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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Finger Lakes Museum to Plant Trees and Build Trails**

Branchport, NY – The Finger Lakes Museum (FLM) was one of ten applicants awarded a Trees for Tribs Grant through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The FLM's project includes the planting of over 3,000 native trees and shrubs to improve wildlife habitat, water quality and climate resiliency along Sugar Creek. These riparian trees and shrubs will be planted on the banks of the Museum property and its grant partners, the Izaak Walton League, and the Branchport Fire Department.

This May and June, the FLM will work with community volunteers and local groups to begin planting along these properties. We are still in need of additional planters! Planting days are scheduled for May 11, 18, 25, 31 and June 1 and will go from 9:30am to noon. Please visit the Museum's website, [www.FingerLakesMuseum.org](http://www.FingerLakesMuseum.org) to sign-up or contact our Program Director, Debbie Lyon at [dlyon@fingerlakesmuseum.org](mailto:dlyon@fingerlakesmuseum.org) to learn more.

Work has begun at the Museum's wetland property also known as the Townsend-Grady Wildlife Preserve. First steps have occurred with staking out the pier placement of a timber frame pavilion and 250ft of elevated boardwalk. Piers will be installed over the next few weeks with applying the decking, installing the railings, and annual trail maintenance happening through the month of May. Interpretative signage will be placed throughout the wetland over the summer and fall months.

The Yates County Legislature announced last week that they will reimburse \$14,000 of expenses relating to the wetland work described above. This is through the county's natural and recreational resource department with the goal of improving public outdoor recreational areas within Yates County. We are thrilled to receive the County's support for this fantastic project that will become another public place that individuals can utilize and explore.

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The Finger Lakes Museum & Aquarium is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization and is chartered by the New York State Education Department. See [www.FingerLakesMuseum.org](http://www.FingerLakesMuseum.org) for more information or to contribute.