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Volunteers needed for Happy Valley Park planting March 15

Happy Valley, Ore.— Friends of Trees is organizing volunteers March 15 to plant 1,000 native trees and shrubs in Happy Valley Park. The event will be held in partnership with the City of Happy Valley and sponsored by Cantel Sweeping.

Volunteers of all ages can join the planting by meeting at Happy Valley Park, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Road, at 8:45 a.m. The planting will last until about 1 p.m. Come dressed for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Gloves, tools and breakfast snacks are provided.

A wild refuge in the city, Happy Valley Park features 24 acres of wetlands and is home to deer, coyote, ducks and Pileated woodpecker. Even lamprey have been found in the stretch of Mount Scott Creek that runs through the park.

“We’ll be planting native trees and shrubs to expand the wooded riparian area and help stabilize the banks of Mount Scott Creek,” said Logan Lauvray, Green Space Initiative Manager for Friends of Trees. “Our thanks to the City of Happy Valley and Cantel Sweeping for helping us bring this event together.”

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About Friends of Trees

Friends of Trees empowers people to improve the natural world around them through a simple solution: plant a tree. together. They operate in Portland, Vancouver, Eugene, Salem and surrounding areas. Through its Green Space Initiative, trained crew leaders guide volunteers at weekend events to restore green spaces. The Neighborhood Trees program provides homeowners with discounted trees to plant at their homes with their neighbors. www.friendsoftrees.org