



Town of Geneseo
Geneseo Boy Scouts of America Troop 4070

Urban Forestry Council
Grant Report



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Andrew Hillman, Grant Committee Chair
New York State Urban Forestry Council
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Dear Ms. Emmerich and Mr. Hillman,

Thank you again for selecting Geneseo Troop 4070 and the Town of Geneseo to receive a grant from the NYS Urban Forestry Council.

We held our event on Saturday, April 17, 2021, with the support and guidance from the Livingston County Department of Health.

We appreciate your support as we continue to enhance Long Point Park and engage our Scouts and our community in protecting our park.

Sincerely,

John Rutigliano, CFRE
Parent Committee Chair,
Geneseo BSA Troop 4070



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After Event Review

We consider our event a great success:

- We planted 6 bare-root trees at Long Point Park
- We distributed 50 Buttonbush and Sawtooth trees and 25 Blazing Stars and Daylilies into the community with the support of Master Gardener Julie Brocklehurst-Woods,
- 15 attendees (8 were age 10 or younger), participated in our event
- Three teams of Scouts led tree planting, vegetable gardening, and sapling pickup stations
- The Troop used Facebook and Instagram to share the event
- 10 area schools adjacent to Conesus Lake received and distributed a flyer via email
- Inventory management and lower than expected in kind donations allowed us to add a flower/vegetable planting station for under \$90
- Coalition of local Boy Scout Troop, Town of Geneseo, and non-profit community organizations combined to deliver a day of service and learning about trees
- Eric Randall led an informative walking tour of the trees of Long Point Park. He identified several invasive species in situ and used a tree diameter tape to calculate the ages of the larger trees.
- Megan Harris of the Finger Lakes PRISM led an informative presentation on the many foreign and domestic invasive species that are threatening to invade the Finger Lakes.
- COVID-19 likely dampened participation and caused additional conflicts than a typical year (fall and spring sports were both underway).

Changes for future events:

- The purchase of bare-root trees allowed us to purchase more trees than ball and burlap but forced us to hold our event in mid-April. In the future, ball and burlap trees will allow more flexibility in scheduling the event, such as mid-May.
- The purchase of bare-root trees also shortened the time from the grant award to the event. A longer advertising period may have yielded additional participants.



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Family Gardening Day Committee Membership

Our Troop wishes to thank the Event Committee members who made our event a success

John Rutigliano	Parent Committee Chair, Boy Scouts of America Troop 4070
Patti LaVigne	Town of Geneseo Board member
Larry Levey	Town of Geneseo, Highway Superintendent
Ben Gajewski	Executive Director, Genesee Valley Conservancy
Jim Kisker	Schichtel's Nursery
Julie Brocklehurst-Woods	Master Gardener, Geneseo, NY
Eric Randall	Member, Master Forest Owner Program of Cornell University
Megan Harris	Aquatic Invasive Species educator of Finger Lakes PRISM



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Budget Overview

Expense <i>Explanation</i>	Budget	Actual
Purchase Masks (\$40), hand sanitizer (\$25) <i>Received sanitizer from Town of Geneseo, Troop had masks in inventory</i>	\$ 65	\$ 0
Arbor Day Program Printing <i>Printing donated in kind</i>	\$ 28	\$ 0
Gardening Style Gloves (20 pairs) for children as giveaway <i>Received discount at Magid Gloves, 116 pair for \$131.70</i>	\$ 100	\$ 131.70
Genesee Valley Pennysaver Advertising (1/4 page B&W) Received	\$ 141	\$ 138
50 seedlings (18"-24") of Buttonbush (attract birds and butterflies) Supplier: Livingston Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 40	\$ 40
50 seedlings (18"-24") of Sawtooth oak Supplier: Livingston Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 40	\$ 40
25 Bundles of Blazing Star as a giveaway Supplier: Livingston Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 23	\$ 23
25 Bundles of Daylily as a giveaway Supplier: Livingston Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 23	\$ 23
3 Freeman Maple 'Autumn Blaze', 1.5" caliper, 8' height (\$90 each) 5 Kentucky Coffee Trees (<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>), Schichtel's Nursery (\$54 each)	\$ 270	\$ 270
3 Red Oak, 1.5" caliper, 8' height (\$90 each) 3 Swamp White Oak (<i>Quercus Bicolor</i>), Schichtel's Nursery	\$ 270	\$ 270
Paper seed starter trays, seeds, topsoil from J&A Market (ADDED)	\$ 0	\$ 83.60
Bathroom cups for socially distant planting	\$ 0	\$ 6.98
Grand Total	\$ 1,000	\$1026.28 ¹

¹ The Town will pay the \$1,000 grant to the Troop. The Troop will reimburse itself and Scout parents for expenses incurred. The Troop will absorb the overage of actual over planned expenses of \$26.28.



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Event Program

Community Planting & Gardening Event Saturday, April 17, 2021

Program

Welcome	Town Councilmember Patty LaVigne
Orientation	Troop Committee Chair John Rutigliano

Stations

Vegetable Planting	Pavilion with the Boy Scouts
Tree Planting	Pavilion with the Boy Scouts
Walking Tour	Eric Randall, Master Forest Owner Program
Invasive Species	Megan Harris, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator, FLI
Sapling Pickup	Master Gardener Julie Brocklehurst-Woods

The Boy Scouts and parents of Troop 70 wish to thank:

Central Presbyterian Church of Geneseo

Town of Geneseo Councilmember Patty LaVigne and Highway Superintendent Larry Levey

Finger Lakes Institute

J&A Farm Market

Genesee Valley Conservancy

Genesee Valley Pennysaver

Livingston County News

Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District

Master Gardener Julie Brocklehurst-Woods

Master Forest Owner Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension

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Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.



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Press Release

Troop 4070 to Lead a Community Planting & Gardening Event at Long Point Park

Geneseo, NY-April 8, 2021 – Boy Scouts of America Troop 4070 of Geneseo will lead a Community Planting and Gardening Event at Long Point Park in Geneseo on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The Scouts will lead two sessions, first from 9:30AM to 10:30AM and another from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. This is a rain or shine event.

The event is geared toward youth and open to the public. For safety of all participants, each event will have 75 tickets available online at www.bit.ly/geneseotrees. Each ticket admits one adult and one child who will make their own vegetable garden tray at the event and get a tree sapling or ornamental bush to plant at home.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own garden gloves and shovels for tree planting to minimize sharing. No tools required for sapling pick up or vegetable gardening.

The Scouts will lead three activities at each session: (1) plant three 8-foot tall trees at the park, (2) plant your own vegetable garden in a take-home garden tray, and (3) get a free sapling or ornamental bush with live planting demonstrations from Geneseo Master Gardener Julie Brocklehurst-Woods.

Community Partners

Geneseo Troop 4070 applied for and received a grant from the NYS Urban Forestry Council that encourages communities to host tree-planting events. Eric Randall of the Master Forest Owner Program of Cornell University will lead a walking tour of the trees at Long Point Park. Megan Harris of the Finger Lakes Institute will share information about aquatic invasive species at Conesus Lake.

“Conservation work and outdoor experiences have been part of Scouting from the beginning,” says Troop 4070 Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Bryan French. “Everyone knows about global warming, the damage from the Emerald Ash Borer, and the importance of trees to our planet. Our Scouts are giving our community a chance to do something about these issues.”



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Bringing it Home

Geneseo Boy Scouts Troop 4070 purchased 50 saplings each of Buttonbush and Sawtooth Oak and 25 ornamental bushes each of Blazing Star and Daylilies from the Livingston Soil and Water Conservation District. Each adult and child pair attending the event will receive a sapling or a bush to plant at home.

Buttonbush and Sawtooth Oak both attract birds and butterflies and thrive in damp to semi-wet areas. These bare-root saplings are between 18 and 24 inches tall and must be planted immediately. Blazing Star bushes attract pollinators, insects, and hummingbirds. Daylilies are hearty perennials that bloom often and enjoy semi-sunny environments.

Scouts Replace Destroyed Trees

Long Point Park is a public park that offers nine lakeside acres of open space and serves as the only public access to Conesus Lake in the Town of Geneseo. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) destroyed all but one Ash tree at Long Point Park. The EAB is an invasive beetle that lays eggs along the bark of Ash trees then burrows underneath the bark of ash trees, killing them. Trees at Long Point reduce and filter storm water runoff into the lake, remove air pollutants, help moderate temperatures, retain ground water, and prevent shoreline erosion. They are also habitats that are critical to the lakeside ecosystem.

Troop 4070 would like to thank the Geneseo Central Presbyterian Church, the Finger Lakes Institute, the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District, Master Gardener Julie Brocklehurst-Woods, the Genesee Valley Conservancy, the Master Forest Owner Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Town of Geneseo Councilmember Patty LaVigne and Highway Superintendent Larry Levey, the Urban Forestry Council, and Wegmans Food Markets for their support of the event.

About Geneseo Troop 4070

Geneseo Troop 4070 of the Boy Scouts of America is sponsored by the Central Presbyterian Church of Geneseo. Troop 4070 was established in 1968 and is celebrating fifty-three years of service to Geneseo in 2021.



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Local Advertising

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HOMETOWN Events

Geneseo Boy Scouts to host Community Planting & Gardening Event at Long Point Park

Join us on April 17 at Long Point Park

from 9:30 to 10:30AM OR 11:00AM to 12:00PM.
Tickets are free and available online at bit.ly/geneseotrees

Special thanks to the Geneseo Central Presbyterian Church,
the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District,
the Master Forest Owner Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension,
the Town of Geneseo, the Urban Forestry Council, and
Wegmans Food Market for their support of the event.

We will observe all CDC guidance, including social distancing and the use of face masks.

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Spring Cleaning/Overstock BAZAAR Sale! The Geneseo United Methodist Women present a Spring Cleaning/Overstock BAZAAR Sale Saturday, April 24, 9am-2pm, at the church at 4520 Geneseo Street (Route 63 and Court Street), Geneseo. Featuring a variety of high-quality, unique, hand-made crafts and beautiful artificial flower arrangements! Everything on display that day will be offered at 25% off the marked price! Credit and debit cards accepted. Come get a great deal and help us make room for new projects for our Holiday Bazaar held each December. In order to observe social distancing, we will limit the number of people entering at one time, and face masks will be required. <http://geneseomethodist.org/event-item/bazaar-spring-sale/>

Little Lakes History Club with Linda Aulke on Tuesday, April 13, 8:30 to 9:30 pm, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Monthly meeting for fans of local history, family genealogies, and other topics of historical interest. Cost: \$5, collected at the meeting.

Fifth Annual "Take Pride in Hemlock Day" - Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9:30 to 2:00, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Join us as we participate in a "Community Clean-up" Day, with supplies and safety equipment provided. Potluck Lunch following clean-up. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Questions? 585-367-1046. <http://www.LittleLakesNY.org>

Free Trees to Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day! Saturday, April 24, 10-2pm, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Pick up your order of free trees! LCCA ordered from the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District! Order your choice of deciduous or evergreen trees, shrubs and ground covers by noon on April 17 at www.littlelakesny.org or call 585-367-1046. Suggested limit: 3 plant specimens. Additional orders may be requested, and will be distributed at the discretion of LCCA. Join us for a free tree-planting workshop that day from 11:00 to noon on the grounds of LCCA with Robert Szyker, the director of the District. Sign up in advance if you would like to attend. Limit: 20 participants. Donations for the plants and workshop are welcomed!

7 Keys to Resilient Gardening in a Changing Climate - Petra Page-Mann of Fruticon Seeds in Naples, NY. Thursday, April 15, 6:30-8pm, Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Registration: \$10. With the right attention, techniques, timing & seeds, our gardens will surround us with beauty and abundance even as our seasons grow more unpredictable. Come laugh and learn the keys to surround yourself and your community with abundance for generations to come with Petra Page-Mann, a 19-year gardener of the Finger Lakes. Fruticon Seeds will also be available for purchase for in-person participants. Register for in-person and Zoom participation by April 14 at www.littlelakesny.org

Vidler's Five and Ten, Inc. Tour - Wednesday, April 14, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Self-driving tour; meet at Little Lakes Community Center, 4705 S. Main St., Hemlock. Located in East Aurora, NY, the historic Vidler's 5 and 10, Inc. is said to be the largest "Five and Ten" in the world. Come join us for a wonderful day of shopping and lunch at the Globe Restaurant across the street. Then a visit to the Millard Fillmore Museum. We travel as a "cavalcade" to each destination. REGISTRATION: \$16.00. Includes museum admission. Lunch and shopping are on one's own. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 11 2021 at www.littlelakesny.org; 585-367-1046.

Under the giving snow Missions a Daring Spring - Tent Gardens

LEROY

Rotary Club of LeRoy Paper Shredding Event - Time to begin your Spring cleaning and purging! The Rotary Club of LeRoy is holding a paper shredding event with shreddit, for \$10.00 per tonner's box or medium-sized kitchen bag have your documents shredded on-site. All shredding will be completed on-site. Held Saturday, May 8th, 8am to 12noon at O'Con Parking lot, 8715 Lake St. Rd., LeRoy. <http://www.leroyrotary.org>

LIMA

Lima Food Pantry - DON'T FORGET WE ARE HERE! The LIMAS FOOD PANTRY is open to all Lima residents in need. We will take your order via telephone and deliver to your door. Please call 582-6787 to sign up!

LIVONIA

Drive-Thru Community Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner 4/22 - Join us Thursday, April 22nd from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Livonia Presbyterian Church just off Rt. 20A on Center Street in Livonia Center across the street from the American Legion. Please use the Center Street driveway. We will be serving our homemade meatballs, spaghetti, green beans, fresh Italian bakery bread, and a brownie all served ready to take home to enjoy. There is no cost for the meal; however, donations will be accepted. We look forward to serving you.

LEICESTER

Kiwanis Club of York-Leicester - Annual Spring Chicken BBQ: The Kiwanis Club of York-Leicester has scheduled their Annual Spring Chicken BBQ for Saturday, April 24, 2021. Serving from 4pm until Sold Out at the Livonist Fire Hall, Main St., Leicester. Cost: \$12 each. TAKE OUT ONLY. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Kiwanian or may be purchased at the door.

April prepares her great traffic light and the world thinks Go.
- Christopher Morley, John Mafus



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Event Photographs



Geneseo Troop 4070 Boy Scouts Garren (orange shirt) and Billy (grey jacket) help two elementary-age boys plant a tree at Long Point Park.



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Eric Randall, a Master Forest Owner of Cornell Cooperative Extension, holds a branch of a Hemlock tree with the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). Randall explained that the aphid-like creature sucks the sap from trees, causing decline and death.



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Father and son team Eric (L) and Tim Hammond (R) plant a Kentucky Coffee tree at Long Point Park.



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Megan Harris, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator at the Finger Lakes Partnership for Invasive Species Management, presented the many foreign and domestic aquatic threats to Conesus Lake and all the Finger Lakes.



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Scouts in action: Troop 4070 Scouts and youth participants dig holes to prepare for the Swamp White Oaks at Long Point Park.



Vegetable seed station: In-kind donations and fast-thinking Scouts came up with the ide of adding a vegetable gardening station to our event. The Troop offered biodegradeable trays, seeds, and instructions to youth. The Scouts helped event participants create 100 trays of squash, zucchini, peppers, and marigolds.



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Scouts' Honor

Tree plantings mark Arbor Day in Livingston County

Scouts in Livingston County marked Arbor Day with tree plantings in Avon and Geneseo.

A small group of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts gathered April 18 to plant trees in Avon Driving Park in honor of Arbor Day. The trees were part of a grant program funded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Scouts said they were happy to lend a helping hand to put the trees in the ground and are excited to come back to the park to watch the trees grow.

The park continues to recover from a devastating infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer that saw between 700 and 800 ash trees removed in 2017.

To prevent a recurrence, the village used a \$50,000 Urban and Community Forestry grant from DEC to plant 166 trees with 30 different species to help rejuvenate the park. The variety of species was chosen to avoid a future outbreak.

The Town of Geneseo in

2017 removed about 65 ash trees from Long Point Park, also in an attempt to prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Beetle. The invasive insect is expensive to control and usually kills ash trees with a two- to four-year period.

On April 17, Boy Scout Troop 4070 of Geneseo led a community planting and gardening event at Long Point Park. During two sessions, the Scouts planted a total of six 8-foot tall trees, provided participants with a plant-your-own-vegetable garden in a take-home garden tray, and provided a free sapling or ornamental bush.

"Conservation work and outdoor experiences have been part of Scouting from the beginning," says Troop 4070 Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Bryan French. "Everyone knows about global warming, the damage from the Emerald Ash Borer, and the importance of trees to our planet. Our Scouts are giving our community a chance to do something about these issues."



Members of an Avon Girl Scout troop pose alongside the tree they planted April 18 in Avon Driving Park as part of an early Arbor Day commemoration. Arbor Day is April 30.



Jeff Hammond and Geneseo Troop 4070 Boy Scout Second Class Eric Hammond plant a Kentucky Coffee Tree at Long Point Park, Geneseo, on April 17.