

The UPES PTA needs many helping hands this Saturday!

The Anacostia Watershed Society is leading the second garden day at the school to install native plants along the Wells Run Creek bank. Shovels and gloves are provided; you need only bring a refillable water bottle or cup.

UPES Garden Day

This Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m

**** SIGN UP TO HELP ****

Visit www.anacostiaws.org/calendar or email UPESPTAgrounds@gmail.com.

More information about the project ...

Over the next two years, the plan includes planting a butterfly garden, new trees and native plants (in addition to grading changes, removing pavement and shoring up the eroding hillside by the playground). AWS staffers are also working with teachers to provide hands-on learning opportunities in ecology and stream health.

In April, a handful of volunteers planted over 100 perennials along the stream (including Blue Flag Iris, Soft Curly Rush, and Cardinal Flower). The AWS staff also installed a section of sediment control straw matting on the slope by Underwood Street to protect the most severely eroded tree roots. It's our hope that this (and encouragement from adults) will discourage digging in this area until more permanent erosion control measures – with the ultimate goal of saving the school's street tree canopy – can be undertaken.

Sign up, and we will see you on Saturday!

Thank you,
The UPES PTA Grounds Committee