

Help Linganore Get Another Boost

Under its grant for reducing pollution in Lake Linganore, the Watershed Management staff of the County's Division of Public Works is coordinating several volunteer planting projects this spring. Beginning on March 29th more than 650 native trees and shrubs will be planted by volunteers on Holly Hills Homeowner association's common property. If you are able to help, please contact Meg Jedynak at mrjedynak@comcast.net.

Two Saturdays later on April 12th, volunteers will join forces at Village Gate and Windy Ridge parks in Mt. Airy, just off Prospect Street to plant more than 700 trees and shrubs along Woodville Branch, a tributary of Linganore Creek. The project will use native trees and shrubs grown at the Scott Key Center under John Smucker's direction. Plants that will help create diverse wildlife habitat, slow down and filter storm water, shade the creek and help filter out pollutants include Winterberry Holly, Smooth Alder, Buttonbush, Silky Dogwood, Elderberry, Southern Arrowwood, Spice Bush, Serviceberry, Black Chokeberry, Hazelnut and Sassafras.

For additional information and to volunteer for the April 12th planting event in Mt. Airy, contact Patty Williamson at patty-williamson@comcast.net or 301.829.1593.

Libertytown Community Park in Libertytown continues to benefit from restoration projects sponsored by Alliance partners. In addition to the three cell rain garden installed by County staff last fall, another rain garden-sand filter area will be constructed during early spring, filtering run off from the remaining half of the asphalt parking lot. Bryan Seipp with Potomac Conservancy designed the gardens. Plant selections were made by Master Gardener and neighbor, Earlene Duncan and include a variety of native shrubs, herbaceous plants, ferns, grasses, and rushes to help absorb and filter run off. If you are able to assist with volunteer planting events at Libertytown Community Park, contact Earlene Duncan at eduncan483@aol.com or Kay Schultz at kschultz@fredco.md.net.

Senior staff members of Mariott International are joining County staff during a volunteer work day on April 9th to help replace seedling trees lost in last summer's drought and to plant shrubs and trees in and around the new rain gardens at Libertytown Community Park.

Volunteers will install an interpretive sign describing the purpose and benefit of the Park's rain garden this spring.