READINGTON TOWNSHIP *Open Space Advisory Board*

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY ON TOWNSHIP TRAILS

Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Meet at: 9:00 AM, Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Rt. 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889. (Some volunteers may be directed to actual project sites – See details below)

Our hiking and equestrian trails exist due to the volunteer efforts of residents

Individuals, families, scout, school and church groups are encouraged to participate. Our leaders can sign off on scout and school attendance slips.

We plan to break into separate teams and tackle projects on several trails. If you or your group elects to work on a specific project listed below when you register, you may be directed to report directly to the project location. Otherwise, you may meet at the municipal building and be directed to a project at that time. When registering, you will be emailed with additional information and answers to any questions.

The first three projects all involve clearing branches from the trail corridor, blazing trail re-routes and improving stream crossings. The last project involves planting small trees and erecting protective cages. You are encouraged to select a project location when registering, but you need not do so.

The Project Locations List:

- 1. The Cushetunk Mountain Trail adjacent to Pickell Park
- 2. Bouman-Stickney Farmstead Museum Trails
- 3. Lachenmayr Trail
- 4. Planting trees on various locations off Summer Rd, on the Pleasant Run Greenway and on the Lazy Brook Greenway

To participate, or for questions, please email Readington Twp. Open Space and Trails <u>trails@readingtontwp-nj.org</u>, or leave message with John Klotz at (908) 782-6452.

Notes on Projects

- The Cushetunk Mountain Trail: This project crew will assemble at the trailhead kiosk at the upper end of the Pickell Park parking lot, 275 Mountain Rd, (behind Municipal Bldg.) Whitehouse Station NJ 08889. Activities will include cutting branches and brambles from the trail corridors, putting up trail blaze markers to mark a new section of trail, and improving a stream crossing. Tools to bring if you have them: hand pruners, tree lopper, pruning saw, grub hoe.
- 2. Bouman-Stickney Farmstead Museum Trails: This project crew will assemble at the trailhead kiosk at the parking area at the intersection of Stanton Rd and Woodschurch Rd, Flemington. (Not at the Museum parking lot.) Activities will include cutting branches and brambles from the trail corridors, putting up trail blaze markers to mark a new section of trail, and improving a stream crossing. Tools to bring if you have them: hand pruners, tree lopper, pruning saw, grub hoe.
- 3. Lachenmayr Trail: This project crew will assemble on Groendyk Rd, Whitehouse Station, about 2/3 of the way toward the end, where the blueblazed trail meets the road. Groendyk Rd is a cul-de-sac off Roosevelt Rd, about ½ mi. south of Readington Rd. Activities will include cutting branches and brambles from the trail corridors, putting up trail blaze markers to mark a new section of trail, and improving a stream crossing. Tools to bring if you have them: hand pruners, tree lopper, pruning saw, grub hoe.
- 4. Planting trees on various locations off Summer Rd, on the Pleasant Run Greenway and on the Lazy Brook Greenway: There will be two crews meeting at either
 - a. The large Lazy Brook Greenway gravel lot and kiosk across from #40 Summer Rd, Trees will be planted around the trail entrance.
 - b. At the intersection of Summer Rd and Hixson Rd, parking either at the Pleasant Run Trail info kiosk or at the Hixson Rd curb. Trees will be planted along the trail north of Summer Rd.

Tools to bring, if you have them: spade or shovel, rake or hoe, hammer.

General Suggestions for gear to bring: Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes, work gloves.