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Parks Department Offers Free Citizen-Science Wetland-Monitoring Program

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 18, 2016) – Would-be volunteers for the Milwaukee County Parks Citizen-Science Wetland-Monitoring Program are invited to attend an orientation Monday, Feb. 29, from 6-8 p.m. at Wehr Nature Center. The Nature Center is located in Whitnall Park at 9701 W. College Ave.

Only volunteers who attend the orientation will be invited to participate in a free, two-hour field-training workshop. Volunteers may choose to attend the workshop on either a weekday evening or a Saturday morning, in March. Volunteers will look for and document the presence and distribution of sensitive wildlife populations such as salamanders, frogs, toads, crayfish, and fairy shrimp. Data will be collected from ephemeral wetlands throughout the Park System in the Oak Creek and Root River watersheds. This information will guide habitat-management activities within the Park System.

For more about the Parks program or to register, contact Julia Robson, Assistant Natural Areas Coordinator, at (414) 257-8081 or julia.robson@milwaukeecountywi.gov or visit countyparks.com and search “Citizen Science Opportunities.” Registration must be received by Feb. 27.

ADA accommodation requests may be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities by calling 278-3932 (voice) or 711 (TRS).

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