



Located on .27 acres at Lawyers and Windover Roads NW, Salsbury Spring is a quiet place of reflection. Named for Captain H.L. Salsbury, the land donor for both West End and Sons and Daughters Cemeteries, this is a quiet, shaded and unpretentious tract of land. Feeling a world away from the hub-bub of Vienna, one can come here to enjoy the beauty of mature trees, small seating area and a trickling spring.

## A Sampling of Vienna's Historic Structures and Places

Freeman Store and Museum, 1859  
 Moorefield House Site, 1790  
 Vienna Railroad Station, 1861  
 First Baptist Church, 1867  
 Vienna Presbyterian Church, 1874  
 Bowman House, 1894  
 Bouton's Hall, 1894  
 The Original Vienna Library, 1897  
 Vienna Elementary School, 1923  
 Vienna Inn, 1925  
 Louise Archer Elementary School, 1939  
 Vienna Town Hall  
 Salsbury Spring  
 Railroad Caboose  
 Private Residences in the Windover Heights Historic District  
 Private Residences on Vienna's Historic Register

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# Salsbury Spring Park

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## Salsbury Spring History

Salsbury Spring provided drinking water and cooled the milk for the 250 acre dairy farm of Capt. Harmon L. Salsbury (1838-1913), commander of the US Colored Troop Company D, 26th Regiment from New York during the Civil War. The spring was the only source of water for the Vienna area during the drought of 1930 which dried up most wells. In 1938, Capt. Salsbury's wife and children donated this site to the Town of Vienna to be designated a park in his honor.

## Salsbury Spring and the Ayr Hill Garden Club ([www.ayrhillgardenclub.org](http://www.ayrhillgardenclub.org))

In March 1939 the deed to Salsbury Spring was presented to the Ayr Hill Garden Club (established 1929) for presentation to the Town of Vienna. The Club's March 1939 minutes state "*Mrs. Salsbury then presented the Club with the deed to the Spring, requesting that a marker be put up in the memory of Harmon I. Salsbury [her husband]. Deed accepted with appreciation, on behalf of the town – to be presented to the mayor and council later*". The Club has continued to beautify and maintain this area.

## Salsbury Spring – the Plan

The Ayr Hill Garden Club is working with the Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation to create a predominantly native park/ habitat/ woodland/ arboretum to demonstrate how people can bring native species into their own gardens. The Club has attained National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat designation, and will seek Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary Certification and Monarch Way Station status.



### Partial Plant List

(Good info: <http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/>)

Amelanchier canadensis, serviceberry  
Asarum canadense, wild ginger  
Cephalanthus occidentalis, buttonbush  
Cercis canadensis, eastern redbud  
Cornus amomum, silky dogwood  
Euonymus americanus, strawberry bush

Eurybia divaricata (Aster divaricatus), white wood aster  
Onoclea sensibilis, sensitive fern  
Rhus hirta (R. typhina), staghorn sumac  
Thuja occidentalis, arborvitae, northern white cedar  
Verbesina alternifolia, wingstem, yellow ironweed  
Viburnum dentatum (V. recognitum), southern arrowwood  
Antennaria plantagenefolia, pussytoes  
Aquilegia canadensis, native columbine  
Asclepias incarnate, swamp milk weed  
Asclepias syriaca, common milkweed  
Asclepias viridis, Or viridiflora, green milkweed  
Canadensis anemone, round-leaved or Canadian anemone, thimbleweed  
Chasmanthium latifolium, wild oats, river oats, sea oats, spanglegrass  
Cimicifuga racemosa, black snakeroot  
Coreopsis tripteris, tall coreopsis  
Doellingeria umbellata, flat topped white asters  
Eupatorium hyssopifolium, hyssop leaved boneset  
Eupatorium perfoliatum, boneset  
Gentian clausa, bottle gentian  
Geranium maculatum, wild geranium  
Helianthus hirsute, woodland sunflower  
Lobelia cardinalis, cardinal flower  
Lobelia syphilitic, blue lobelia  
Lonicera sempervirens, trumpet or coral honeysuckle  
Malianthemum, false solomon seal, racemosum  
Monarda didyma, twoleaf miterwort, bishop's cap  
Monarda fistulosa, wild bergamot, horsemint  
Physostegia virginiana, obedient plant  
Polemonium reptans, Jacobs ladder, Greek valerian..  
Pycnanthemum incanum, mountain mint,  
Senecio aureus, golden ragwort  
Solidago  
Gray. S. nemoralis  
ZigZag. S flexicaulis  
Erect  
Bluestemmed. Solidago caesia  
Rough. S. rugosa  
Tradescantia virginiana, Virginia spiderwort  
Veronicastrum virginicum (Veronica virginica), culver's root