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Backyard Naturalization Workshop & Project Tour

Interested in learning more about Backyard Naturalization and the Rice Lake Plains?

On October 24th, the Caring for the Moraine Project is hosting a FREE educational family fun day to thank local landowners. This event is dedicated to those landowners that are helping to conserve the natural features of the Oak Ridges Moraine in the Rice Lake Plains area. Learn more about the Oak Ridges Moraine, backyard naturalization and how to get involved in stewardship in your community. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Caring for the Moraine Project is now in its third year in the Rice Lake Plains and has worked with many landowners to help them learn more about stewardship opportunities in the area. This program makes stewardship a one-stop-shop by bringing together various conservation groups, governmental and other agencies offering stewardship services.

“So many people are interested in learning more about their property and what they can do to be a good steward. The Caring Project actively gets people involved by providing them with the resources they need, instead of the landowner having to figure out who to contact,” says Ashley Wilson, Landowner Contact Specialist with the Caring for the Moraine Project.

“This family fun day is a way to say thanks to those that have participated in the program so far, while also getting new people out to learn more about their local environment.”

Roseneath, Centreton, Grafton & Baltimore area landowners are invited to a *Backyard Naturalization Workshop and Project Tour*, Saturday, October 24th, at Fenella Hall, 8071 Highway 45, just 20 minutes north of Cobourg.

Guests are invited to attend all day, but can register to attend only morning or afternoon sessions. The morning portion of the event is a backyard naturalization design workshop running along side a kid's project session where they will make backyard projects to take home. A FREE lunch will begin at 12 pm, followed by a presentation by *Monitoring the Moraine* and a project bus tour of landowners in action. Please reserve your spot by emailing Ashley Wilson at ricelakeplains@ltc.on.ca or phone (613) 394-3915 x 225.

The Caring for the Moraine Project in the Rice Lake Plains Area is made available through a partnership of organizations including Alderville First Nation, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority, Lower Trent Conservation, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Northumberland County, Northumberland Land Trust, Northumberland Stewardship Council, Ontario Parks and Tallgrass Ontario. Funding for this program is provided by the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation as well as the partners listed above. The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation was founded in 2002 to help protect, preserve

and restore the Oak Ridges Moraine, a prominent geological formation stretching 160 km across Southern Ontario and key in protecting our water resources. Please visit www.moraineforlife.org for more info.

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