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Falls Lake seeks volunteers for 1999 National Public Lands Day

WAKE FOREST, N.C. -- Falls Lake has been chosen to participate in the sixth annual National Public Lands Day to be held Saturday, October 23, 1999. National Public Lands Day will bring volunteers to work at more than 140 sites across the country in parks, forests, lakes and other public lands which have become major recreation areas for millions of Americans.

On this day, people who use the public lands give something back to those special places, sharing stewardship with agencies responsible for managing our 700 million acres of public land. Thousands of volunteers—families, groups, people of all ages—give time and labor to enhance public lands and learn more about the role of public lands in preserving a healthy environment.

Volunteers participating in Falls Lake's National Public Lands Day event will work on the 25-mile Falls Lake Trail, constructing several foot bridges, installing erosion control devices, trimming vegetation, and picking up litter.

The day is a public/private partnership among agencies such as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wake County Parks, and North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, the business community and volunteers.

The event began five years ago with 700 volunteers and three sites. In 1998, more than 17,000 volunteers and community partners contributed over \$1.5 million in improvements to public lands in 82 locations.

For more information on the National Public Lands Day program and volunteer opportunities, please call Carol Banaitis of the U.S. Army Corps of engineers at (919) 846-9332 or Chris Bolen of the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation at (919) 676-1027.

