



ChicoryLane Event

Ecological Enhancement with John Smith, James Lesher & Greg Williams Saturday, June 15, 2024, 9:30am - 2:30pm

John Smith, co-owner of ChicoryLane, and James Lesher, Land Manager, will focus on the concept of Ecological Enhancement. John will explain principles and practices aimed at qualitative land improvement. James will guide a tour through various terrains that show different applications of this practical methodology. After lunch, he and John on a second walk will highlight native shrubs like viburnum and dogwoods, emphasizing their different ecological functions and value for wildlife. We'll also be joined by Greg Williams of Interfaith Power and Light, who works with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He will discuss their [Ten Million Trees](#) project and explain how you can obtain free native trees and shrubs for your own property.

LUNCH: We'll break for a bring-your-own lunch around noon to continue discussion. Water & cups available. Your own water bottle encouraged.

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Registration encouraged so we can plan for the day.
Free event, restroom available. Rain or shine except in a deluge.

Some of the Native Species We Will Point Out For use on your own properties & projects

Blackhaw Viburnum is one of four different viburnum species found at ChicoryLane. We will point out all four and review Doug Tallamy's list of the associated ecological functions they provide. Hint: they are among the most beneficial native shrubs for birds and other wildlife found in Pennsylvania.

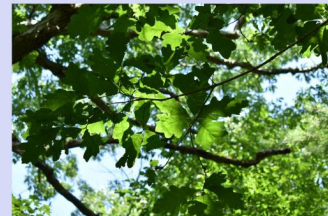
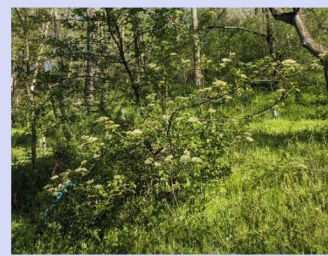
Gray Dogwood and other dogwood varieties are almost as beneficial as viburnum. Five different varieties of dogwood are found at ChicoryLane and we'll try to point out all of them. They are quite varied, ranging from the spikey red stems of Red Osier to the beautiful white Flowering Dogwood. All have plentiful berries of varying colors in the fall, especially useful to fall migrants.

White Oak are among the largest of ChicoryLane's native trees. Their plentiful quantities of acorns are valuable food for squirrels and other small mammals. Even the caterpillars they host in the spring are a wonderful food source for birds still in the nest. And, there is always the much welcomed shade they provide in mid-summer.

New York Ironweed won't be blooming in June (you have to wait until August/September), but it is so worth the wait we couldn't resist including it. In June, it will offer a useful contrast to Joe Pye, a roughly similar but easily distinguishable species when seen side by side .

Autumn Olive is such an ambivalent plant! Lovely smell in the spring, indifferent yellow-white flowers, and very aggressive and troublesome as one of our main invasive species to be managed. But oh, the aroma.

All images from the ChicoryLane collection



"Walking Willow" at ChicoryLane in Summer

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ChicoryLane is an ecological reserve near Spring Mills, protected by a Conservation Easement held by Clearwater Conservancy. It is 68 acres of very diverse lands that we are actively enhancing ecologically.

The landscape is natural, but scenic. It includes wetlands and meadows, several streams, remnant and successional forests, and a grassland. This diversity of habitats is especially inviting to birds and butterflies. A system of mowed trails makes most of it accessible to walkers.

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