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Protecting and restoring Ann Arbor's natural areas and fostering an environmental ethic within the community.

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NAP by the Numbers





**“Great experience,
I would love to volunteer
again in the nearest future.”**



“The leader was excellent. She connected with every person on the work group, and then led us on a really interesting nature walk. **We got a lot of work done and had fun doing it!**”

“Your work and dedication to birding are **true assets to our community.** Thank you!”



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"I really liked how informative the event was. I feel like I actually learned a lot, which made the experience meaningful!"



"The task was really well defined and the leaders were very friendly and knowledgeable. I feel like I made a difference! I hope to volunteer again soon."

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STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS

7,763 Hours Volunteered

84 workdays



43 parks



1,476+ volunteers



23 private groups

32 private workdays

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“Excellent volunteer activities.”



“We had such a fun time doing the survey this spring! We're definitely a whole lot smarter about amphibians now and hear them all the time it seems. Our 2 favorite spots on the Traver run are by the AA library and Black Pond. The walk out there in the dark with the fireflies and sounds is a very special thing.”





I thought it was a great event! I appreciated that there were plenty of materials and **I really enjoyed hearing more about the work we were doing and why it was so important for habitat restoration** - the leader talked to us about the Woodcock and how it comes and lives in a previously restored area. Very cool and meaningful. Well organized and fun. Thank you for all you do!"

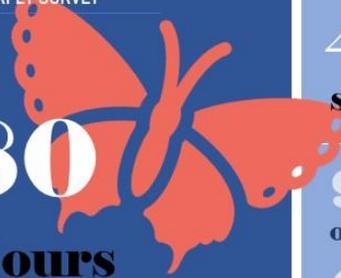


"It was a fun experience and I appreciated the additional information that was shared from the staff!"



BUTTERFLY SURVEY

80
Hours
Volunteered



41
species
915
observations
6
parks



INVENTORY

304
Intern
Hours



PHOTO MONITORING

164
Hours Volunteered



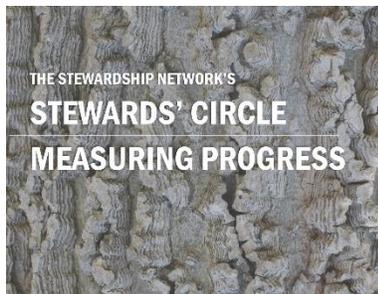
405
precise-point photos
24 parks



CONSERVATION CREW	<h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">2,942</h1> <h2 style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">Hours Worked</h2>	NAP STAFF 2021
	Amy Lipson* Ashley Keesling* Becky Hand Brady Friss Chloe Hernandez Dana Novak Dave Borneman Ethan Glassman Hannah Bradshaw* Juliet Berger Kathleen Gosselin* Kathryn Beauchamp Krissy Elkins* Matthew Spoor Max Miley* Mike Hahn Morgan Boyer Renée Hytinen Tina Stephens	
invasive species control hours	1722	2021 ANNUAL REPORT
controlled burning hours	752	
trail work hours	292	
revegetation hours	89	
tree-over-trail hours	87	

* Said goodbye to NAP in 2021

NAPpennings



[The Stewardship Network's Stewards' Circle: February 2022](#)

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Followed by happy hour nearby!), **Veterans Memorial Park Meeting Room**

[The Stewardship Network](#) offers this monthly discussion group where local stewards (like you!) gather to ask and answer questions, swap stories, and share knowledge in an informal setting. We look forward to chatting with you about how you “do” stewardship! **This month's topic:** Measuring progress. A Stewards’ Circle member recently asked: How do we measure progress? Progress in restoration can feel elusive sometimes – how can we tell when we are making an impact? After the discussion group, join us for a happy hour just up the street at HOMES Brewery to further connect with other land stewards!

Staff Updates

Farewell...



Dave Borneman

Deputy Manager - Volunteerism and Natural Area Preservation

What an honor it's been to lead NAP these past 28+ years! A huge "Thank You" to the hundreds of NAP staff and volunteers who have given so much of themselves to the program. I'll miss you all! See last month's [newsletter](#) for my longer "Farewell" message. I hope you can join us for my Online Retirement Party, or stop by to say "Good-bye" during my final few days in the office. See details below... After Feb. 24th, I'll be turning my attention to my own prescribed burn business, but will still be around Ann Arbor, enjoying the parks, and keeping an eye on the good work y'all are doing!

Events

Controlled Burn Crew Training

Wednesday, February 16, noon to 5 p.m.

Become a part of NAP's Volunteer Burn Crew! This is the required training session for anyone interested in assisting with NAP's controlled burns. Burns typically take place Monday through Friday between noon and 7 p.m. **Registration through VolunteerHub is required by February 15.** Register [here](http://tinyurl.com/BurnCrew2022). (<http://tinyurl.com/BurnCrew2022>) Call 734.794.6627 or email NAP@a2gov.org for more information. If held in-person, some portion of training may be outdoors.



Virtual Retirement Party for Dave Borneman

Friday, February 18, 2 to 4 p.m.

Zoom link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DBRetirement2022>

Meeting ID: 965 5346 0209

Passcode: 147903

Farewell Drop-Ins for Dave Borneman

- Tuesday, February 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, February 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You're invited to **call or drop by** the NAP office (3875 E. Huron River Drive) (734.794.6627) to say farewell in person anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, February 22, 23, or 24.

Winter Nature Walk at Oakwoods Nature Area

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 1-2 p.m.

A winter walk can be just the thing to lift our spirits and access the healing power of nature. Join us for the second of three winter walks. Oakwoods is a 55-acre woodland with upland forest, ponds, and wetlands where a wide variety of plant and animal species. The park has an impressive diversity of trees, such as oaks, hickories, ironwood, beech, and basswood. Make sure to dress for the weather (we recommend layered clothing in winter) and bring a water bottle. **Registration is required as space is limited!** Register [here](https://tinyurl.com/OakwoodsWalk022722), (<https://tinyurl.com/OakwoodsWalk022722>)

Volunteer Stewardship Calendar

Check out our volunteer opportunities and other events at a2gov.org/NAPEvents, and/or view and register at yhub.at/NAP.



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