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Earth Month Wrap Up Activities at Lower Trent Conservation Tree Seedling & Rain Barrel Pick up Day This Friday

To wrap of Earth Month, over 350 individuals will be converging on the Lower Trent Conservation Administration Office this Friday, April 28 to pick up close to 15,000 native tree and wildlife seedlings as well as approximately 200 rain barrels, water tanks, and other water conservation accessories.

This is the first time Lower Trent Conservation has used its administrative office, located at 714 Murray Street in Quinte West (south of Wooler) as the pick-up location for its annual spring tree seedling program. It also coincides with a first time rain barrel fundraising event.

“We wanted to consolidate our springtime stewardship services to landowners and give people an opportunity to visit out office,” explains Ewa Bednarzduk, Ecology & Stewardship Specialist. “We’ve usually rented cold storage facilities in the Trenton area to store the seedlings. Since we added a rain barrel fundraiser sale this year, it just made sense to combine the pick-up days at one location,” adds Bednarzduk.

Lower Trent Conservation has been providing landowners with the opportunity to purchase native tree and wildlife seedling for over 40 years through its Tree Seedling Program. Each fall, Lower Trent Conservation places a bulk order of tree and wildlife shrub seedlings for anyone wanting to reforest their property, plant a windbreak, or naturalize a shoreline.

New this spring includes the addition of a rain barrel sale. Following last year’s severe drought, the fundraising sale has ended up being very successful. Through RainBarrel.ca, individuals have been placing their online orders since World Water Day, March 22. The funds raised through the rain barrel sales will be used to support Lower Trent Conservation’s youth environmental education programs. These program are only possible through donations and grants as they are not supported by government funding.

Special thanks to Bag To Earth Inc. (bagtoearth.com) for donating 150 compostable bags for tree packaging, Erb Transport (erbgroupp.com) for donating the delivery of a refrigerated trailer for seedling storage, Rain.Barrel.ca for access to the fundraising program, and the City of Quinte for the use of Public Works yard and garage.

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Pick up schedule (media invited):

Tree Seedling Pick up Schedule

Thursday, April 27 – 2 to 6:30 PM

Friday, April 28 – 8 AM to 6:30 PM

Rain Barrel Pick up Schedule

Friday, April 28 – 10 AM to 6:30 PM

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