protest: An American Tradition Pre-Teen Program with Howard County Historical Society

Trash to Treasure Children’s Event with Columbia Families in Nature

Guided Walking Tour of Oella Cemetery with Oella Historical Society

Short Line Trail Guided Hike with Catonsville Rails to Trails

Tree Huggers & Hippies: A History of Patapsco Valley Activism in the 1970's with Catonsville Tree Canopy Project

“Hit and Stay” Film Screening and Director Q&A with CCBC’s Community Education Program

A full list of “Patapsco Days: Creating Change in the 20th Century” programs is available [here](#). A passport for the events will be available online by February 15, 2019 and printed copies will be available at all “Patapsco Days” programs.

Patapsco Heritage Greenway’s mission is to preserve, protect, interpret, and restore the environment, history, and culture of the Patapsco River Valley. PHG administers the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area and holds a variety of environmental, history, and recreation based programs throughout the year.

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Additional background

- For more information about The Patapsco Heritage Greenway visit www.patapsco.org
- For the Patapsco Days Logo visit [here](#).
- For the Patapsco Days General Flyer visit [here](#).
- For a full list events and passport visit [here](#).