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## SERVE WISCONSIN

### GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SERVE WISCONSIN, AND PASS AMERICORPS COMPLETE SERVICE PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE AT LUNNEY LAKE FARM COUNTY PARK

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[Madison, WI] – As part of the September 11<sup>th</sup> National Day of Service and Remembrance, over 40 volunteers from the Governor's Office, Lieutenant Governor's Office, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Serve Wisconsin, and Dane County Department of Human Services - Partners for After School Success (PASS AmeriCorps) joined with Dane County Parks staff to complete a service project planting trees and removing invasive plant species at William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park in Madison. Dane County experienced the loss of thousands of ash trees over the past several years, with this project replacing some of those lost with a variety of species to provide habitat and beauty to Lake Farm Park for the next generation.

"While all these participants value the ability to make a difference in the lives of others through their regular positions, providing service on September 11 is particularly meaningful as a way to honor those lost and those who responded to help others eighteen years ago" state Jeanne Duffy, Executive Director of Serve Wisconsin. Each year, thousands of Americans complete service projects on September 11 as a tribute to the victims, survivors, first responders, and others who rose up in service in response to the attacks in 2001. To encourage this spirit of service, Congress established in 2009 that September 11th would be a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

"Wisconsinites have always believed in coming together and helping our neighbors in difficult times, so it is fitting that we remember September 11 and pay tribute to those who lost their lives, survivors, family members and loved ones, service members, and the first responder heroes who acted in our time of need through acts of service to our neighborhoods and our communities," said Governor Tony Evers.

The project was organized by Partners for After School Success (PASS), whose AmeriCorps members enhance the academic achievement and school engagement of middle and high school youth through positive relationships, literacy tutoring, extended learning programs and coordinating volunteer services. [PASS AmeriCorps](#) is one of 26 AmeriCorps programs throughout Wisconsin whose federal funds are administered and supported by Serve Wisconsin, with several other AmeriCorps programs throughout the state completing projects on September 11.

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