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**Visit and Learn About The Matson Hill Park Restoration Project On June 20**

***St. Charles County, Missouri*** – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Woodland Restoration Field Day, at Matson Hill Park in Defiance, for anyone interested in learning about the various stages of restoring woodlands and prairies. The free program gives participants a chance to see and learn about the Matson Hill Park restoration project, where 62-acres of woodland and 11-acres of prairies were restored by members of the parks department, volunteers and members of Missouri Master Naturalist, Confluence Chapter. The restoration project was a partnership between the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department, the Missouri Master Naturalist, Forest and Woodland Association of Missouri, University Extension Education Foundation and Missouri Department of Conservation, and was made possible through a Community Stewardship Grant. Join St. Charles County Parks staff, volunteers and project partners for this educational, hands-on field day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Friday, June 20. The program is perfect for land managers, land owners and other resource professionals interested in learning how to manage an overgrown site back to health. Registration is required by emailing [fwam.trees@gmail.com](mailto:fwam.trees@gmail.com), or contacting Jim Summers with the Forest and Woodland Association of Missouri at (818) 645-5399. Participants will receive detailed information about the program location within Matson Hill Park after registering.

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