



**Our Mission: To promote, protect & enhance the trails in Anne Arundel County.**

# Trail Talk

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## **Clark Construction Group BWI**

Under gray, rainy skies the Clark Construction Group BWI circled the entire BWI Trail loop clearing debris. Armed with grabbers, trash bags and security vests, about twenty broke up in groups covering 2.5 miles each. A feat like this doesn't come along every day. The Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails wishes to thank this group of volunteers for their dedication and enthusiasm. The Friends' mission could not be accomplished without partnering with local organizations, companies, individuals and churches.

The Friends realize the county is doing its best to maintain our 41.8 miles of trails. The reality is, even with community support, additional county staff is needed to address maintenance issues such as replacing fencing, cutting back invasives, fixing trail surfaces, supervising citizen behaviors, providing emergency assistance, monitoring parking and beaches, picking up debris and emptying trash barrels. All this must be done with extensive travel time between one trail and another. Without additional staff, response times will only increase as miles are added.

Please let the County Executive and County Council know the trails need additional full-time rangers and full-time maintenance positions to assure adequate coverage of all necessary tasks on our much-expanding trail system which will continue to add significant mileage in FY 24 and beyond with additional segments of the Broadneck and South Shore Trails coming on line in the next several years.

## **Upcoming Calendar of Events**

April 15th, beginning at 6:00 a.m. -- Emily Schindler Memorial Triathlon

May 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 a.m. - Planet Walk

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