

Black River Audubon Park Tree Planting Celebration West Bridge Street, Elyria Lorain County Pride Day, May 19, 2018



Black River Audubon Society has been awarded a **National Audubon Society Burke Trees for Birds** grant and will celebrate that good news by planting a wide variety of native trees at the City of Elyria's Black River Audubon Park and other local venues beginning at 9 a.m. on May 19th, Lorain County and Elyria Pride Day!

Together with Elyria Sunshine Rotary members, Elyria High School honors students, Key Club students and others, the local Audubon group will plant a dozen trees at the park on West Bridge Street next to the one-way bridge over the Black River. Black River Audubon founder and benefactor Jack Smith donated the land to the City of Elyria in the name of the local Audubon society. 2018 is the 60-year anniversary of the founding of BRAS and National Audubon Society has named 2018 as the Year of the Bird.

In addition to a wide variety of bird-attracting native trees, BRAS, partnering with Western Reserve Land Conservancy, is planning to plant shrubs, milkweed, and wildflowers to attract birds and butterflies. The overall goal is to turn the small park into a mini-nature preserve just off Elyria's downtown center.

During the planting, complimentary wildflower seeds and seedlings will be distributed to participants and visitors to the park.

For more information on programs, volunteering or becoming a member, please visit www.blackriveraudubon.org or call 440-365-6465. And remember to LIKE us on Facebook!!