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Community Planting Day to be Held at Memorial Boulevard

Bristol, CT – [November 2, 2022] – Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) will be hosting a community planting day at Memorial Boulevard on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Volunteers are invited to join BPRYCS staff to plant over forty native and naturalized shrubs in the new urban garden being planted on site.

This community planting day is part of a grant received by BPRYCS in order to remove 24,000ft² of blighted tennis courts and replace them with tree and understory plants. The Urban Garden includes the addition of twenty-one native trees and over forty shrubs that will infiltrate storm water, improve air quality, and reduce ambient temperatures for this section of the city. This project was made possible by a grant through the CT Urban Forest Council provided by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Division of Forestry and funded by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

“Urban forests are a critical component to healthy urban and suburban communities,” explains Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services, “Our department is excited to be able to invite the community to become stewards of this space and contribute to the beauty and ecological productivity of our community.”

This clean-up will be led by BPRYCS Landscape Gardener Steven Schriver and Deputy Superintendent Sarah Larson and will include information about urban forests and the ecological benefits the Memorial Boulevard Urban Garden provides.

“Prior gardening experience is not necessary in order to volunteer,” noted Schriver. “We encourage people to bring gardening gloves and shovels, if possible, but will also have supplies on site.”

Volunteers are asked to park at the South Street parking lot or off of Wozenski Way.

For more information, please visit www.BristolRec.com

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About the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services

It is the mission of the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services (BPRYCS) to deliver high-quality services and facilities that enhance the community’s quality of life, meet the diverse needs of all citizens, and build a sustainable future.

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