

NEWS RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

OTTAWA, April 12, 2012 — Join us and help naturalize the shores of some of Ottawa's amazing city streams. City Stream Watch is joining forces with the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation's Making Shorelines Natural program to plant native shrubs and trees along four Ottawa tributaries — Sawmill Creek (Ottawa South), Steven's Creek (North Gower), Nepean Creek (Nepean) and Bilberry Creek (Orleans). Volunteer planters are needed to help get young trees and shrubs in the ground and growing along our community shorelines by mid-May!

Dates and sites for planting:

Sawmill Creek (Ottawa South): Sunday April 22, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Steven's Creek (North Gower): Saturday April 28th, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Nepean Creek (Nepean): Saturday May 5, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bilberry Creek (Orleans): Saturday May 5, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Interested volunteers are asked to sign up and receive further information by contacting Chelsey Ellis, City Stream Watch Coordinator at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 ext. 1180.

There are also potential opportunities for volunteers to help out with additional plantings on weekdays. If you are interested in participating in tree planting on weekdays please contact the City Stream Watch Coordinator for more information.

This is a great chance for members of the community to get involved in making their city more beautiful and healthy! Planting native shrubs and trees along these tributaries will create a more aesthetic and effective buffer along the streams, filter contaminants, slow stormwater runoff and provide a greater diversity of habitat for fish and other wildlife.

Any time that you can give is helpful and much appreciated. All necessary training, equipment and supervision is provided on-site and there is no cost to volunteers.

In an effort to cut down on waste from our riparian planting events, we will provide water at the site, but please bring your own reusable beverage container. Please dress for the weather, rain or shine, and wear sturdy footwear.

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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, Ottawa Stewardship Council, Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

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