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Help plant oak trees at Aurora West Forest Preserve, Aug. 18

GENEVA, IL — Want to help plant the future oak trees of Kane County? Join the Natural Resources staff of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County on Aug. 18 for a “Garden Oak Planting.”

Come to the native seed garden at Aurora West Forest Preserve from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to replot 300 seedling oaks into specialized grounder pots, and then plant them in the native garden. Trees from this garden will be planted in forest preserves across the county, once they have grown tall and strong enough to resist deer browsing.

“The 20th century’s one-two punch of rapid deforestation, followed by the expansion of suburban development across the county, has all but knocked out our native oak woodlands,” said Restoration Ecologist Ben Haberthur. “Fortunately the Forest Preserve District is fighting to reverse this trend by rearing tomorrow’s woodland sentinels today!” Haberthur said.

Aurora West Forest Preserve is located at 40W244 Hankes Rd. in Aurora.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Haberthur at (630) 649-1149 or visit www.kaneforest.com.

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