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TOWN PARTNERING WITH LIONS CLUB & HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL ON TREE PLANTING PROJECT

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 12, 2012 – The Town of Wake Forest will join forces with the Wake Forest Lions Club and Heritage High School students on Friday, March 16, to sponsor a series of tree plantings at the Smith Creek Soccer Center, the Police Department Firing Range, and town hall.

The tree planting initiative will begin at the Smith Creek Soccer Center, 690 Heritage lake Road, at 2:30 p.m., at the firing range at 2:45 p.m., and at 3 p.m. at town hall.

Urban Forester Evan Keto says the participants will plant three species of native hardwoods at the Smith Creek Soccer Center to provide shade for spectators and greenway users. They will plant eastern red cedars at the firing range, located behind the Flaherty Park Community Center, to stabilize the berms, provide food and shelter for songbirds, and serve as noise buffers for nearby homes.

Members of the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners will join the participants at town hall, 301 S. Brooks St., in planting a screen of evergreen trees behind the decorative wrought iron tree bench donated by former Citizens of the Year. The bench is located adjacent to the customer parking lot along Brooks Street.

The Wake Forest Lions Club's participation in the tree planting project will count toward International Lions Club President Wing-Kun Tam's goal of planting millions of trees around the world this year. To help offset the cost of the project, the club donated \$500 towards the purchase of the trees. It also announced plans to make the tree planting an annual event.

For more information about Friday's tree plantings, contact Keto at (919) 435-9565 or eketo@wakeforestnc.gov.

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