

# CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL ASSOCIATION

## LEVEL WALKER PROGRAM

C&O Canal Association



Founded in 1954

### WHAT ARE LEVEL WALKERS?

Level Walkers are volunteers in the Level Walker Program. The program is a popular feature of the *C&O CANAL ASSOCIATION* and is the longest standing volunteer program on the park.

Level Walkers must be members of the C&O Canal Association and be willing and able to perform light volunteer duties on their level.

Level Walkers are assigned to a level of the C&O Canal, taking into consideration preferences for the length of the level, the location and other special interests. The support is valuable because it provides maintenance assistance to the park and helps monitor the conditions of the park. The program is popular because volunteers can operate independently and at a level of effort and schedule of their choice.

### WHAT IS A CANAL LEVEL?

For the purposes of the Level Walker program, the 184.5 miles of the C&O Canal are divided into 69 segments. The segments vary in length from just over one mile to more than five miles; but are usually 2-3 miles long. These segments are called levels.

### WHAT DO LEVEL WALKERS DO?

1. **Walk the assigned level a minimum of once a year**, but ideally 3-4 times a year or seasonally. Level walkers set their own schedule for their walks.
2. **Pick up litter, perform light maintenance and monitor conditions** along the level. Level walkers can focus on any or all particular area of interest – some prefer to focus on trash clean-up, others pay close attention to canal structures and some specialize on natural conditions. The cumulative effort makes a great contribution to the park!
3. **Submit a written report** in a timely manner after each walk. The reports are the basis for the Level Walker chairperson's reports to the National Park Service and the Association. Reports are summarized in the Association's popular quarterly newsletter, *Along the Towpath*.

For more information, visit  
[candocanal.org/level/](http://candocanal.org/level/) 

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## LEVEL WALKER APPLICATION

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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IS THERE A CERTAIN LEVEL OR AREA OF THE TOWPATH YOU WOULD LIKE TO WALK? \_\_\_\_\_

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HOW FAR ARE YOU WILLING TO TRAVEL TO REACH YOUR LEVEL? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Steve Dean, P.O. Box 132, Saint Leonard, MD 20685-0132  
or send the requested information by e-mail to: [lw@candocanal.org](mailto:lw@candocanal.org) 

