Plant One Million Celebration in Three States

2,100 trees to be planted in Philadelphia area, Camden and Delaware on Nov. 5

For more information on Hale Byrnes House please see: www.halebyrnes.org

For more information about the Plant One Million campaign and the Nov. 5 tree plantings, visit www.plantonemillion.org.

Photo: Native trees and bushes from Octoraro Nursery waiting to be planted at Hale Byrnes House.

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Plant One Million, the first multi-state tree campaign in the U.S., will reach communities throughout the region on Saturday, Nov. 5, with mass plantings, celebrations, tree sales, and other activities. More than 2,100 trees will be added to the landscape of Southeastern Pennsylvania, South Jersey and Delaware in this extraordinary mobilization of organizations and individuals.

Since Plant One Million was launched last spring, more than 118,700 new trees have been planted in the region so far.

The campaign, which encompasses three states and 13 counties, is led by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, the TreeVitalize program of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the New Jersey Tree Foundation, and the Delaware Center for Horticulture. Together, these partners are creating a movement to educate residents and companies about the need for trees and canopy restoration – and arming them with the tools to “plant, tend and count.”

The plantings scheduled on Nov. 5 include:

Hale Byrnes House on the banks of the White Clay Creek, near Stanton, Del. Ten native trees and 60 native wild plant shrubs will be planted by volunteers from 10:00 a.m.-noon along the banks of the White Clay Creek near the historic Hale Byrnes House, 606 Stanton-Christiania Rd., Newark. The planting is being coordinated by Jennifer Egan, River Keeper of the White Clay Wild & Scenic, Ken Darsney, horticulturalist for the Division of Historic and Cultural Affairs, State of Delaware, and Kim Burdick and Marco Boyce from the Hale Byrnes House (the Delaware Society for the Preservation for Antiquities), with support from the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.

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