

Project Description Form

Timber Stand Improvement:

Years of fire suppression and the increasing number of invasive species have dramatically changed the oak-hickory forest that dominated this area before Europeans settled here. Volunteers will assist in a timber stand improvement project by pulling woody vegetation that has been pre-cut and piling it in designated areas. Volunteers will also be planting oak and hickory trees at selected sites. The new trees will then be caged to protect them from deer browse.

Shoreline Clean-up:

The historic floods of 2008 deposited a tremendous amount of trash, including barrels and parts of boat docks, on the shoreline of Coralville Lake. Volunteers will pick up and consolidate trash along the lake shoreline. Trash will be loaded onto the COE pontoon for complete removal. Volunteers may need to provide canoes to access some areas. Hip-waders are recommended for volunteers moving the trash from the shore to the pontoon.

Invasive Species Removal:

Several non-native, invasive species pose a serious threat to the health of our forests. Volunteers will be trained to identify and safely remove different species of plants, such as garlic mustard, oriental bittersweet, European honeysuckle, and autumn olive that threaten our woodlands.

Campground Clean-up and Preparation:

Several projects are available, including:

- Campsite upkeep
- Cleaning out flower beds
- Mulching
- Painting picnic tables
- Picking up trash
- Removing sticks and debris from mowed areas
- Trimming and planting shrubs

Trails:

Several projects are available, including:

- Chipping sections of trail
- Cutting brush to open up over-grown areas
- Benching and widening of existing trail tread