



CONSERVATION + EDUCATION + RECREATION

VETRANS' DAY CLEAN-UP RECAP

On Saturday November 11 we met to remove trash from along the creek near Chuck Hutton Chevrolet on Mt Moriah Rd. The area where focused on was the terrace along the south bank of the creek. The Earth Sciences Club from the University of Memphis showed up and assisted in a big way. In looking at the items we picked up the trash in that area was 30-40 years of accumulation. While we didn't remove any large items during this visit it is something we will look to do during our next clean-up on this section of the creek. We collected 18 large bags of trash which was enough for a full truckload plus a second truck bed filled about half way. Items found included an old vacuum cleaner, a Halloween bucket, a giant light bulb, and more drink containers than anyone cared to count. We also found a couple drink bottles that had been transformed in to terrariums over time with moss and ferns growing inside them, there were a lot of oyster mushrooms, and evidence of beavers as we got down to the edge of the creek. Our next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday January 13, 2024 at Hickory Hill Park. We hope you will consider joining us there.





John's Creek right before it enters Nonconnah Creek

NOVEMBER MEETING

On Monday November 13th we had our monthly meeting. We recapped our October field trip as well as our clean-up that was done over the weekend. Ryan Pudwell shared the he has continued talking with people representing various partnerships the Conservancy has had or are looking to foster. Ryan recently met with Mike from the WORKS at the Lakeview section to talk about some possible habitat restoration work in that area. Ryan and Lorrie met with representatives from TennGreen regarding our partnership specifically related to the Felt Property. Ryan also shared a presentation during the meeting. Our next meeting will be on December 11, 2023.

BECOME A MEMBER

Becoming a dues paying member is an easy way to support the conservancy.

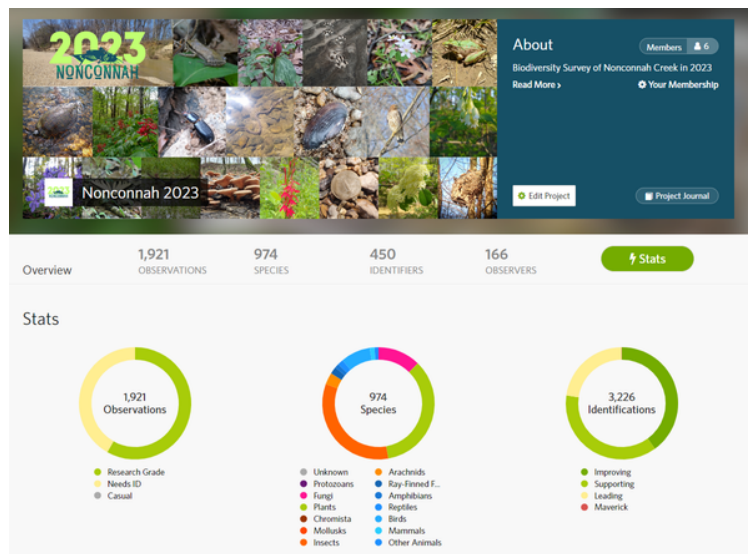
Individual Membership is \$10 a year,
Family Membership is \$15 a year.

Dues go to support both conservation and education along the creek. You can find a copy of the [Membership Application here.](#)
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NONCONNAH 2023 PROJECT

As the year draws closer to a end it only seems fitting to share an update on the ongoing Biodiversity survey. Even though the accounting of new species has slowed a bit we are edging closer to the 1000 species mark on iNaturalist for what has been observed in the Nonconnah Watershed in 2023. Once eBird observations are included we have surpassed the 1000 species mark with a little more than a month to go. Quite a few of the species that have been documented this year include species that had not previously been recorded in the Nonconnah Watershed. In looking at what has been documented since iNaturalist was founded, 365 new species were documented in the Nonconnah Watershed thus far in 2023. More than 50 species of fungi, 100 species of plants, 120 species of insects and, 15 species of fish were all added to what has been observed using iNaturalist in the Nonconnah Watershed. Observations from this year include a native mussel species that has not previously been observed in Shelby County and a couple plant species that are quite rare in Tennessee. It will be interesting to see what else we find over the last 6 weeks of 2023. There's bound to be a few more surprises.



2023 Field Trips Nov-Jan

CLEAN-UP

**January 13 at 9am
Hickory Hill Park
3910 Ridgeway Rd
Memphis, TN 38115**



Some pictures
from recent outings



**November 18 at 7:30am
Christine's Woods
Members Only
(limit 15 people)**

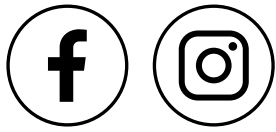
**November 26 at 2pm
Collierville Greenway
S. Tarren Mill Cir
Collierville, TN 38017**

**December 9 at 9am
Quince Rd East Segment
7370 Winchester Rd.
Memphis, TN 38125**

**January 1st at 11am
Dan B Turley Natural Area
Forest Hill Irene Rd
Memphis, TN 38125**

**If you have a recommendation for a
location you would like to visit or
if you are willing to lead a Field Trip
please let us know.**

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HALLOWEEN HIKE

On Saturday October 28th we had a table at the Memphis Botanic Garden Halloween Hike. Our booth was close to Camp Pinecrest and the Memphis Zoo among others. There were a lot of people who stopped by our table and we got to share with them some of the things that can be found along the creek and since it was a Halloween event, we gave out a good bit of candy too.

COOL FINDS FROM THE CREEK

On Wednesday November 1 Ryan Pudwell was visiting the Lakeview section of the creek and found a shell from a threeridge mussel a native species that hasn't previously been documented in Shelby County.



Threeridge mussel (*Amblema plicata*)

**UPCOMING EVENTS
MEMBER'S FIELD TRIP**

Saturday November 18th 7:00am
Chistine's Woods
Memphis, TN 38115

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

November 26 at 2pm
Collierville Greenway
S. Tarren Mill Cir
Collierville, TN 38017

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP

Saturday December 9th at 9am
Meet at Principia Toyota
7370 Winchester Rd. Memphis, TN 38125

DECEMBER MEETING

Monday November 11th at 7pm
Location TBD
We will be meeting at a restaurant

**DO YOU HAVE
SOMETHING YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?**

**Send your contributions/suggestions
and pictures for the newsletter
to Ryan Pudwell
rpudwell@immanuelmemphis.org**

Deadline is the 15th of each month

You can also contact us at:
nonconnahcreekconservancy@gmail.com