



# Housatonic Valley Association Volunteer Opportunities

For more information or to register, contact Alison, Berkshire Outreach Manager at 413-298-7024 or [adixon@hvatoday.org](mailto:adixon@hvatoday.org)

## **Water Quality Monitoring (Project period: May – end of September)**

Trainings will be held on the following dates (Rain cancels). Call 413-298-7024 to register and receive further details.

Thursday, May 23 5:30pm – 6:30pm Dalton

Thursday, May 30 5:30pm – 6:30pm Pittsfield

Wednesday, May 29 5:30pm – 6:30pm Pittsfield

Friday, May 31 8am – 9am Pittsfield

HVA welcomes volunteers to help collect water samples to test for bacteria levels in Pittsfield and Dalton. Samples are collected following a 72 hour dry weather period, therefore exact dates each month are still to be determined. Volunteers will need transportation to their water sampling site(s) and must be physically able to collect the sample(s). Training and equipment provided.

## **Old Mill Trail Work Party and Invasive Removal (in partnership with BNRC)**

Wednesday, July 17 4:00pm – 6:30pm Old Mill Trail (trailhead), Old Dalton Road, Hinsdale, MA

Help remove invasive plants such as garlic mustard, barberry, multiflora rose and Japanese knotweed. Following, an extensive invasive plant removal project in 2017, we continue to monitor and remove any regrowth. Other maintenance tasks for the trail will be done as needed.

## **Housatonic River Cleanups (in partnership with BEAT)**

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 1pm (Pittsfield) Meet at Wahconah Park, 105 Wahconah Street, Pittsfield

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm (Lee) Meet at Lee Athletic Field, Housatonic Street, Lee

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 9am – 1pm (Pittsfield) Meet at Wahconah Park, 105 Wahconah Street, Pittsfield

Saturday, August 3: 9 – Noon (Great Barrington) Housatonic River Cleanup with Camp Eisner (Rain Date Aug 10)

Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 9am – Noon (Pittsfield) Meet behind 703 West Housatonic Street, Pittsfield

At each cleanup, crews will be dispersed to remove trash from in the Housatonic. Gloves and trash bags provided. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and wear old clothes (preferably long pants) and wear a pair of old sneakers. You will be in the water. If you can, let us know you are coming as we provide lunch and snacks to all volunteers. (Rain or thunder cancels)

**Tabling Events (periodically)** Meet people and share your love of rivers and protecting them! Volunteers are needed to help staff our table and answer questions at multiple community events.

## **Rain Garden Maintenance (Weekly help, when possible – from April – October)**

HVA assists the City of Pittsfield with the maintenance of the 10 rain gardens on North Street. Become a “Rain Garden Angel” and take care of one of the 10 gardens on North Street. We’ll provide all equipment. It’s a weekly event.

## **Paddle Trip Assistance** for any of the paddle trips is always helpful! **Dates include:**

Sunday, July 14; Sunday, August 11; Saturday, September 7 and 21

Help load and unload boats, paddles and PFDs, register participants, and various dates. Call the HVA Berkshire office (413-298-7024) for more information and to offer your assistance.

## **Help Keep Our Rivers Cleaner: Storm Drain Decaling parties (Project period June)**

Mondays, June 17 & 24; Come help decal storm drains in Pittsfield and Dalton. Call 413-298-7024 for more information.

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