DISC Annual Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2026

8:30	**Check-In & Networking**
9:00	**Welcome, Announcements, and Retrospective** Benjamin Schlusser, DNREC Division of Parks and Recreation, DISC Chair
9:30	**USDA's Maryland Detector Dog Program expands Horizons in Hunt for Rare and Invasive Species** Trevor Michaels, USDA
10:00	**Invasive Ticks in the Mid-Atlantic** Ashley Kennedy, DNREC Fish and Wildlife
10:20	**BREAK**
10:30	**Control of Invasive Aquatic Vegetation** Maria Psomas, DNREC Fish and Wildlife
10:50	**Natural World Values for Communication and Planning** Joe Thomas, Kendal Crosslands, DISC Board
11:10	**English Ivy Removal in Brandywine Park** Lucy Dinsmore
11:30	**Non-Native Species Management in DNPS Rewilding Project** Eric Zuelke, Delaware Native Plant Society
12:00	**LUNCH**
1:00	**Business Meeting** DISC Board
1:20	**DISC's Small Grant Program** Mike Steiger, DNREC Fish and Wildlife, DISC Board
1:30	**Delaware's Forest Resiliency Fund** Laura Upham, Delaware Forest Service
1:40	**Delaware's Diverse Ecosystems: An Overview** Bill McAvoy, DISC Board
2:40	**BREAK**
2:50	**Redtail Restoration: Reflections on Long Term Projects** Greg Gagliano, Redtail Restoration LLC
3:10	**Chronic Wasting Disease** Laurel Hossler, DNREC Fish and Wildlife
3:30	**NETWORKING SOCIAL HOUR**