

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 1, 2024

CONTACT:

Laurie Metanchuk, Director of Community Affairs
Brittany Kovach, Communications & Marketing Coordinator
630-232-5980 forestpreserve@kaneforest.com

Forest Preserve District of Kane County
1996 S. Kirk Rd., Ste. 320, Geneva, IL 60134
www.kaneforest.com



Join us for a Tree Planting Extravaganza on April 20!

GENEVA, IL — Calling all volunteers! Get ready to roll up your sleeves and help us plant trees at Elburn Forest Preserve in celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help plant hundreds of bur oak trees at Elburn Forest Preserve located at 1N750 Reed St., Elburn. All trees will be planted in a couple of hours, and we can use as many helpers as possible. The planting process is simple — volunteers will plant trees in pre-dug holes, tamp down dirt, add water and mulch.

The event kicks off at 9 a.m., and we aim to have all trees in the ground by 11 a.m. Stick around after the planting for a naturalist-led hike at 10:30 a.m. and explore the beauty of the preserve firsthand.

Throughout the morning, enjoy a pop-up naturalist exhibit, test your luck with the wheel of prizes game, and stop by the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation table for valuable information and giveaways. Donations are graciously accepted, with proceeds directly supporting the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

Forest Preserve Natural Resources Manager Jason Johnson has celebrated 25 Earth Days with the District, and he continues to tote the importance of the annual event.

“Our Earth Day celebration is a great way to give back to your local preserve and the environment,” Johnson said. “Your contribution will help convert a 7-acre hay field, previously used for agriculture, back into a thriving woodland.”

“Earth Day serves as a reminder to us all that it's everyone's responsibility to take care of our planet if we would like it to continue to take care of us,” he added.

— MORE —

— **ADD ONE** —

Join us for a Tree Planting Extravaganza on April 20!
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 1, 2024

This volunteer opportunity is ideal for individuals, families, scout troops, youth groups, and organizations alike. Whether you plant one tree or a dozen, every contribution counts towards a greener future. Don't forget to bring your own work gloves for planting, and a lawn chair or blanket if you plan to stay and enjoy the band.

For groups of 10 or more, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 630-762-2741 or email CleaveRobb@kaneforest.com to register. Groups of less than 10 are welcome to join without RSVP.

Parking is available at the main lot at 1N750 Reed St., as well as at Elburn American Legion Post #630, and Obscurity Brewing (back lot). There will be tractor-pulled wagon rides located at Shelter A to bring you to the planting site!

Thank you to Nicor Gas for funding this event through the Oak Ecosystem Conservation Community Projects Grant.

For more information about the Earth Day tree planting event at Elburn Forest Preserve, visit www.kaneforest.com, call 630-232-5980, or find us on social media @forestpreserve.