Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee Meeting, 2015.06.01

Present: Chair Lonnie Murray, Tom Olivier, Rochelle Garwood, Peggy Cornett, Tom Torrance, Anne Bedarf (Secretary), Jeremy Glode. Albemarle County: Scott Clark

Membership
- Karen Firehock will no longer be an official part of the NHC, given that a staff person is coming on-board soon
- Anne will be out the next four months but will set up notes pages

Call from Edible Landscaping
- Lonnie got a call about removal of invasive species within the 100 ft. buffer (applies to permanent and intermittent streams), where somebody was fined
- Garth Road Area
- Edible Landscaping called to see what they could do to help replant
- Agricultural exemptions abound
- Scott will check what the ordinance says

Ragged Mountain
- Successful trip
- Found that the plan for building trails cut through showy orchid habitat. The City and County Parks were notified and the trails will be modified
- Found a rare species

Landscape Analysis (Tom Olivier)
- Looked at connectivity using CONFOR program
- 1 acre or more
- Limited to 1000 ft. distances
- Can look at maximum distances that an organism can traverse
- Will help us analyze patches and produced a lot of interesting results
- For plant species, major relevant is suseptibility to invasives as it relates to edge forest

REMINDER (repeat from last month) Committee members should start tracking their hours. Anne sent out a Google spreadsheet for this purpose available at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RLAK0cl3fVFfwlM98aOzNmaBy7MHroSmtiS5h2sUDg0/edit?usp=sharing

REMINDER: Site Visits. Please see the Google spreadsheet for these: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10wbgwikDDcia5W0c8dfZn_hogCgcI3x-On9JMh3dwIM/edit?usp=sharing

Next Meetings--PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDARS:
- July 6th
- August 3rd
- September 14th
- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th

From July - Oct, Anne will not be able to attend and we'll need an alternative secretary.
PLEASE USE THE GOOGLE DOCS FORMAT - Anne will set up