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Parks Department Offers Citizen-Science Wildlife-Monitoring Programs *Free training for volunteers*

Milwaukee, WI (Dec. 3, 2015) – Would-be volunteers for the Milwaukee County Parks Citizen-Science Wildlife-Monitoring Program are invited to attend a free general information session Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 6-8 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center. The Nature Center is located in Whitnall Park at 9701 W. College Ave.

A variety of Natural Areas wildlife monitoring projects are being developed for 2016. Birders who would like to go biking—or bicyclist who would like to learn more about birding—may enjoy participating as Biking Birders, completing bird surveys along the Oak Leaf Trail. Volunteers are also needed for monitoring turtle nesting sites, nest boxes (for wood ducks, American kestrels, and Eastern bluebirds), and wetlands, and for documenting species recorded in the video footage of the wildlife cameras.

Program attendees may sign up for project training sessions. Volunteer commitments range from one month to a full year, depending on the project.

For more about the Parks program or to register for the information session, contact Julia Robson, Assistant Natural Areas Coordinator, at (414) 257-8081 or julia.robson@milwaukeecountywi.gov. Registration for the general information session must be received by Dec. 14, 2015.

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