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**PHOTO OP: MARRIOTT VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN UP COUNTY PARKS
DURING “SPIRIT TO SERVE DAY”**

SILVER SPRING, MD – Nearly 200 hardworking employees from Marriott International headquarters in Bethesda will participate in Marriott’s “Spirit to Serve Day” by once again heading to four Montgomery County parks to clear debris, remove invasive vines, plant flowers and help maintain trails on Wednesday, May 17. Last year, Marriott volunteers contributed over 650 hours of service to our parks!

Four park locations include:

- Brookside Nature Center in Wheaton Regional Park, 50 volunteers will do trail work and remove invasives
- Lake Needwood in Rock Creek Regional Park, 50 volunteers will do general maintenance around the park, including weeding, trail work and sign installation
- Locust Grove Nature Center in Cabin John Regional Park, 25 volunteers will be planting good plants and removing the bad ones
- McCrillis Gardens and Gallery in Bethesda, 50 volunteers will remove English ivy.

“On behalf of the Montgomery County Planning Board, we appreciate the hard work of so many Marriott volunteers on Spirit to Serve Day,” said Derick P. Berlage, Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board. “For four years in a row, Marriott has delivered the largest groups of corporate volunteers ever to work in our 32,950-acre park system.”

For civic, environmental and business groups, scout troops and individuals to schedule stream cleanups, student community service or other volunteer projects, those interested may call the Montgomery parks volunteer services office at 301/495-2504.

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