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## **Minutes - Projects Committee Meeting April 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am. Present were: JoAnn Dalley, Peter Dingman, Lily Engle, Kay Flanagan, Chris Gensic, Kendra Hall, Robin Hanes, Allen Ingling, Gregg Korbon, Steve Kostiw, Kathy Nepote, Jenny Nowlan, Bill Sublette, Ellen Tully, Barbara White, Toine Wyckoff. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the addition of Kendra Hall to the participants.

### **Completed Projects:**

Greenleaf Park – Pruning of the younger trees were performed not only by CATS members but also 3 individuals from the Department of Forestry

Chris Greene Lake –Over 2 Saturdays, 26 trees were planted around the lake. On the second day, CATS members were assisted by 24 UVA students from the Forestry Club.

Potting Party: Robin had a successful day of potting in preparation for the tree sale.

CATS Grove Thinning: Several CATS members removed more than 30 trees from the site and chipped the branches. Chris Gensic and one of his workers removed some downed trees from the trail that runs along the stream.

East Point Energy: Volunteers from this “green” company working with several CATS mentors mulched the trees in the front yard and part of the Arboretum at VDoF

Pleasant Grove – Tree Planting: Several CATS members assisted Walter Hussey and his crew plant bare root saplings in an area adjacent to a wetland.

### **Updates:**

City/County MOA: A revised MOA was sent to the County for their review. Kathy is still working on the Cville MOA.

Jackson Via: We were not awarded the grant from APO to work on the extension of the trail from the forest restoration site. We will have a work day on April 29 to remove weeds and dried flower stems.

10<sup>th</sup> & Page: Kendra reported that 3 trees will be planted today. They are stopping any activities on this site with the idea of starting up again, potentially, in the fall.

Habitat for Humanity –Bill reported that the Master Gardeners have planted forbs and bushes at the Southwood site. Allen will be organizing a crew to do invasive control on the new site at Coleman Street so Bill can plant 2 Oak trees.

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Bike Trail: Kathy reported that she and Allen attended a meeting discussing plans for a new bike trail to run parallel to Rte 20. There are no plans that would adversely affect the trees that CATS planted years ago in the median. Several potential plans and bike paths were discussed but no decisions were made. It was decided to have a “workshop” to discuss what would be the over-all image for the site. A circle is also planned for the intersection of Rtes 20 and 53. The folk at Monticello would like CATS help in proposing a plan for trees and/or bushes in its middle.

Ivy Creek: JoAnn reported that she planted a few oaks at the hill near the entrance. Kathy, Allen, Tim and Pat Punch worked with Diana Foster to check out the trees that had been revealed by a previous invasive removal project. The trees are not ready to be pruned, but they will need to be checked in the fall.

Walnut Creek: We tried to contact the county, but no response. Will send more emails.

### **UpComing Projects – Review the Calendar for Specifics**

Tree Sale – April 15: The Spring CATS sale will occur at the VDoF.

STAB at Holmes Avenue and Riverview-April 17: Chris will be working with 80 or more sophomores from this school. They will be removing garlic mustard and lesser cellindeen from along the stream/river respectively. Kathy and Allen will provide assistance including bringing tools from the CATS shed. Kay said she would help too.

Pleasant Grove Park – April 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will have a field day at the Park. Included in their activities is a tree walk. If interested in helping, please contact Walter directly.

CATS Grove – Mulching - April 22: This is also listed as a United Way/Nature Conservancy sponsored event. It is a Family Volunteering Day. So, we hope we will have some families along with CATS members.

Arbor Day – April 28: Robin will be celebrating at the Catalpa tree next to the Skate Park. All are welcome.

Jackson Via – April 29: See above

Waynesboro – May 13: We will be removing and reusing wire cages that had been placed around the trees along the river walk. Check the calendar for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

**Next Meeting – May 10 at 9 am**

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