

Exploring Green Careers

Part Two:

Your Turn to Interview

Risharda Harley



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To get the most from an interview, it helps to learn a little bit about your subject beforehand.

During a livestream event you will meet:

Risharda Harley

And learn about her role as the

Natural Resources
Stewardship Manager

with the

Accokeek Foundation
at Piscataway Park



Risharda Harley

Learn more about Risharda!

My name is Risharda. I was raised in District Heights, MD and work at Piscataway Park as a Natural Resources Manager. I thought I was going to be a Veterinarian, but I couldn't decide what I wanted to do when I grew up! I thought I was going to be a Computer Scientist, a Japanese interpreter, a biologist, a geologist, a forester, or a chemist! I simply could not make up my mind! But after going to college multiple times, meeting helpful people, and trying different jobs, I finally found a job I love as a Natural Resources Manager, and the cool part is that I am still a vet, computer scientist, interpreter, biologist, geologist, forester, and chemist, all rolled into one!



In this photo, Risharda talks about a plant called Skunk Cabbage for a film project



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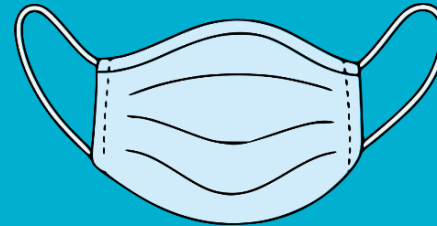
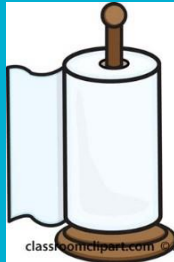
What I Do



As a Natural Resources Manager I manage the natural resources that are found at Piscataway Park. One of our natural resources is water. To take care of it, I lead shoreline clean ups to remove trash from the river, and on this page are some things I both find and don't find in the river.

- Can you guess how long it takes each one to decompose and put them in order from the shortest amount of time to decompose, to the item that takes the longest amount of time to decompose?
- Can you guess which ones I do not find on the shoreline?

I'll share the answers during our interview time!



What You Can Do... at the Park!

- Volunteer!
- Experience a program!
- Go on a tour!

"Piscataway Park is a living classroom where generations come together to learn about the environment and the role that people play in shaping the landscape."



What You Can Do... at Home!

- **Don't Litter:** Put trash in your pocket until you get to a trash can
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot:** Be selective about how you'll dispose of an item

[Learn what items can be recycled in DC HERE!](#)



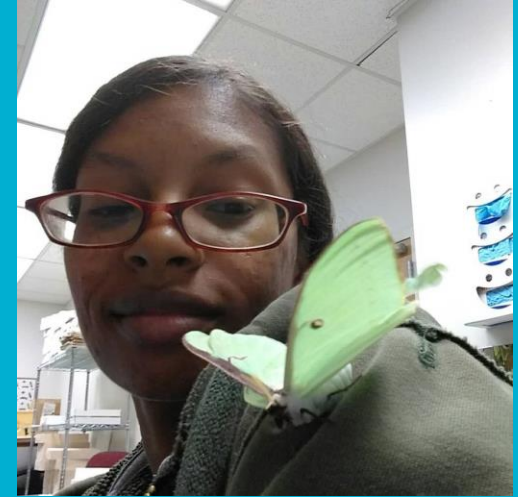
See what else Risharda is up to!



Risharda goes out to count and band osprey populations



Taking a break from planting rice in the river to play with mud



Newly emerged Luna Moth!

Volunteers Take Care of the Park!



Volunteers that removed trash from the Potomac River



Invasive teasel plants removed with volunteers



Volunteers that helped remove invasive plants

Want to Learn More about Piscataway Park?

- Visit the [Land & Cultural Preservation page](#) to find out what it means to be stewards of cultural history and the Piscataway values, and to learn about some of the conservation projects underway at the park.
- Celebrate the recent launch of the [Southern Maryland National Heritage Area](#)!
- These [Self-Guided Adventures](#) provide a fun way to learn more about the park while getting excited to plan your next visit!



What Do You Wonder?

What questions do you have about the history of Piscataway Park?

What questions do you have about how to visit the Park?

What questions do you have about being a steward of natural resources?

What questions do you have about some of the projects you learned about?

Now that you are familiar with Risharda and her career, write down some questions to ask during the livestream event!

