## Green Team Initiative June 2025

## 🌿 🦉 Let's Protect Local Wildlife! 🗁 🌲

Highlands, did you know that the woods and river right in our backyard are home to incredible wildlife? From birds soaring through the trees to fish swimming in the river, these habitats need our help to thrive! Let's do our part in protecting the natural spaces that so many species depend on.

Here's why it matters:

- Our Local Species: The Shrewsbury River is home to fish like striped bass and bluefish, while our woods shelter animals like white-tailed deer, foxes, and osprey. These creatures rely on healthy habitats to survive.
- Healthy Ecosystems: By protecting wildlife and their habitats, we keep ecosystems balanced. These healthy ecosystems help purify our air, filter water, and support plant life that feeds both animals and humans!
- **Our Role:** As humans, we play a big part in protecting these habitats. By keeping our environment clean, respecting wildlife, and supporting conservation efforts, we ensure these spaces remain for future generations.

## Thow YOU can help:

- 🚮 Pick up trash to keep natural habitats clean and safe.
- 🛑 Stay on trails to avoid disturbing wildlife habitats.
- Plant native species to support local wildlife.
- Did You Know! P The oldest known Osprey was at least 25 years, 2 months old, and lived in Virginia. It was banded in 1973 and found in 1998.

Together, we can protect the amazing wildlife that calls Highlands home.

Let's keep our habitat healthy!