



Laurelwood tree planting and live-staking, 2013

Who We Are

HRWA in middle Tennessee is dedicated to preserving and restoring the ecological health of the Harpeth River and its Watershed. Our work leverages the scientific and technical training and experience of our staff and advisors with the efforts of a diverse corps of volunteers who are crucial to every aspect of our programs. Our board members, volunteer leadership, and supporters are committed to having an ecologically healthy river.

Why Volunteer

Volunteers are vital to HRWA's success. Much of our restoration work and community impact relies on the generosity of individuals who give their time and talent to assist on various projects. Volunteering with HRWA allows you to:

- **Protect our water resources**
- **Get involved**
- **Learn new skills**
- **Have a great time**
- **Meet new people**
- **Get outdoors**
- **Get class credit & volunteer hours**

Ways to get involved

Restoration Activities

Stream Clean-Ups—May to October

Canoe down the Harpeth and collect garbage that otherwise spoils the views and is harmful to wildlife.

Bank Stabilization—July to September

Adding live stakes, trees, and vegetation along stream banks provides a buffer to clean water, reduce flood damage, and protect biodiversity among other things.

Tree Planting—November to March

Rain Gardens—End of Summer to Early Fall

These depressions, planted with native plants & grasses, stop rainwater runoff from reaching sewer systems.

Summer Internships

Join the HRWA team as an intern working indoors and out for class credit and real world experience.

- Prior coursework in a relevant field required
- Outgoing personality, willing to enthusiastically represent HRWA at public outreach events

Annual River Swing

A festive event to benefit the State Scenic Harpeth River including live music, great food, and a silent auction. Volunteer in a number of ways to ensure the event runs smoothly.



River Clean-Up group from Wholefoods, 2014

Citizen Science

These long-term volunteer opportunities take place during the summer months and are a great opportunity to get involved in scientific research. Past projects have included algae and dissolved oxygen monitoring. All **training will be provided** to:

- Use equipment to collect water samples and prepare them to be shipped
- Record results, weather conditions and any observations (look, smells, etc.) at test sites on the river in a field journal

Recreation

Grab a Lower Harpeth Blueway Map by HRWA and Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association including accesses points and float times.

Never miss an opportunity

Follow us on social media for volunteer opportunity announcements, and never miss a chance to get involved!



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