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## Ceremony at Lynden Hill will mark National Public Lands Day

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day will be celebrated in Milwaukee tomorrow (Saturday, September 29) morning at Lynden Hill, one of only five U.S. Forest Service “urban tree house” spaces in the U.S., said **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**.

Alderman Bauman, whose 4<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District includes **Lynden Hill (located between N. 22<sup>nd</sup> and N. 23<sup>rd</sup> streets from W. McKinley Ave. to W. Juneau Ave.)**, said Lynden Hill is an urban green space that adds value for residents. “We are blessed in Milwaukee to have excellent parks and other public lands – large and small – to enjoy, and Lynden Hill is a great example of a green neighborhood oasis and focal point for the natural environment and environmental learning in the community,” he said.

At **10:00 a.m.** on Saturday, Alderman Bauman will take part in officially welcoming people to the celebration, which will include representatives from **Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful**, the **U.S. Forest Service**, an appearance by **Woodsy Owl** (Forest Service mascot/icon), and information on camping, hiking, and healthy lifestyles. There will also be craft-making and other activities for children.

**Media coverage is encouraged.**

On Saturday, more than 170,000 Americans are expected to volunteer to help restore the beauty and vitality of public lands as part of National Public Lands Day.

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## **National Public Lands Day/ADD ONE**

### **Facts about Lynden Hill**

Lynden Hill is one of five **Urban Tree House** sites in the United States. The national Urban Tree House program was conceived as a way to educate city youth about the natural environment, and pique their interest in natural resources and potential careers.

Lynden Hill is a community asset and a positive example of open green space in the city of Milwaukee. In 1993, community members rallied to protect Lynden Hill from the construction of a large housing development. In partnership with Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, the U.S. Forest Service, and the city's Department of City Development, neighbors tend the land, remove trash and provide ongoing environmental education programs. Other organizations that have contributed to Lynden Hill are Neighborhood House and Safe & Sound.

For more information about Lynden Hill, please call **Rosann Mathias** of the Midtown Neighborhood Association at **414-933-3638**.

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