

IAED Webinar: Native Species Revival - Create a Homegrown National Park

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Dear Gary

Native plants are essential to the health of local ecosystems. When planted on residential and communal land, they can restore habitat, support pollinators, and enhance larger corridors of revived ecosystems. Our speakers are hosting a free community event on September 9 in Baltimore, Maryland to educate homeowners on the movement sparked by Dr. Douglas Tallamy, author of Nature’s Best Hope, and his vision for the Homegrown National Park.

The HGNP is a nationwide initiative to rejuvenate our ecosystems from the ground up – one yard at a time. Homeowners will meet landscape professionals and be empowered to transform their properties into native species environments. Increasing biodiversity is the best hope for addressing the crisis of declining native species populations, including those of native insects (a 45% decrease) and bird species (a 30% decrease), which threatens the breakdown of our environment and life on Earth.

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About the Speakers



Gregg Jones

Mr. Jones grew up in rural Carroll County, Maryland and from a young age developed a love for nature and the outdoors.

He earned a BS degree in Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park. He served as a research assistant at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab calibrating the amount of effluent from nuclear plants and University of Maryland's Horn Point Lab studying pollutants in water runoff from agricultural fields

He taught biology and horticulture for 12 years in Baltimore and developed an educational school farm during that time. For the past 5 years he worked with HJIFEP in the areas of environmental research and outreach activities.



Alison Milligan

Alison Milligan is a Master Watershed Steward, Master Naturalist, Master Gardener and a Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional. She designs landscapes using native plants and writes a monthly column where she features mid-Atlantic native plants and the life they support. (aawsa.org/blog). She has been a naturalist correspondent for the Annapolis Capitol Gazette and has traveled globally, photographing fauna and their relationship with local flora. Alison is a U.S. Air Force veteran and a retired electrical engineer; she spent over twenty years in industry, most recently as Executive Director at JHU Whiting School of Engineering.



Alan Jessen

Moderator

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We look forward to your participation and engagement in this event.
Thank you,

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