



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **April 18:** NOAA Marine Debris removal project: Volunteers needed from 8:30 am to 10 am at Spruce Creek Park located at 6250 S. Ridgewood Ave, Port Orange. Volunteers will need closed toed shoes that they do not mind getting wet and muddy, please contact Debbie Wingfield at dwingfield@volusia.org for more information.
- **April 19:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is looking for volunteers to assist with invasive species and debris removal from 8:30 –11:30 am on the St. Johns River near Hontoon Island State Park. Please contact Karianne Rivera, for more information and to reserve a kayak or canoe, at Karianne.M.Rivera@dep.state.fl.us or call 407-448-4484 - flyer attached.
- **April 22:** St. Johns River Cleanup: Volunteers needed for the 21st annual St. Johns River Cleanup from 8 to 11 am. For more information and registration visit www.volusia.org/cleanup

April Sustainability Tip: Reduce plastic by avoiding plastic eggs and grass, another alternative is to reuse existing plastic eggs and grass. Please do not give live animals as Easter gifts. View the [Green Volusia](http://www.volusia.org) site for more tips and information on how to go green.



Rugel's Pawpaw (*Deeringothamnus rugelii*) should begin to bloom in April! The Rugel's Pawpaw is endemic (only found in) to Volusia County and is a low shrub that can be found in dry usually disturbed areas. Threats

to the plant include loss of habitat and lack of periodic fire! Keep an eye out for it in bloom!

Explore Volusia Opportunities

- Tuesday April 18, 9-11 am
EcoBuggy Tour Wiregrass Prairie Preserve. Take a ride through the wonderful 1,400 acre Wiregrass Prairie Preserve, which is situated almost entirely in the St. Johns River Valley.
- Wednesday April 26, 9-11 am
Ride the paved path from Edgewater, off Cow Creek Rd., to Rotary Park and back. View April Explore Volusia programs at www.volusia.org/explorevolusia

