

Newport Forest

Saturday June 25 2005

1:30 - 7:05 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 63 %; sun/hazy; N \leq 10 kmh; LM 33 C; FCF 31 C

Purpose: watering trees

Participants: Kee, Erin Carroll

Erin solved the riddle of the Aspen ants. It turns out there are tiny aphids on the aspen leaves that I failed to see (masked by ants?) and the ants were congregating around the aphids. At the same time, the aphids were concentrating at the softest (and most easily penetrated tissues) in the growing leaves.

We scraped the trail from the log bridge to the bench on the inside bend of FC. We also gave a heavy watering to all the planted trees. On one occasion while I went to load up on water, Erin began labeling volunteers along the GF in preparation for moving next fall/spring.

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Tuesday June 28 2005

1:50 - 7:00 pm

Weather: prec. 0 mm; RH 76 %; cld/sun; SW \leq 10; LM 30 C; FCF 28 C

Purpose: watering trees

Participants: Kee

An overcast sky that continually loomed from the south, but never quite arrived, promised more rain than it delivered (3 drops on trailer deck). I made a formal prayer for rain. By continually watering, we are prevented from doing any other work on site in furtherance of our basic program.

Rolls of thunder could be heard well to the south, probably out over Lake Erie.

Note: the young tree I had identified last fall as a "Balsam Poplar" is actually a Largetooth Aspen.