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LAKE OSWEGO – It was a quintessential spring morning in Oregon complete with plenty of rain, mud and wind on Saturday morning when neighbors gathered to plant native trees and plants in Springbrook Park.

Despite the dreary conditions, smiles were bright and spirits were high as volunteers made short order of the work, far exceeding expectations. Over 400 native trees and shrubs were planted. Large piles of ivy and holly were also removed from the site.

As the final event of a weeklong Arbor Week celebration, the service project was organized in partnership with the Friends of Springbrook Park, Uplands Neighborhood Association, AmeriCorps and the City of Lake Oswego.

“It was a great partnership and an outstanding achievement to completely restore an acre of Springbrook Park in just two days,” said Audrey Mattison, with the Friends of Springbrook Park. “That’s warp speed in volunteer circles.”

To learn more about this or any other upcoming service projects in parks and open spaces, contact Annie Bergelin, Natural Area Volunteer Coordinator at 503-534-5742 or abergelin@ci.oswego.or.us.

For information about educational programs and projects at Uplands Elementary School or Lake Oswego Junior High School, contact audmatt@comcast.net or visit the Friends of Springbrook Park website at www.springbrookpark.org.