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<u>City Seeks Volunteers for Willow Creek Planting Party</u>

Volunteers needed to assist with planting trees and plants.

The City of Canby's Public Works Department has partnered with Canby Area Beautification and Valley Environmental to host a "Willow Creek Planting Party" on Saturday, March 26th, 2022.

The City received a generous donation of 500 seedlings of Ponderosa Pine, 500 trimmings of native trees, and over five dozen plants to be planted along Willow Creek. The planting efforts are part of the City of Canby's Urban Forestry program which has continued to gain momentum over the years.

"I am very excited to have this planting event at Willow Creek," said Jerry Nelzen, City of Canby Public Works Director. "The partnerships and volunteerism it takes to accomplish a project of this scale is just incredible." Nelzen went on to explain the Willow Creek planting assists with a stormwater project to eradicate berry briars and bring shade to the area.

The Oregon Anglers' Research Society, a 501 c 3, donated the plants to the City of Canby. The plants feature a variety of attributes to showcase Oregon's unique four seasons. The plantings include Red Osier Dogwood, Service Berry, Swamp Rose, Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine, and Flowering Currant.

The Knights of Columbus and Canby Fire will join as hands-on volunteers. The City welcomes additional volunteers to help with this opportunity. Volunteers should arrive at 10:00a for check-in, and be ready to assist in planting. Shovels and gloves will be in short supply so volunteers are encouraged to bring their own.

See the City of Canby's Facebook Event for the Willow Creek Planting Party: https://fb.me/e/dCeg3qgAD. For questions about the event, please contact City of Canby Public Works, 503.266.0798.