

# NEWS RELEASE

## EARTH DAY COMMUNITY SHORELINE TREE PLANT AND CLEANUP — CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 — Everyone is welcome to enjoy the shoreline tree planting and cleanup day on Sawmill Creek (Ottawa South) on Sunday, April 22. Volunteers are needed to help plant trees and clean up litter that has accumulated along the shoreline. Come celebrate Earth Day by recognizing our amazing local streams and making a difference in your community. Brought to you by the City Stream Watch Program and the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation's Making Shoreline's Natural Program.

From its headwaters along Lester Road, Sawmill Creek flows north through the community of South Keys and along the heavily-urbanized Bank Street before joining the Rideau River at Billings Bridge. This urban watershed has been chosen as the ideal location for a cleanup and shoreline tree planting event as a lot of garbage tends to collect along the banks and in the stream which can harm the important fish and wildlife habitat along the creek. Targeted shoreline tree planting in this area will also help to create a more aesthetic and effective buffer along the creek which will filter contaminants, slow stormwater runoff and provide a greater diversity of habitat for fish and wildlife.

**When:** Sunday April 22, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the former bingo hall near Hunt Club Road and Daze Street to focus on different areas of the creek. The parking lot is located on Mountain Crescent which is off of Hunt Club Road between Bank Street and Daze Street.

**Please Bring:** Drinking water, rubber boots or sturdy footwear. Please dress for the weather, rain or shine!

The planting and cleanup is done by community volunteers supervised by experienced staff. All necessary training, equipment and supervision are provided on-site, no previous experience necessary. Any time that you can give is helpful and much appreciated. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our amazing local rivers and streams this Earth Day!

Interested volunteers are asked to register and receive further information by contacting:

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*City Stream Watch is a community environmental partnership program sponsored by City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau Roundtable, The Ottawa Stewardship Council and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority*

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