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Oaktober Fest

Mother Nature was on our side for a beautiful fall Oaktober Fest family planting day at Far Field Nature Preserve, located at the corner of Lake Cook and Old Sutton Roads in Barrington Hills, IL. For the 4th annual Oaktober Fest, 150 participants joined together to plant 75 native trees and shrubs on the northern edge of the property. This is part of our effort with the Chicago Region Trees Initiative to remove and replace woody invasive species such as buckthorn.

Other activities included “The Care of Trees” tree planting demonstration, the Lake County Audubon Society booth highlighting oak woodland recovery and the red-headed woodpecker, Mane In Heaven – miniature therapy horses, a Girl Scout project focusing on milkweed, and a free oak tree giveaway – provided by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Village of Barrington Hills.

Thank you to the Barrington Breakfast Rotary, Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, and The Garden Club of Barrington for their grant support to help in our restoration efforts at Far Field.

Besides providing grant support, many members from the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club came out to help. As one Rotarian stated, “This day was the nicest party, and I enjoyed working with many high school kids -- outdoor, healthy and great for the next generation.”

