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**FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON JUNE 3 ABOUT NATIVE TREES AND HOW TO PROTECT THEM FROM INVASIVE SPECIES**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., May 19, 2021** — Join the Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. for a virtual workshop about native trees and invasive plants. Jordan Herring, Senior Area Forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry, will share information about trees that are native to Virginia and why planting native trees is best. He will also provide details about some of the invasive species that threaten our native trees such as English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, tree of heaven, and autumn olive, and ways to manage these plants. [Register online](#) to participate in the virtual workshop.

This workshop is part of the project that the Town received grant funding for through the Virginia Department of Forestry's Virginia Trees for Clean Water program. The project includes three educational workshops along with tree plantings at the Suzanne R. Kane Nature Preserve. The second tree planting in the preserve, hosted by the Town and its Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee, will be this fall. The newly planted trees will help maintain and improve the habitat, increase the number of native tree species in the area, and improve water quality so the preserve continues to provide the food, water, shelter, and shade necessary for native wildlife to thrive.

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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