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ENVIRONMENT FOCUS – 2024

- ✚ Recycling/Repurposing
- ✚ Plastic waste concerns
- ✚ Littering
- ✚ Trees
- ✚ Pollinators
- ✚ Native plants, birds, and insects
- ✚ National Park Day – August 25, 2024
- ✚ National Park Service
- ✚ Pennsylvania's State Parks
- ✚ Community Parks

RECYCLING/REPURPOSING

- ✚ Club Projects with repurposing items to prevent going to a landfill.

PLASTIC WASTE CONCERNS

- ✚ Ideas on using less plastic, including water bottles.

LITTERING

- ✚ Club Projects supporting:
 - “Don’t be a Litterbug”
 - “Give a Hoot, Don’t Pollute”
- ✚ Come up with a new or updated slogan to keep our Communities Litter & pollution free.

TREES, POLLINATORS, NATIVE PLANTS, BIRDS, & INSECTS

- ✚ Plant a Native tree or trees.
 - Prevent erosion.
 - Helps prevent Climate Change.
 - Cleans the air.
 - Keeps us cooler.

- ✚ Plant flowers that attract bees, butterflies, birds and wildlife.
 - Native flowers, trees, & shrubs are the best for attracting native birds and insects.
- ✚ Save the Bees, lightning bugs, Monarch Butterflies, & the planet!
 - No insecticides on our flowers, landscape and lawns.
 - Check with your local Penn State Extension Master Gardeners for advice.

PARKS – USA

- ✚ National Park Day – August 25, 2024
 - Send 2024 National Park pics to JoAnn Propcheck.
 - Send all 2024 pics (for all parks) to JoAnn.
- ✚ National Park Service
 - Historical Sites
 - Landmarks
 - Memorials
 - Park passes
 - <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>
- ✚ Pennsylvania State Parks
 - 2024 Summer Learning & Literacy Road Trip
 - Featuring State Parks and Libraries!
 - <https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/07/dcnr-education-launch-pas-2024-summer.html>
- ✚ Community Parks
 - See JoAnn’s pics on the Discovery Garden Facebook Page
 - @DiscoveryGardenPA

CONNECT WITH GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

- ✚ Heifer International
- ✚ UNICEF USA
- ✚ Get information on Affiliate Organizations and GFWC Resources
 - 2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual, under Environment.

2023 GFWC Environment Program Statistics: 270,120 Hours and 5,467 Projects Completed.

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