

Call for Volunteers

Planting Trees and Shrubs along Genesee River

Town of Caneadea, Allegany County

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: NY State Route 19, approx. 1 mile north of the intersection of Hughes St. & North Main St. (Rt. 19) in Belfast. See location maps on back of this notice.

WHAT: In 2017, the landowner, the Allegany County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Genesee RiverWatch undertook a project to stabilize 900 ft. of eroding riverbank on the Genesee River. We need the assistance of at least 60 volunteers to help us plant more than 1,000 trees and shrubs to further protect the riverbank and to provide a buffer area between the river and the nearby agricultural field. The native shrubs we will plant have been selected because they are fruit-bearing and will provide food for wildlife. The plants have been provided by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Saratoga Tree Nursery's Trees for Tribes (TFT) Program.

WHO TO CONTACT: Pete Lent (Genesee RiverWatch): lent@frontiernet.net. If you would like to help, please send an e-mail to Pete. We will need to know: (1) your e-mail and phone number; (2) whether you will be able to help, most of day, or only in morning, or only in afternoon; (3) how many folks might be coming with you; and (4) if you have any questions. We will develop an e-mail/phone list for the project. The list will allow us to send out updates on the project to volunteers both before and after the planting event. An example is that we will be looking for locations where we can have folks park their cars and where we can shuttle them back and forth to the planting site, which has limited areas for parking. We will be sending additional information on this to the volunteer list.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Volunteers will need no prior experience. We will provide instruction on planting techniques, and placement of protective tree tubes and the stakes to secure them. Volunteers can bring shovels, spades, pick axes or mattock (pick on one side & blade on other) to break up the ground; hammers to pound in stakes; and 5-gallon pails with handles to water plants. Please label your tools for easy identification. Conditions may be muddy so volunteers should wear boots, bring work gloves, water and a lunch. Also bring insect repellent (for black flies) and sunscreen.

We look forward to your assistance with this worthy project. With your help we will be able to accomplish this task, while enjoying the nearby views of the Genesee River.



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