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## Woodcock Walk Celebrates Aldo Leopold Weekend in Howard County

Jessup, MD. February 4, 2010– Naturalist Jo Solem will lead a walk in the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA) to celebrate one of the earliest signs of spring, the arrival of American woodcocks for mating season. The event will highlight woodcock habitat restoration efforts and a reading of Aldo Leopold’s classic essay about the bird, “Sky Dance,” as part of the national celebration, March 5-7, of Leopold’s pioneering conservation work.

The walk, sponsored by The James and Anne Robinson Foundation, will take place at the MPEA in Clarksville, Maryland on Saturday, March 6, 1-3 pm. Admission is free and registration is not required. Donations will support the Robinson Foundation.

### Directions to the MPEA

From U.S. 29 at 32: Take 32 west to the Great Star Drive exit. Turn right onto Great Star Drive. Then make a right onto Summer Sunrise. Continue to Trotter Road and make a left. Proceed about 1 mile to the parking area on the right, just beyond the small traffic circle.

From U.S. 29 at 108: Take 108 west and continue past Centennial Lane. Proceed past Harpers Farm Road to Trotter Road and make a left. Continue to the parking area on the left. If you reach the small traffic circle you’ve gone too far.

For additional information on the woodcock walk, contact the Robinson Foundation at 443-733-1203.

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Through its programs and partnerships, the James and Anne Robinson Foundation fosters appreciation for the natural world and environmental stewardship in children and adults in Howard County and beyond. The Foundation supports the work of the Robinson Nature Center as well as other local environmental and watershed initiatives.