



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY OFFERS ‘PLANTING’ HABITAT DAYS FOR PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, 4/3, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 4/10-11**

*Volunteers Needed for Two Work Sites Near Johnsonburg, Elk County, and  
Brockway, Jefferson County*

The Allegheny Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) is offering three Habitat Days for **volunteers interested in improving grouse and woodcock habitat**. The first project is Saturday, 4/3, starting at 9:00 a.m. at 1016 Long Level Road, Johnsonburg, Elk County. This habitat day will consist of planting shrubs along a tributary of Little Mill Creek to improve woodcock habitat. A lunch of sausage and sauerkraut will be provided, compliments of the RGS Allegheny Chapter. Volunteers need to bring gloves. Contact 814-512-2101 for additional information.

The second habitat project is planting of conifers (trees with needles) in the understory of a hardwood stand of trees to create winter thermal cover for birds, particularly grouse, and mammals. Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 4/10 and 11, at the project site south of Brockway, Jefferson County, just off U.S. 219. Follow the signs from U.S. 219 to the project site. Lunch will be provided, compliments of the RGS Allegheny Chapter. Volunteers need to bring gloves. Contact 814-512-2101 for additional information.

All volunteers will be required to sign a Volunteer Services Agreement.

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**The Ruffed Grouse Society was founded in 1961 to promote and increase awareness of young forest management and to maintain suitable habitat that supports healthy populations of ruffed grouse, woodcock, deer and many songbird species that depend on forest diversity to survive and prosper.**