

Call for Volunteers

Readington Trails, Open Space and Natural Areas

ENVIRONMENTAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

GROUP WORK SESSION DETAILS

The Readington Township Environmental Commission is seeking volunteers to help with a large tree planting effort on Friday, September 25. As part of the effort to manage stormwater and occasional flooding and pollutants along the Pleasant Run stream watershed, the Environmental Commission received grants from the NJ DEP and The Nature Conservancy-Sustainable NJ for the purchase of 600 trees and to prepare the site for planting. The trees, some bare root and some in 1 and 2 gallon containers will be planted at the headwaters of the Pleasant Run stream on a section of the former Bloys Farm open space, now incorporated into the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead.

GROUP WORK SESSION DETAILS

Friday, September 25th, 9:00 AM – 3 or 4 PM: Session Leader: Steve Foster. If you can come for only a portion of the day, we welcome your help. Please indicate the times. Lunch will be provided for participants.

Where: We'll meet (and park) at Bouman-Stickney Farmstead parking lot, 114 Dreahook Road, Stanton, NJ 08885. (For GPS can use Lebanon 08833.)

What we plan on doing: Plant 600 new trees with protective tubes and stakes along the headwaters of a branch of the Pleasant Run.

Work Location: Field at former Bloys Farm open space adjacent to the Bouman-Stickney Museum property.

Tools to bring: Shovel, hammer or mallet for stakes, gloves/hats/sunscreen/bug repellent and your face coverings.

BEFORE COMING TO THIS SESSION, PLEASE REGISTER OR EXPRESS INTEREST VIA EMAIL to John Klotz, Open Space Advisory Board, at jwklotz@embarqmail.com. Include email address and cell phone number for notifications. IF YOU NEED DIRECTIONS TO ANY SITE, WE WILL PROVIDE AT REQUEST.

Additional Contacts for information about the project:

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