

August Day to Volunteer

Saturday, August 18, 9:00-11:00

The Volunteer/Work Day was announced at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Described below is what was announced on Saturday, August 11. The Annual Meeting Wetland update is posted on the Papakeechee Website <http://lakepapakeechee.org>

Other tasks at hand for 18th will be pruning water sprouts from stumps of hackberry, cottonwood, maple, black willow, elm, sumac, catalpa to name a few.

The plants listed below will be used to crowd out Canadian Thistle, Hybrid cattail, loosestrife, clematis aristata, and bittersweet vine *Celastrus orbiculatus*, Asiatic bittersweet..

Directions from Michael for planting on the 18th are as follows: If we start having a wet summer, I would wait until the end of August and into September to plant. They should have plenty of time to get roots established before the winter. Ron and I will be picking up the flats on Thursday August 16. If there is a reason to cancel we will let you know.

<*Physostegia virginiana* - Obedient Plant - Mesic areas. Can be planted on berms and on sideslopes leading down to the water.

<*Asclepias tuberosa* - Butterfly Weed - Dry areas. This plant should be planted where flooding won't occur. Likely on top of the berms in the higher elevations.

<*Echinacea pallida* - Pale Purple Coneflower - Mesic to Dry areas. *Echinacea pallida* should be planted in similar areas as the *Asclepias tuberosa*

<*Liatris spicata* - Spiked Gayfeather - Mesic to Dry. *Liatris spicata* can handle from the top of the berm to just above the water's edge. Should not be planted in water though.

<*Pycnanthemum virginianum* - Common Mountain Mint - Mesic to Dry. *Pycnanthemum* can handle the same areas as *Liatris spicata*.

The outbreak of loosestrife in the old ponds areas, we need immediate inspection to see if the beetle is present. Check the loosestrife in your beach area to see if you can see obvious eating of the leaves and blossoms. Thank you and put August 18 on your calendar. Thank you for your interest in our wetland.

Depending on what you want to help with you may need to bring your tools. Shovel if you want to plant the flats of flowers. I have some pruners and small shovels. I have gloves and protective gear for using chemicals.

Thank you so much for all you do for our lake.

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