

Win of the Week

Earth Day 2024 was on April 22. On Saturday April 20th, many volunteers took part in the **1,000 Tree Initiative** at Veterans Legacy Woods on April 20th, as part of community effort.

Twenty Geauga Senior volunteers also joined in to help that day, lead by the Geauga County Department on Aging's own Melissa Wheeler. Seniors were designated to "pods" (sectioned areas to plant) to dig holes for trees, shrubs, and flowers. These pods, on average, consisted of a variety of 15 different plants. Geauga Park District chose which plants would go in each pod based on compatibility and size. Some were tall, medium, and short growing plants so that they could all survive in the same pod. Seniors were given the plants and then they had the opportunity to pick where they would be planted in the pod. They then dug the holes and planted each one. Once the pod was completely planted, the seniors then helped with assembling the protective fence around the pods.

The seniors also helped plant additional plants that the Geauga Park District asked to be planted outside of the pods. These plants that would not be affected by deer, but would be beneficial to restoring the natural ecosystem at this retired golf course.

A Big Thank you to our Geauga County Volunteers!