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From: Michael <madelorenzo@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 6:10 PM
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Subject: FW: Kensington Orchards Volunteering Question

Marlo,

Happy new year !

Please put Brett first on our agenda for next week to discuss volunteering for the trails. He will also need the remote access login information.

Thank you,

Michael

From: Brett Lehner <bclehner1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2020 12:44 PM
To: madelorenzo@comcast.net
Subject: Kensington Orchards Volunteering Question

Hello Michael,

I recently discovered the Kensington Orchards conservation area and think it is a really lovely preserve and asset to the community. It is very cool to see the old apple trees and blueberry bushes there, and I was wondering if there is any opportunity to do any volunteering to maintain some of them? A little about myself, I'm currently in medical school at the University of Connecticut, I have a small plant nursery in southwest CT, and am working on another volunteer project with White Memorial Conservation Center to introduce a native plant edible forest garden there, with paw paw and american persimmon trees.

I'm not sure what the long term management plan is for the orchard areas of the Kensington Orchards preserve, but I thought I would reach out and see if I could start a conversation to see if it might be possible to organize a group of volunteers to look after some of those sections in the preserve? I wouldn't be encouraging any pesticide use, it would all be done in organic and permaculture ways.

Thanks,

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