



McFarlane Nature Park News

Sharing with those who work and care for the Park

October 2025

McFarlane Future Fund Endowment

Thanks to a recent \$8,000 donation, the Future Fund now stands at \$77,000, moving us closer to our \$100,000 goal. The endowment aims to make McFarlane more resilient; once fully funded, 80% of annual growth will support operating costs and 20% will be reinvested. As McFarlane is not a county park, we receive no government funding—the property is held by The Cobb Land Trust Inc., a Georgia charitable corporation, ensuring continuity regardless of board members.

Your contributions remain in the Fund to benefit the community and preserve this property for generations. For maximum impact, checks can be sent directly to Cobb Land Trust, PO Box 672652, Marietta 30006 (no intermediary fees), or donate online at www.mcfarlanenaturepark.com.



Making Personal Decisions to Aid Insects

Fall is here, and our choices affect local wildlife. Leaving some leaves, especially under oak trees, provides winter shelter for hundreds of species, including caterpillars, worms and beetles that rely on this habitat. Leaving spent plants standing also provides shelter for bees and other species that winter in the stems.

This is how many pollinators spend part of their lives in your yard

PUPA



PUPARIUM



CHRYSLIS



COCOON



Disturbing leaves, soil, and plant debris harms next season's bees and butterflies, and it threatens the birds that rely on them for food.

HEALTHY  YARDS

Sustainability Pledges

- shop more locally
- avoid single-use plastics
- promote renewable energy
- take my reusable bags with me when I shop
- carry a reusable coffee mug
- advocate for the environment
- refuse plastic straws
- carpool more
- limit outdoor lights at night
- recycle - wash out recyclables
- find alternatives to zippered plastic bags
- shrink the size of my lawn
- be open to new habits
- buy less stuff
- start composting
- plant an organic vegetable garden
- use a mulching lawn mower
- be more mindful of my consumption
- plant more native plants and trees

Take at least one Sustainability Pledge to do your part for the environment.



Mentor. Discover. Inspire.

MDI is a volunteer-run, non-profit men's organization, made up of local and online men's teams all over the world. One of the teams meets regularly at McFarlane and has stepped up to help us in cleaning, repairing and painting the tack shed used by the Master Gardeners to store wheelbarrows and other tools. Their first effort included providing better flooring for the shed. Now they have returned and replaced the pitted and rusting tin roof.



Wildlife in the gardens

Bee in the maypop, Fritillary caterpillar, Monarch caterpillars

The McFarlane Calendar

At this date, in mid-October, more than 82 events have been scheduled at the Park during this year, in addition to daily casual use.

October 31 430-630p The annual Halloween Party will be organized by the Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club (CPWC), with fun for the kids before traditional Trick or Treating.

December 14 Sun 3-530p The annual CPWC Yule Log celebration with a roaring fire, treats, and Santa in attendance

April 25-26 Family Day at McFarlane. Events to be revealed soon!

Put your event on the calendar by contacting Karin at 678-860-4445 or Laura at 770-403-4837

Volunteer Opportunities

- Are you at the Park a lot? Make it your job to refill the literature boxes at the sign board. Tri-fold brochures supplied.
- Make new friends and learn by joining the Master Gardener volunteers on Tuesday mornings, about 9 a.m. Contact Kate at 404-983-8033
- QR codes throughout the Park get decorated by birds which makes them hard to read. Take a kitchen wipe with you when you walk and give them a quick clean.

Contact mcfarlaneclt@gmail.com to volunteer

Big thanks to our neighbors who helped us foot the bill for the big tree that fell in the display gardens. Your donations really helped. Tree maintenance is one of our biggest expenses.

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