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**Living Lands & Waters Mobile Tree Wrapping at QC Schools**

Quad City area schools, March-April, 2018 – Starting Monday, approximately 4,000 local students will wrap oak trees for the Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) MillionTrees Project (MTP). The traveling unit will be visiting area schools every weekday from March 26 to April 17 (see page 2 for full list of locations and dates) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. (except where noted).

Students from 12 local schools spanning from Davenport to Geneseo will wrap more than 70,000 oak saplings, which were harvested from the LL&W tree nursery by North Scott Junior High students.

The tree wrapping events are essential to keep the trees alive between harvesting and planting. The trees will be distributed to hundreds of residents and businesses across 20 states.

Most events will be privately held at local schools but one event, held on April 6-7, located at the East Moline Bus Garage (2025 Morton Drive), is open to the public. Hours of operation for this event are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/80225143664149> (clickable link found under LL&W's Facebook events). For more information, contact Tammy Becker at (309) 236-0725 or tammy@livinglandsandwaters.org

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**About Living Lands & Waters** – Chad Pregracke started Living Lands & Waters in 1998 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the beautification and restoration of America's major rivers and the education of environmental issues. From his single boat beginning, LL&W has grown to an industrial strength, internationally known organization with a fleet of barges and workboats. LL&W engages thousands of volunteers each year in river cleanups, hands-on environmental education workshops, the Great Mississippi River Cleanup, Adopt-a- River-Mile program, Invasive Species Removal, and the MillionTrees Project.

**About the MillionTrees Project (MTP)** - The MTP was initiated in 2007 and, in May of 2014, LL&W broke ground on a new tree nursery located in Davenport, IA. The program is designed to help enhance the watershed by planting native hardwood trees. Once planted, these trees enhance the environment by increasing biodiversity, providing habitat and a food source for indigenous wildlife and migratory birds, increasing air and water quality, reducing erosion and sedimentation and improving aesthetics. The program also helps to educate the local communities, students and teachers through tree preparation and planting events. LL&W hit their goal of one million trees in 2016 and have continued the project.









