

## CVC seeks volunteers for Upper Credit tree planting Saturday

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Join Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) for the Upper Credit Community Tree Planting event this Saturday (Oct. 24) from 9 a.m. to noon at Upper Credit Conservation Area in Alton. This event is in partnership with Halton Peel Woodlands and Wildlife Stewardship (HPWWS) and Trout Unlimited.

This tree planting is part of a larger environmental project known as the Bringing Back Brookies campaign. This project, led by Trout Unlimited Greg Clark Chapter, aims to improve brook trout habitat in the upper Credit River. Brook trout are important to local communities and the ecosystem. They are a sign of a healthy river and are native species found only in certain Ontario streams. "Plants and trees shade the river and reduce water temperature," said CVC's Deputy CAO and Director of Watershed Transformation Mike Puddister. "Brook trout need colder water to survive."

Funding for the trees was secured through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) under the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program, which was established to support multi-partner projects at a local level. Projects are eligible for funding under the program if their purpose is to restore compromised or threatened recreational fisheries habitat.

No experience is required to take part in Saturday's event, and CVC staff will provide tree planting demonstrations. Students are encouraged to participate and earn their community volunteer hours.

Participants should dress for the weather and wear long pants and boots if possible. Shovels and gloves will be provided but extras would be helpful.

For more information and to register, visit [www.creditvalleyca.ca/event/upper-credit-tree-planting/](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/event/upper-credit-tree-planting/)