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Promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River since 1986

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Volunteers Needed for 20th Annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey

Spring is only two months away, the time when frogs and toads begin their chorus of calls. This spring, consider learning why frogs and toads are making those sounds and which ones you might have in your area. Friends of the Rouge is looking for people interested in participating in the annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. The survey is a simple presence/absence survey. Volunteers visit wetlands at night and identify what types of frogs and toads are calling.

Interested volunteers need to sign up for ONE of three training sessions held on Saturdays in February and March. All materials are provided at the workshop. Volunteers are assigned survey blocks and required to visit them several times a month March through June on damp warm nights.

This will be the 20th year of the survey. Friends of the Rouge started the survey in 1998 to involve local residents in collecting data about the health of Rouge River wetlands. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, visit the FOTR website at www.therouge.org.

The 2017 survey is supported, in part, by Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics.

Workshop dates:

<http://www.therouge.org/our-work/rouge-frog--toad-survey/current-surveyors>

Sat. February 25, 2017 10am-12pm

Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Sat. February 4, 2017 10am-12pm

Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

Sat. February 18, 2017 10am-12pm

Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188

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