

Furnace Run Quarry Planting Volunteers Needed

Furnace Run Park, 2244 Lindsay Lot Road, is a 226 acre nature park that has two quarries totaling about 25 acres. These quarries were graded when Southampton Township gained possession of the park; however, regrowth was non-existent and the steep slopes began to erode. Through a coordinated effort by DEP and New Enterprise Stone and Lime and paid for by the PA Environmental Council, the Township has had both quarries “ripped” by a D8 dozer and they are ready for planting.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is donating approximately 12,500 trees to reforest the quarries. A great selection of native trees for habitat and seasonal beauty have been selected.

Volunteers are needed to help plant all these trees! We are scheduling groups on April 14 or April 15th from 9am to 2pm (ish). Friday is being promoted for industry helpers and Saturday is mainly for volunteer groups, but any volunteer may choose which day works best for them or their group.

The trees only have a few days to get the roots in the ground so we don't have the ability to cancel or reschedule unless the conditions are so bad that safety is a concern, so please plan on dressing accordingly.

We are aiming to have between 100 and 150 volunteers over the duration of the event. That will keep the number of trees each person plants to a manageable level. We will provide the planting tools and everything that is needed. The trees are 1-2-year-old bare root seedlings. The planters will work in groups of two.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle. We will provide water. Porta Johns will be available and hand sanitizer or washing station will be provided. We will have some sort of sandwich lunch. Bring gloves if you like to wear them, we will also provide gloves. Boots recommended, no open toed shoes please.

The planting will be family friendly and we welcome children to an age that they are able to walk around on moderately rough, sloped terrain. A waiver will be required. This is an excellent opportunity for families to participate in an event they can track the progress of their entire lives!

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Maria Misner at 717-532-9041 or email at mmisner@southamptontownship.org. We would like a head count for supplies and lunch.