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Public invited to 2nd Annual Beautify LeRay Day on Oct. 5

Fort Drum, NY – Fort Drum and Northern New York community members of all ages are invited to participate in this year's annual Beautify LeRay Day, Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The LeRay Mansion Natural Resources & Cultural Center is the recipient of a 2019 National Public Lands Day Department of Defense Award, submitted by Fort Drum Public Works. It will be used to fund phase 2 of the beautification plan at the LeRay Mansion that aims to restore the grounds to its historic roots.

Participants will clean up the wood lines, plant wildflowers and create a sensory garden at the mansion as well as continue the restoration work along the walking trails, which is symbolic of what James LeRay de Chaumont intended when the mansion was built in 1826. All work materials will be provided on site. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lunch and beverage.

All non-DoD ID card holders who wish to participate can obtain a one-day pass at the Fort Drum Welcome Center, located to the right of the LTG Paul Cerjan Gate on Route 11. Visitors will need to provide a valid photo ID and voluntarily submit to a National Crime Information Center-III (NCIC-III) background check. Directions to the mansion will be available at the Welcome Center.

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