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NEWS FROM THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER COALITION

PRC Begins Replanting Appelt Park

March 28, 2011– After removing stands of Japanese knotweed last summer, PRC's replanting of Appelt Park with native vegetation began last Saturday. Hurray!

We were on pins and needles a few days prior to this event, as another 8 inches of snow was forecast for our area. Yikes! Luckily the snowfall was much less than anticipated and vanished quickly from the park. But even with the snow gone, we still faced much colder weather than is typical for spring. In the face of that, our turnout on March 26th was outstanding.

More than 40 volunteers, including many boy scouts, turned out to assist us. The work went quickly! In fact, 2 truckloads of saplings were installed a full hour short of our 1:00 PM deadline. Special thanks go to all of our younger folks, such as Scout Troop 277 of Kinnelon, along with Julia Norman, and Izaak and Hayden Brook of West Milford. Excellent! Even Riverdale Mayor Budesheim stopped by to snap a few photos and compliment us on our work. A couple of shots, courtesy of Don Pruden, are shown below.

Although more than 100 trees and shrubs were planted, the park, now empty of knotweed, absorbed them easily. With care they will prosper and provide better habitat for local wildlife than the invasive weeds they are replacing.

On April 10th we will host our second event there, concentrating on the south end of the park (details to come). We can only hope for a similar hard-working crew.

Many thanks to all!

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