



# Media Advisory

Thursday, April 21, 2005

## York Region Forest expands with tree planting on expanded Hall Tract in Whitchurch-Stouffville

NEWMARKET – Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Sue Sherban and representatives from York Region and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation (ORMF) will join 300 children from Ballantrae Public School in a tree planting event at the expanded Hall Tract of the York Regional Forest.

The 25 hectare (60 acre) property was purchased last year with the intention to restore the environmentally-sensitive area back to its original state.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 22, 2005  
10 a.m.

**WHERE:** York Regional Forest, Hall Tract  
15578 Highway 48, Whitchurch-Stouffville

### PRESENT:

- Sue Sherban, Mayor, Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Michael Scott, President, Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation
- Students from Ballantrae Public School

### BACKGROUND:

- The expanded Hall Tract property was secured in 2004 as part of York Region's Greening Strategy and Official Plan to expand forest coverage to 25 per cent.
- The property, situated on the environmentally-sensitive Oak Ridges Moraine, has a conservation easement, protecting it in perpetuity from commercial development.
- York Region and the ORMF partnered to acquire the property, with the Region providing two-thirds funding and the ORMF providing one-third funding.

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