

NEWS RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS TREE PLANTERS NEEDED ON BILBERRY CREEK!

RIDEAU VALLEY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 — *City Stream Watch* and the *Making Shorelines Natural Program* are teaming up again to plant trees and shrubs along Ottawa's urban streams. This time, the planting takes place in the East end, along Bilberry Creek in Orleans.

When: Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2

Time: 8 a.m. to noon, both days

Where: Terry Fox Park, Orleans—we will have tree planting signs up to help guide volunteers to the specific site
[Click here for Google Map of Terry Fox Park](#)

Planting native shrubs and trees along the shore creates a more aesthetic and effective buffer along the streams, improves fish habitat, creates more shade for the stream, filters contaminants, slows stormwater runoff and provides a greater diversity of habitat for wildlife.

The planting is done by community volunteers supervised by experienced staff. No previous experience necessary and everyone is welcome to come and help plant the trees and improve our local stream environments.

To cut down on waste from our shoreline planting events, please bring your own drinking water bottle or cup. We will provide water at the site, but you will need something reusable to drink from. Snacks are also provided. Please dress for the weather, rain or shine, and wear sturdy footwear. If you wish to bring your own shovel and gloves, you are welcome to do so.

To register for these shoreline plantings, please contact:

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City Stream Watch is a community environmental partnership program sponsored by City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau Roundtable and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.