## Forest Health Improvement Project

## Improving Forest Health at Greenfield State Park

In order to provide a safe recreational environment for campers to enjoy, and to promote a healthy forest and encourage new trees to grow, many of the damaged and declining trees were removed from this area of the Park during the winter of 2013. Evidence of decay and rot can be readily seen in many of the freshly cut stumps in and around the campsites.

As anticipated, this project has resulted in a significant visual change to the Park. However it is important to remember that this change is temporary and necessary. The remaining trees now have more room to grow and develop while openings in the forest canopy will allow more light to reach the forest floor for new tree seedlings to become established and grow between campsites.

## **Greenfield Campers Pledge**

- To help encourage new growth and protect the forest, I will not trample seedlings and young trees between campsites.
- To protect the health of the trees I will not damage the trees by pounding nails into trees, hanging lanterns from trees, or cutting the trees with axes or knives.
- To encourage healthy forest soils and prevent root compaction I will park in designated areas and pitch tents on the campsite.

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