

Living Lands & Waters Giving Away 500,000th Tree

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Davenport, IA/April 22, 2013 - Chad Pregracke's Quad Cities-based environmental group is half-way to its goal of distributing one million trees as part of their MillionTrees Project. In the spirit of Earth Day (today), Living Lands & Waters will be presenting the 500,000th tree to Bowlesburg Elementary School in Silvis Illinois at 1:30p on Monday April 22

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Following the presentation, several Bowlesburg students and Living Lands & Waters staff will plant a total of four trees on Bowlesburg School property. As the recipient of the 500,000th tree, Bowlesburg will also be presented with a \$500 gift card to go towards the purchase of environmentally-themed books for their library.

Living Lands & Waters, an East Moline, Illinois non-profit organization has been distributing trees throughout April to individuals, families, schools, park districts, businesses and organizations throughout 10 states. The goal of the MillionTrees Project is to grow and plant 1 MILLION trees.

Trees provide shelter and nut-bearing hardwoods are a viable food source for wildlife and migratory birds. Slow-growing hardwoods like oaks have a harder time re-establishing themselves without help, and are often crowded out by faster growing species, like cottonwoods, willow and silver maples. Re-establishing hardwoods helps increase biodiversity, reduce erosion and run-off and improve water and air quality.

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More information on the MillionTrees Project can be found at www.livinglandsandwaters.org/get-involved/million-trees

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