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Subject: American Chestnuts email 1

J Davis,

We now have the option of receiving free the new American Chestnut trees that are blight free from the American Chestnut Foundation. This tree used to be responsible for 25% of all trees in Appalachia and up to 30% in Pennsylvania. However before large logging operations in this country may only have been 18% of the tree populations in these areas.

This tree is vital to the return of the wild turkeys and important for many other animals including the soil and is the most important tree ecologically speaking for this ecosystem. I suggest we plant some. What is required of Greenbelt is too sign a germoplasm agreement saying we cannot sell the nuts or new trees. (However we can give them away but those people must sign the germoplasm agreement too.) We must also put fencing around them for protection from deer. The Foundation must also approve the sites. This is so they do not waste their trees. So they would not approve us putting them in swamps.

Lastly at the last FPAB meeting I stated that I felt there might not have been many Chestnut trees growing in Greenbelt. I was probably wrong. I based this statement by not seeing dead rotting pieces of chestnut in the parts of the preserve where I suspected they should have grown. However I forgot those parts of the preserve were used as farm land in the past and so there would be no traces left of the trees. However there are traces of the trees in other parts of the preserve. I hope this helps.

Joe

On Friday, December 18, 2015 3:34 PM, Celia Craze <ccraze@greenbeltmd.gov> wrote:

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