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Historical and Biographical Information

The Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve is a freshwater tidal marsh located in Fairfax County on the Potomac River, just south of Alexandria, Virginia, and is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) as part of George Washington Memorial Parkway. The Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM) is a volunteer group dedicated to preserving, protecting, and restoring the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve through education, science, and stewardship.

FODM was formed in 1975 by a group of local citizens who wanted to stop plans to use the marsh as a dumping ground for dredged river spoil. The group formally organized as a non-profit organization in order to cooperate with the National Park Service and was incorporated in 1976. Their efforts include: holding quarterly meetings and other programs open to the public, publishing a newsletter called The Marsh Wren, raising money to sponsor scientific studies of the marsh, conducting nature walks and surveys, hosting trash clean-ups, preparing informational materials, encouraging public stewardship, and helping NPS control invasive plants.

Scope and Content

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