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Celebrate Earth Day with a Community Cleanup and Lots of Native Plants!

ROXBURY, NJ - The Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) will be celebrating Earth Day, a globally celebrated holiday focused on green awareness and environmental issues, with a community cleanup on April 22nd and then continuing the celebration with a native plant sale on May 6th.

LHF Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Lots of hands make light work. Join the Foundation for just one hour, 8:30 - 9:30 am on Saturday, April 22nd, to pick up roadside debris along Mt. Arlington Boulevard in support of Roxbury's Adopt-A-Road Program. Supplies and vests will be provided. Interested volunteers should email donna@lakehopatcongfoundation.org to register. All volunteers will be entered into a drawing to win prizes!

Native Plant Sale

Get a jump on spring planting that's good for the environment by shopping for native plants at the LHF Native Plant Sale on May 6th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Lake Hopatcong Train Station, 125 Landing Road, Landing. Twenty-six different varieties of plants, all native to New Jersey, will be available for purchase including some wonderful flowering plants like asters, phlox, rudbeckia, blue bells, and native sunflowers, as well as some really interesting plants for the yard like wintergreen, witch hazel, boneset, elderberry, and New Jersey tea. This will be a cash only sale.

Native plants are those that occur naturally in a region in which they evolved. They are easier on the environment because they are adapted to the local landscape and generally require less water and little maintenance after they are established. They improve water quality by increasing the penetration of rainwater into the ground and filter pollutants from our water. Native plants require less fertilizers which reduces the amount of fertilizer that stormwater carries into our lake. Native plants also provide essential habitat and food for birds, native bees, butterflies, bats and many mammals. By choosing native plants in your yard, you are not only helping wildlife, but you are creating a healthier place for yourself, your family, and your community.

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission of "improving Lake Hopatcong for all, now and in the years to come." Launched in 2012, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation aims to improve and enhance the lake experience and environment. Initiatives range from invasive species prevention to lake education to improved safety, and more. To learn more, visit www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org.