The Stonehaven Wildlife Habitat Tour

Saturday, May 19th, 10AM to 3PM

Our Stonehaven Community and surrounding neighborhoods offer a wonderful and diverse mixture of homes and landscapes just minutes from uptown. All of us enjoy the mature trees throughout our walkable, family-friendly neighborhood in one of the most desirable areas of Charlotte. While our city continues to grow with new construction around every turn, we are fortunate to have an abundance of lush vegetation with landscapes that provide a peaceful and beautiful setting year 'round.

To emphasize and encourage a healthy balance between economic growth and nature, a group of Stonehaven neighbors, in partnership with CROWN, is offering a special tour of their landscapes, which have all been certified by the National Wildlife Federation as "Wildlife Habitats." What is a certified wildlife habitat? It's a property that meets criteria established by the National Wildlife Federation, which include the following elements: **Food, Water, Cover, Places to raise young, and Utilizing sustainable gardening practices**.

While each landscape is unique, those represented on this tour offer these and other qualities that provide a safe haven for wildlife to thrive while increasing property value. We feel that it is important to share, educate, and inspire others to give habitat back to nature that has been lost to development. We welcome you to visit each of these unique properties during "The Stonehaven Wildlife Habitat Tour." Bring your kids, cameras, and notepads to collect ideas for your property.

We hope you will be inspired to certify your property and support a healthy ecosystem in Stonehaven and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Tour details: *www.stonehavencharlotte.com*

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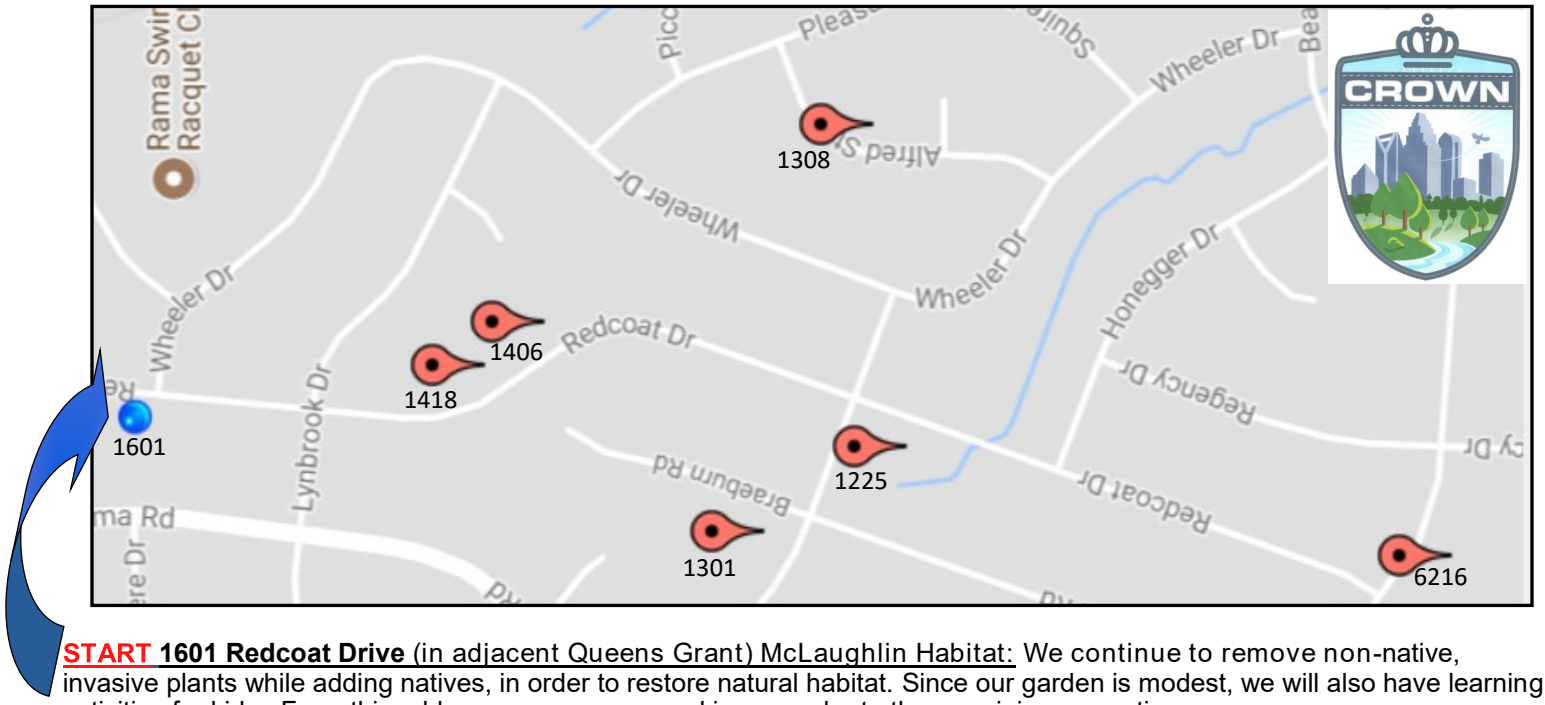

START **1601 Redcoat Drive** (in adjacent Queens Grant) McLaughlin Habitat: We continue to remove non-native, invasive plants while adding natives, in order to restore natural habitat. Since our garden is modest, we will also have learning activities for kids. From this address you may proceed in any order to the remaining properties.

1418 Redcoat Drive - Herman Habitat: We are working on a garden filled with native plants that supply food and shelter to the local birds and animals, as well as being a refuge from the daily stresses of life. The garden is constantly changing and expanding.

1406 Redcoat Drive - Birge Habitat: Food, fragrance and visual focus converge in one backyard featuring blueberries and figs, tea olives and gardenias, and two flower-filled gardens planted for butterflies and bees. Garden and fescue lawn are virtually pesticide free.

1225 Redcoat Drive - Smith Habitat: A busy family's attempt to balance the outdoor needs of pets and a small child, while finding creative ways to attract and nurture wildlife. We're eliminating turf grass to create more planting areas that attract wildlife.

1308 Alfred Street - Schoonover Habitat: Nearly year-round blooms are featured in this yard along with walking paths that invite you to stroll through the garden. It includes plenty of berry-producing plants and lush foliage suitable for nesting. Heated bird-bath in winter. A pesticide-free zone.

1301 Braeburn Road - Bolls Habitat: As a work in progress, we're incorporating native plants and increasing natural areas. We participate in the Butterfly Highway Project with wildflower patches that nourish pollinators as their beauty nourishes our souls.

6216 Rocky Falls Road - McLaney Habitat: This property offers a diverse wildlife habitat with a focus on providing supplemental food and water sources while reducing lawn. All plants added were for the purpose of providing benefit to native wildlife species and year-round interest. Organic products are used and no pesticides are used. See handout for details.

Please observe these tour courtesy rules:

- Please, no pets.
- Tours are outside only.
- Children must remain with adults at all time.
- Do not walk in flower beds, pick flowers, or take plant or leaf "samples".
- We are guests at each property. Show respect by taking care where you step.
- By participating in this tour, you agree to these rules and are accepting full responsibility for your own safety.