

# Watershed group organizes activity day

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On Saturday June 8, the Winter River- Tracadie Bay Watershed Association will be hosting some activities which will provide the public with an opportunity to help restore the watershed and then have a woodland hike.

As is the case near many rivers where agriculture was present much of the forest lining the streams is now made up of alders and spruce. Planting longer lived native trees is important to stabilize the banks, help slow the movement of sediment and nutrients into the river and provide diversified habitat for wildlife. Often there is no seed source for these original trees so planting stock is the only way to achieve an improvement.

The group will be hosting a volunteer planting session at the Union Road pumping station which is located at civic # 588 on the Union Road. Starting at 9 a.m., there will be a short tour showing the enhancement work being carried out, followed by tree planting. Shovels will be available, but boots are suggested.

At 11 a.m., there will be a guided walk through the forest next to the stream near the bottom of Winter River. The walk will start at the end of the East Suffolk road. The hike will include opportunities to see trilliums and lady slippers as well as many songbirds that are abundant in the area.

People are welcome to participate in either or both of the activities. Information can be obtained by calling Cathy Corrigan at 3940266 or Bruce Smith at 628-7620.