Annual Day of Service Opportunity with
Northwest RI Supporters of Open Spaces

Proposal from Sand Dam Reservoir Association, Chepachet, RI
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Overview:
The Sand Dam Reservoir Association (SDRA) is a voluntary Association of concerned landowners and neighbors on the Sand Dam Reservoir (also known as Smith & Sayles Reservoir) whose mission is to provide stewardship to the lake and its community. Members come together to preserve, protect, and improve the quality of our environment here: our water and habitat, for recreation and tranquility, now and in the future.

In our mission as stewards of Smith & Sayles Reservoir and its water quality, we are conscious of the need to maintain the structural integrity of the dam which allows us to regulate water height and is located on Chestnut Hill Road in Chepachet, RI. Our ability to maintain a clean and debris-free soil surface, which is integral to dam quality, has been impacted over the last 18 months due to the reconstruction of the Glocester Transfer Station. During that process, a natural barrier of trees and shrubs was removed. As a result, wind-blown trash has traveled across the road, onto the dam, and into the water. Recently, the Glocester Transfer Station has planted a row of evergreens, which will help to reduce future trash redistribution.

However, trash has built up during the time prior to the recent tree planting. SDRA has had twice-yearly community volunteerism during this time period to remove litter and refuse that has been discarded in proximity to the Reservoir's dam. We would appreciate help through the Annual Day of Service being offered through Northwest RI Supporters of Open Spaces to host another clean-up day, with the intent of removing any and all debris that has accumulated since our last clean-up in spring, 2016.

How many people are needed:
We would require the minimum group of eight volunteers for this clean-up initiative.

What type of work will be required?
The work required includes walking along a roadside, on a hilly dam, and at the bottom of the hilly dam (as allowed per lake level at this time of year) to pick up trash, transfer trash bags to others, load the trash into a pickup truck, and empty the pickup truck in

the Glocester Transfer Station. SDRA members would be on hand and able to assist with all steps in the process.

Location –
Sand Dam on Chestnut Hill Road, Chepachet, RI

Conclusion
We appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this community program. If you would like to learn more about Sand Dam Reservoir Association, please feel free to visit our website. Also, if you would like to learn how SDRA helps to educate the community about sustainability issues, please go to our Education Site. Thanks!