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City Hosts Tree Plantings

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg will be hosting two volunteer tree plantings next week.

Approximately 50 trees will be planted in an effort to increase tree canopy coverage and tree species diversity throughout the city. Some of the trees will be planted near a small tributary and will enhance the riparian buffer, an area of vegetation that filters pollution from stormwater runoff before it enters the stream.

"We are looking forward to providing a way for volunteers to make a lasting impact on their community," says Wes Runion, environmental specialist with the Public Works Department. "These trees will enhance the natural environment and will be here for generations of people to enjoy."

On Wednesday, October 24, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. volunteers will plant trees at Thomas Harrison Middle School, and on Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. volunteers will plant trees in Heritage Forest and Gardens.

Members of the community are invited to participate in the tree planting events. Holes for the trees will already be dug and supplies will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring gardening gloves.

Those interested are invited to register for the events by visiting the links below:

Wednesday, October 24 https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/thomas-harrison-tree-planting

Saturday, October 27: https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/heritage-forest-tree-planting

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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