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3,110 Trees to be Planted by Hand at the Forest Exploration Center Woodland

Wauwatosa, WI, April 1, 2017– The Forest Exploration Center (FEC), a nonprofit organization in joint partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry has begun a reforestation project to restore the forest edge along Swan Boulevard.

The planting will include ten different tree species; red and white oak, shagbark and bitternut hickory, black cherry, hackberry, beech, white pine, white spruce and hemlock. A total of 3,110 trees are being planted; 2,800 hardwoods and 310 conifers. This diverse mix of species will begin to restore this section of the forest once heavily disturbed by invasive buckthorn and in turn improve habitat for wildlife, enrich the existing forest and provide a myriad of educational opportunities.

The forest is state owned and managed by the Wisconsin DNR. Foresters prepared the site, developed the planting plan and selected the tree species. The seedlings were grown at the Wilson State Nursery in Boscobel, Wisconsin.

“Our main focus at the Forest Exploration Center is to sustain this unique woodland environment while providing opportunities in education, recreation and stewardship. Nothing addresses those goals better than this reforestation project. We will restore a disturbed area of the forest for the benefit of wildlife and provide opportunities to highlight what successful forest restoration looks like.” Tom Gaertner, FEC Board of Directors

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