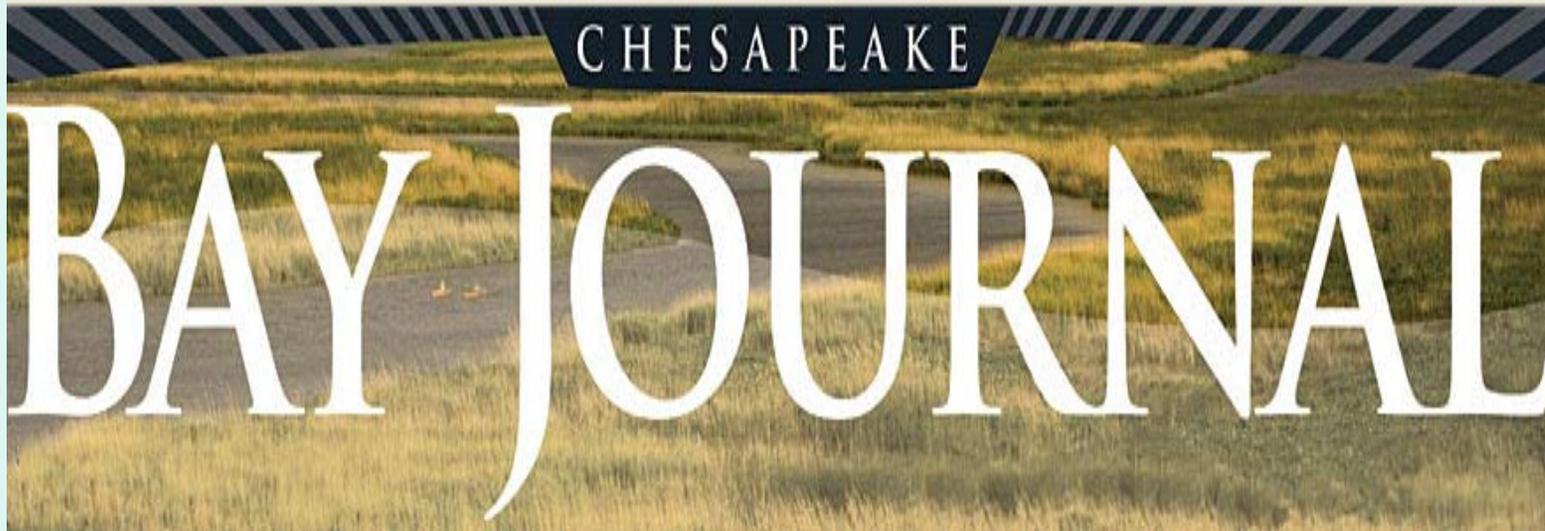


Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force-Subcommittee on Herndon-Monroe Metro Sunrise Valley Nature Park

July 6, 2010

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Reston Association





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Migratory songbird decline hits an alarming note

Chesapeake Bay Journal

- Although millions of migratory birds return to their breeding areas each year, **many species are declining.**
- **Habitat loss** throughout North, Central and South America has had the greatest impact on their populations.
- In North America, large tracts of fields, forests and **wetlands are disappearing as the result of development.**

Chesapeake Bay Journal (cont.)

- Looking at the data collected in the past 29 years, researchers have documented the changes in bird populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
- The yellow-billed cuckoo, gray catbird, least flycatcher and Baltimore oriole are declining at 1 % per year.
- The wood thrush, whip-poor-will, Eastern wood peewee, chipping sparrow, barn swallow and scarlet tanager are declining between 1 % and 3% a year.

Chesapeake Bay Journal (cont.)

- More startling is the decline in warblers.
- Many of these small, colorful birds, favorites of bird watchers, breed in forests and swamps.
- The black-and-white warbler is declining between 4 % and 5 %;
- The black-throated blue warbler by more than 3 %.



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A Place to Study Nature



Educational Opportunities at the Wetland Park

- Osher Life Long Learning classes-Seniors
- Science and Day Camp
- School fieldtrips
- Bird, butterfly and dragonfly counts
- Bird walks



Butterfly Count 2010



Added 5 new butterflies to the species list.



“Protecting and promoting wetland and habitat conservation.”

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CONSERVATION COVENANT

THIS CONSERVATION COVENANT is made this 29th day of July, 1994, by RESTON LAND CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation ("Reston").

BACKGROUND STATEMENT

A. Reston is the owner in fee simple of that certain real property located in Fairfax County, and being more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Property").

B. Reston desires to place restrictive covenants on the Property for the purposes of protecting and promoting wetland and habitat conservation (the "Conservation Covenant").

C. Reston further desires to comply with that certain permit (the "Permit") issued by the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers dated November 19, 1993 pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Permit No. 93-1447-40) to and including paragraphs 4(a) and 4(b) of said Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and other

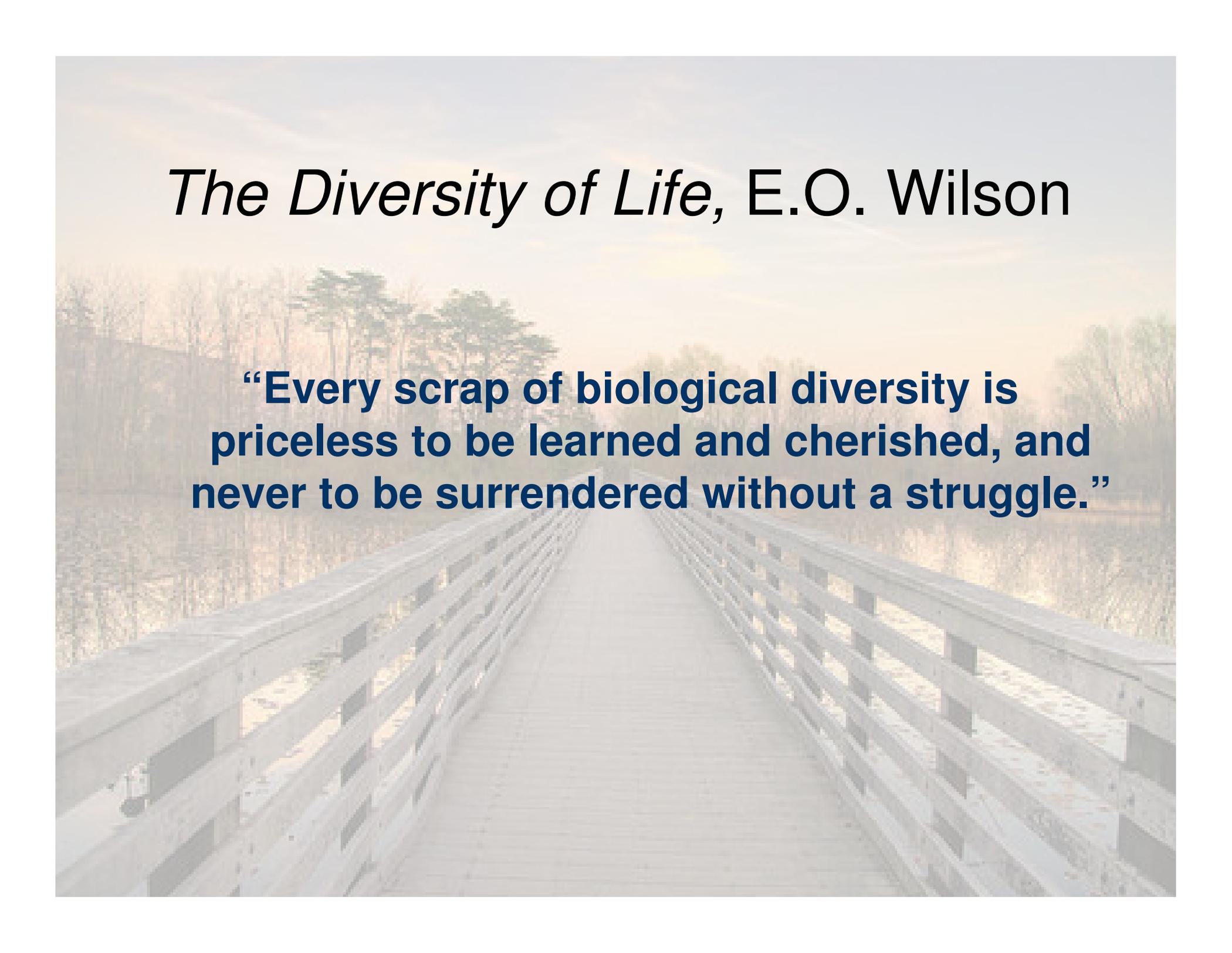
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BOX #44

Tracks in the Sky

Peter Steinhart

“If the developer across the table has a lawyer sitting next to him, then it’s a wetland. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have his lawyer with him”



The Diversity of Life, E.O. Wilson

“Every scrap of biological diversity is priceless to be learned and cherished, and never to be surrendered without a struggle.”