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Various tree planting events in Delaware on Nov 5 *Helping to Plant One Million in Old New Castle, Newark and Dover*

At the height of the fall planting season on Saturday, November 5, several organizations across Delaware will be planting trees and selling native trees as part of the tri-state initiative to [Plant One Million](#). Each of the organizations coordinating the three November events listed below (i.e. Delaware Center for Horticulture, White Clay Wild & Scenic, and Delaware Native Plant Society) is also a member of the newly-formed Delaware Tree Coalition.

1. Old New Castle

The [Delaware Center for Horticulture](#) (TheDCH) will be planting 40 trees in Old New Castle in partnership with the [New Castle Tree Commission](#) and with the help of more than 40 volunteers from the community. These new trees will add shade and beauty to the city's parks, streets, and open spaces.

This project was funded in part through a grant from the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, U.S. Forest Service. This event is also supported by a grant from the Alliance for Community Trees and is one of nearly 1,000 events across the nation celebrating [NeighborWoods Month](#).

“TheDCH is pleased to involve the Old New Castle community for the first time in Plant One Million,” said Jen Bruhler, TheDCH Assistant Director of Urban Forestry. “Much of the city's historic character can be attributed to its trees, and we are excited to help maintain that tradition. Additionally, New Castle has been identified by the Delaware Forest Service as a priority area in need of additional tree canopy.”

For more information about this tree planting event, contact Jen Bruhler, at (302) 658-6262 x107 or jbruhler@thedch.org

2. White Clay Creek in Newark

Volunteers are needed at 10:00 AM for a tree planting along the banks of White Clay Creek near the historic Hale Byrnes House (606 Stanton-Christiana Road, Newark, DE 19713). This new buffer planting of 10 trees and 60 shrubs will help protect the tidal portions of the creek bank. Please bring a shovel and gloves. This event will be held rain or shine. Lunch will be provided.

This tree planting is being coordinated by [White Clay Wild & Scenic](#) and the [Delaware Society for the Preservation of Antiquities](#) with support from the [Partnership for the Delaware Estuary](#).

For more information, contact Jennifer Egan at (302) 737-6590 or riveradministrator@whiteclay.org

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3. Native Trees and Plant Sale in Dover

The [Delaware Native Plant Society](#) invites all gardeners to attend their annual native plant sale at the St. Jones Research Reserve in Dover (818 Kitts Hummock Road). Hundreds of native trees, shrubs, herbaceous species, ferns, vines and grasses will be available at very reasonable prices. The sale is held from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Native Plant Society’s plant nursery on site at the Reserve. Most plants have been grown from seeds collected locally on the Delmarva Peninsula. For more information, contact Eric Zuelke at 302.735.8918 or ezuelke@juno.com.

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Plant One Million is a regional partnership to plant one million trees throughout 13 counties in Delaware, southeastern Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The goal is to restore the “tree canopy cover” (i.e. the area of land shaded by trees) in this 13 county region to 30 percent coverage. The [Delaware Center for Horticulture](#), the [Pennsylvania Horticultural Society](#) and the [New Jersey Tree Foundation](#) serve as lead partners in each of the three states. Learn more at <http://www.plantonemillion.org/>

The **Delaware Tree Coalition** is a newly formed association of tree planting organizations and agencies in Delaware, who have joined forces to share resources and promote each others’ efforts. Through education, marketing, and partnership, we aim to advance tree planting and tree care throughout the State. We will also engage our Delaware audiences in the tri-state regional campaign, [Plant One Million](#).

Alliance for Community Trees is dedicated to improving the environment where 80% of Americans live: our cities, towns, and villages. ACTrees’ national network of members have planted and cared for 15 million trees with help from over 5 million volunteers. Each fall, ACT sponsors National NeighborWoods Month™ to celebrate the value of trees in our communities. Learn more at <http://actrees.org/>

The **Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH)** cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. Founded in 1977, the Center’s headquarters in the Trolley Square neighborhood of Wilmington includes public gardens, an art gallery, lecture hall and greenhouse. TheDCH supports 23 community and school gardens; beautifies Delaware’s roadsides with native vegetation; leads regional conservation projects to enhance Delaware’s urban forest; and provides educational programs for children, teens, and adults. For more information, visit thedch.org or find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/TheDCH.org>

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