



The Potomac Highland Cooperative Weed & Pest Management Area

2017 Highlights

YEAR-END REVIEW

We are pleased to share highlights of the Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed & Pest Management Area!

The Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area (PHCWPMA) is a partnership between federal, state, and local agencies, community associations, non-profit organizations, and private land owners assembled to address the threat of invasive species.

The Potomac Highlands CWPMA includes Bath, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, and Shenandoah counties in Virginia as well as Grant, Hardy, Tucker Pendleton, Randolph, and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia. Member organizations perform invasive species treatments on both public and private lands, and on forests and agricultural areas. The PHCWPMA maps the spread of invasive species, promotes research on control methods, and raises public awareness of invasive species through environmental education and outreach programs.



Kids dig into a decomposing log at Discover Nature Day in Spring 2017.

*We Are the Potomac
Highlands CWPMA!*



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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 2,100 acres treated for non-native invasive species (NNIS).
- 13,640lbs of garlic mustard pulled by 156 volunteers at more than 11 locations for the 2017 Garlic Mustard Challenge.
- Over 121 sites within the PHCWPMA were monitored for non-native invasive species.
- Over 400 participants in attendance at Discover Nature Day with 14 groups providing nature and non-native invasive species education.
- The Facebook page for the group has 330 likes and has reached 1,261 people through posts.
- 4 studies were completed or continued about NNIS populations.