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Subject: Tree Planting @ Plum Creek Conservation Area

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Hello Conservationists!

Thank you for registering to attend our tree planting at **Plum Creek Conservation Area this Saturday!** Plum Creek, a tributary of the Kickapoo River is a Class I trout stream threatened by erosion and run-off from former agricultural fields. Planting a forest of native trees will stabilize the soil, improve wildlife habitat, and promote ecosystem biodiversity on the bluffs above Plum Creek. With your help, we aim to plant 500 young trees.

We will work from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 18th. The weather may be unpredictable so wear appropriate layers for working outside. The Conservancy will provide protective gloves, snacks, and drinking water.

When you arrive, please check in at our welcome table. We will direct you to the tree planting site, a short distance away. A UTV will be available to shuttle if necessary. After planting our native trees, we hope to ensure their survival by removing nearby invasive species and clearing excess fire fuels from the surrounding woodland. Join me at the invasive species table for an introduction!

As of today, our weather conditions look very warm. If the situation changes, we will notify you by Friday morning.

If you have any questions or concerns, call or text me on my cell: (402) 881-7485 Directions to Plum Creek Conservation Area:

From La Crosse

- Take Highway 35 south to Lynxville.
- Just south of Lynxville, turn southeast on County Road F. Follow County Road F to Highway 27. Turn right.
- Follow Highway 27 to Eastman.
- In Eastman, turn left onto Shanghai Ridge Road. Follow Shanghai Ridge Road to parking area at Plum Creek Conservation Area near intersection at Plum Creek Road.

From Prairie du Chien

- Take Highway 27 east to County Road N. Turn right.
- Follow County Road N 2.5 miles to Mill Road. Turn left.
- Follow Mill Road to Plum Creek Road. Turn right.
- Follow Plum Creek Road to intersection at Shanghai Ridge Road. Turn right to parking area.

Google location:

Plum Creek Conservation Area

https://maps.app.goo.gl/AhfHe854iTj4ysvv7

(your GPS may follow a different route)

Parking:

Park along the east side of Plum Creek Road. Space is limited. Carpool if possible! Look for our welcome table north of Plum Creek.

Car Pooling:

If you are interested in car pooling with MVC Staff or Volunteers, email or text me! I will connect you with the carpool.

If you have any questions, reach out to me. I'll see you there!

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I am often in the field without access to email. Thank you for your patience!

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