

Project: Pine and cedar tree reforestation to increase and maintain conifer habitat in Little Bennett

Summary

This project would entail planting young pine trees in Little Bennett Regional Park (LBRP). Plants would be provided by the Parks Dept and coordination would be needed with Park officials to determine reforestation areas. This project must be done in the fall (October - November) or very early spring (March) planting seasons. This project may also require acquisition and use of donated materials for the construction of a deer enclosure.

Background

Pines and red cedars provide unique habitats. Their cones and berries provide food and cover for owls, songbirds and many other wildlife species, especially in winter. Dense conifer stands adjacent to meadows can provide important overwintering habitat and provide shade to help protect forest edges from the spread of non-native invasive plants. Evergreen habitat is dwindling in Montgomery County as deciduous forests mature and outcompete pines for light.

Project Sponsor

Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

For Further Information

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Pine tree seedlings



Virginia Pine blowdown in LBRP



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