



You are invited to the



2008 Pollinator Field Day

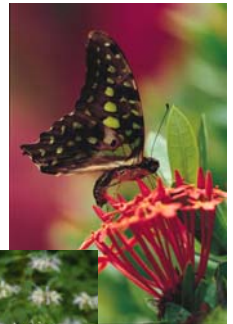
at the USDA-NRCS National Plant Materials Center, Beltsville, MD

“The buzz about plants and their pollinators”

Mark June 26, 2008 on your calendar! Join the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its partners as they celebrate National Pollinator Week, June 22-28. Hear national and state speakers, participate in tours of the National Plant Materials Center and view exhibits that demonstrate how NRCS and its partners support pollinators in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Some of these activities include:

- New wildflowers and legumes for Maryland Conservation Cover plantings.
- Tips and information on how homeowners can enhance their backyards.
- A sampling of the bounty from pollinators.



Where: USDA-NRCS, National Plant Materials Center, Beltsville, MD

When: Thursday, June 26, 2008, 9:00 am to NOON

Who: Conservation partners, scientists, homeowners, farmers and any others who are interested are invited to this event.

Why: NRCS Plant Materials Centers are critical to providing conservation plants and technology for supporting pollinators. Find out more about these activities and how USDA, NRCS and other conservation partners enhance pollinator habitat.

Details: Sign-in begins at 8:45 am. There will be brief comments by agriculture and conservation leaders at 9:00 am followed by a field tour of the National Plant Materials Center, exhibits and refreshments.

PLEASE REGISTER by June 24, 2008. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact the Plant Materials Center at Sanka.Chen@md.usda.gov or (301) 504-8175.

Directions to the National Plant Materials Center

USDA-NRCS
National Plant Materials Center
Building 509, BARC-East
Beaver Dam Road
Beltsville, MD 20705
Phone: 301-504-8175

DIRECTIONS:

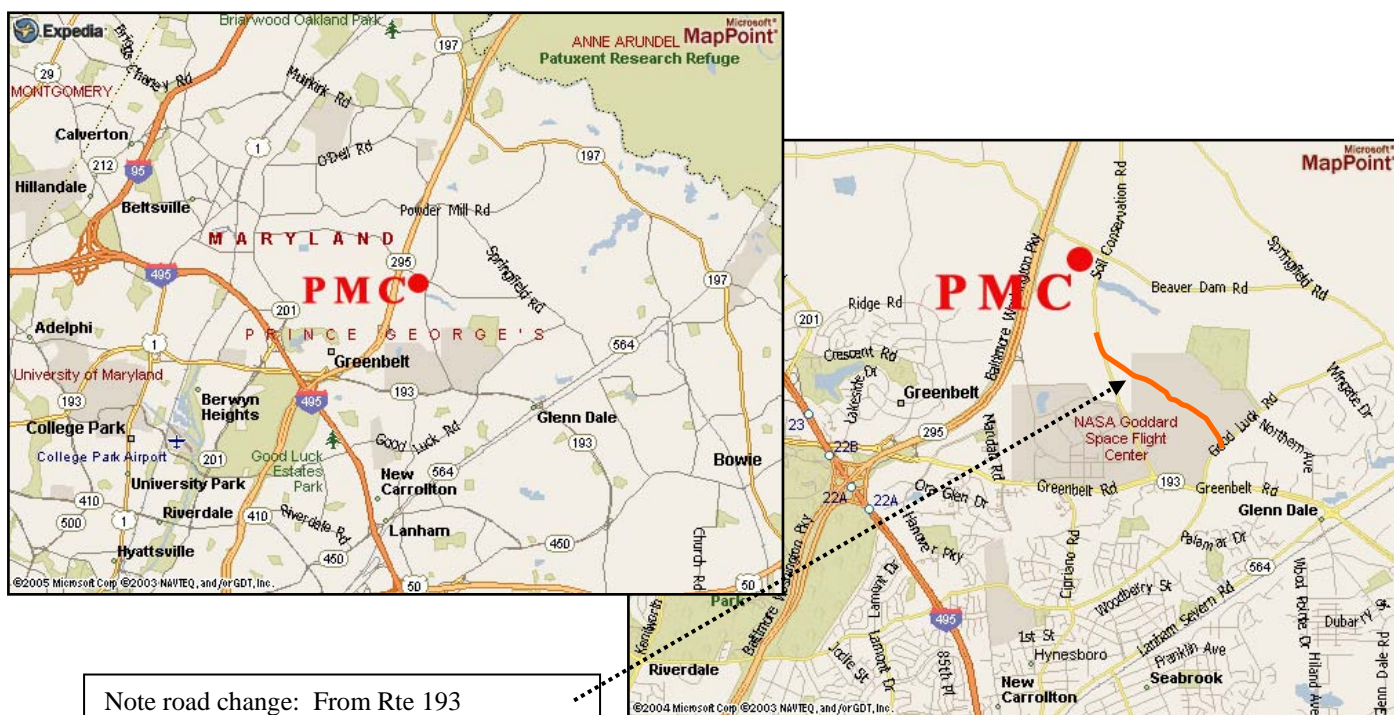
From Baltimore: Follow BW Pkwy (I-295 South). Exit at Powder Mill Road. Turn left at the bottom of the exit. Yield to the right on to Soil Conservation Road (going south). About one mile, turn right (west) on Beaver Dam Road. Building 509 is located on the left side of the road.

From Washington, D.C. & Virginia: Take Beltway (I-495 North). Exit BW Parkway (I-295 North). Exit Powder Mill Road. Turn right at the bottom of the exit. Yield to the first right on to Soil Conservation Road (going south). About one mile, turn right (west) on Beaver Dam Road. Building 509 is located on the left side of the road.

From Annapolis: Follow John Hanson Hwy. (Route 50) towards Washington, D.C. (west).

Via Route 197: Exit Route 50 onto Route 197 north (2nd Bowie exit). Follow 197 north through Bowie to Powder Mill Road. There is a signal light and Powder Mill Road is across from the Patuxent Research Refuge entrance. Go west on Powder Mill Road to the next signal light and turn left (south) onto Soil Conservation Road. Go 1 mile and turn right (west) onto Beaver Dam Road. Building 509 is located on the left side of the road.

Via the Beltway: Exit Beltway (I-495 North) (College Park direction). Exit BW Parkway (I-295 North). Exit Powder Mill Road. Turn right at the bottom of the exit. Yield to the first right on to Soil Conservation Road. About one mile, turn right (west) on Beaver Dam Road. Building 509 is located on the left side of the road.



Note road change: From Rte 193 (Greenbelt Road), go past NASA and turn on to Good Luck Road. The road changes to Soil Conservation Service Road.