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RIFCO SPRING WOODS WALK FEATURES DEER IMPACTS ON RI'S WOODLANDS

The RI Forest Conservatorø Organization (RIFCO) will conduct its Annual Spring Program at the property of Robert and Elaine Maguire at the end of Maguire Lane in West Greenwich on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Spring Program is free and open to all interested people, and will feature a woods walk that will review some of the topics that were explored during the winter Woodland Owner Workshop series.

Those topics include the use of a GPS to map your woodland trails and features; pollinator habitat species that woodland owners can enhance; and the serious impacts to our woodlands from the increasing deer population in Rhode Island. The Maguire woodlot has seen some timber harvesting in the recent past, and the deer browse impacts are readily seen.

The program will be led by local foresters, and includes tree identification, forest ecology topics, and wildlife habitat topics. Access road improvements, forest thinning activities, as well as timely topics and issues, will be accessible for viewing.

The RIFCO Spring Program is free and open to the public. The program is offered independent of the winter workshop series; there is no pre-requisite for participating. Maguire Lane is located on Fry Pond Road, which runs between Sharpe Street and Robin Hollow Road, easterly of Route 102 in West Greenwich. Signs will be posted at various points along the way and at the entrance to Maguire Lane. Directions to the site are available by calling RIFCO at (401)568-3421, or one can go to www.rifco.org for more information.

The RI Forest Conservatorø Organization is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and wise use of Rhode Islandø forest resources.

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