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Photos can be downloaded here: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!AlusXBzdArEwoSMEpDqVP9WdOSrK>

Captions: A swamp white oak will be planted at East Stroudsburg University as part of the Arbor Day festivities and campus walk on April 26, 2019. (Contributed photo) The swamp white oak is named partly for the silvery underside of its leaves. (Contributed photo)

Arbor Day walk among the trees at ESU Arboretum

Enjoy a spring morning outside among the trees of the ESU Arboretum to celebrate Arbor Day. The walk is organized by Brodhead Watershed Association, Monroe County Garden Club, and East Stroudsburg University, with support from the East Stroudsburg Shade Tree Commission.

The walk is part of a larger celebration of Arbor Day, on Friday, April 26. Celebrity radio host Gary In The Morning will broadcast from the front circle of the university from 6 to 9 a.m. Dignitaries from ESU and state Sen. Mario Scavello will speak on the importance of keeping the environment healthy, starting at 7:30. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

“Trees form a kind of natural infrastructure that protects drinking water,” said Bob Heil, executive director of BWA. “As they live and ‘breathe,’ trees and forested land are essential in keeping water pure. It’s the clean, green, dollar-smart solution to water quality.”

Get Outdoors Poconos hike leader Carol Hillestad will join Professor Emily Rollinson and members of the University Environmental Club on this easy guided walk. Dozens of different tree species are in the arboretum collection, which is mapped and annotated in the Arboretum Guide.

Later in the day, a swamp white oak will be planted near the Alumni Center.

All events are free and open to the public. To register for the walk, contact BWA at 570-839-1120, info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-242-7171. For information, see brodheadwatershed.org.

Brodhead Watershed Association is one of the oldest defenders of Monroe County’s environment, with 30 years of work by thousands of members and volunteers protecting safe drinking water.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.

