

Join HeartLands Conservancy and the Illinois Forestry Association for an Invasive Plant Control Demonstration and Volunteer Day!

**Arlington Wetlands in Madison County
Saturday, April 17th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**



Non-native invasive plants are a serious threat to the forests of Illinois. For this reason, HeartLands Conservancy and the Illinois Forestry Association have teamed up on a project to eradicate invasives from the beautiful Arlington Wetlands in Madison County. To accomplish this, a forestry mulcher was ran throughout the area to remove invasives. However, this is not the only step needed to reach effective control of invasives within the site.



HeartLands Conservancy and the Illinois Forestry Association will host a demonstration where attendees will learn more about the benefits of using a forestry mulcher to combat dense infestations of non-native invasive plants. Roger Smith, a consulting forester and dedicated member of the Illinois Forestry Association, will lead the demonstration, which should last from 30-45 minutes. After the demonstration, we will ask volunteers to help safely spray stumps and resprouting invasives. Applying herbicide is a crucial step in reaching our control goals.

Volunteers should make sure to bring pants, longsleeves, work boots or work shoes, and a face mask. We will ask that attendees prepare to adhere to proper social distancing.

Location: 85 Arlington Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234

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