

# News Release

## BRIDLEWOOD COMMUNITY SHORELINE TREE PLANT AT THE MONAHAN STORMWATER PONDS

### — CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS —

MANOTICK, April 30, 2007 — Friends of the Jock River to host tree plant for families, high school students, church groups, enviro-clubs, the Boy Scouts and everyone who wants to lend a hand!

WHEN: Weekend of May 5 & 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Monahan Stormwater ponds located at the N/E corner of Eagleson and Hope Side Rds.

WHY: To provide shade, biodiversity, cover and filtering capabilities and enhancing parklike setting of the ponds.

WHAT: 1150 tree seedlings (Bur Oak, Dogwood, White spruce and White Pine and Ash)

The Friends of the Jock River have received a grant of \$1000 for the purchase of tree seedlings from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority issued under the Jock River Watershed Implementation Plan. As well, the City of Ottawa is providing 500 seedlings of 1metre potted stock of ash, oak, maple, pine and spruce, plus tree wraps and mulch. Staff from the city Forestry Dept. will be on site, along with Councilour Peggy Feltmate. The Boy Scout and Cub troops will provide most of the manpower to get these seedlings in the ground, plus members of the Bridlewood Community Association, church groups, and environmental clubs from local middle schools and high school students working to fulfill their Community Service requirements. High school students can choose to work Saturday or Sunday (or both days =16 hours!). The students should pick up the proper form from their school office before coming out to the plant.

All members of the public looking for some fresh air and exercise are welcome to participate. "We find young families have a great time at our tree plants. It's a valuable lesson for the children, and is a superb vehicle for building community spirit", says Niel Barrington, tree-plant coordinator for the Friends of the Jock River. "We will be on site from 9:a.m. to 4 p.m Saturday and Sunday and we plant rain or shine", says Mr. Barrington, adding "the only time we would cancel would be lightning danger. Dress for the weather. Long sleeve shirts and pants, hats and work or gardening gloves and hiking or work boots are recommended. If possible, bring a clearly labeled bucket and shovel, along with water and snacks."

Parking will be available at Meadowbreeze Park, which is next to the Stormwater ponds. from Eagleson: Turn east on Emerald Meadows Drive; Turn right on Grassy Plains Drive; Turn Right on Meadowbreeze Dr. For more info, check out the FJR website at [www.jockriver.org](http://www.jockriver.org) or phone FJR tree plant coordinator Niel Barrington at 823 3643.

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