

Paulins Kill Lake Communities Free Tree Program

To combat the tree mortality caused by the emerald ash borer (invasive insect), the SCMUA-Wallkill River Watershed Management Group secured grant funding to purchase native saplings for distribution throughout the Paulins Kill Watershed Lake Communities. The infestation of the emerald ash borer is killing ash trees throughout NJ which is leading to a dramatic increase in stormwater runoff into the Paulins Kill Lakes. Trees act like sponges, helping to soak up stormwater runoff that would otherwise flow into the lake. By helping to replace the tree canopy that was lost because of ash tree mortality, lake residents will be helping to protect the health of their lake.

To participate in the SCMUA-Wallkill River Watershed Management Group's tree program, participants need to be residents of:

- 1) Culver Lake
- 2) Lake Owassa
- 3) Crandon Lakes
- 4) Kemah Lake
- 5) Swartswood Lakes
- 6) Paulinskill Lake

Each household can request up to 5 native trees to plant on their property. Your trees will be delivered in mid-May and will be provided to you at no cost thanks to grant funding provided by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. The SCMUA-Wallkill River Watershed Management Group staff will also be able to help you plant your trees upon request.

To register and to select your desired trees, visit: <https://forms.gle/WoWiyfVFRP9MWdS17>

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