

CVC hosting woodlot management workshop

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) invites rural landowners to a free Woodlot Management Workshop Nov. 16.

It will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CVC's Forestry Operations Centre, 15526 Heart Lake Rd., Caledon.

Whether one is thinking about creating woodland habitat or has questions about managing an already established woodlot, this workshop is for them. Participants will learn how easy and inexpensive it is to plant a forest. Landowners who take advantage of CVC's tree-planting services can pay as little as \$150 to start their own forest. Attendees will also learn about forest management challenges and best practices.

Planting a forest, combined with good management, can provide landowners with a variety of benefits, one of them being financial, CVC Director of Restoration and Stewardship Mike Puddister observed.

The workshop will also address the issue of invasive plant control in woodlots and the services CVC can provide to landowners to remove these invaders and restore woodlot health.

One of the major challenges facing woodlot owners in the area is the influx of the devastating emerald ash borer pest, Puddister said. It is important for woodlot owners to know what actions they can take if their property becomes affected.

The workshop will include a trip to a plantation marked for thinning. Participants will see a real example of forest plantation management they can apply to their own land.

Attendees are asked to dress for the weather. They will have an opportunity to win door prizes. Complimentary morning snacks and lunch will be provided.

The workshop is free, thanks to funding from CVC's regional and municipal partners. Participating landowners should own one acre or more of rural property and reside in the Credit River Watershed.

Space is limited. Those interested are asked to register online at www.creditvalleyca.ca/events or by phone at 1-800-668-5557, ext. 436.