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West Chicago Park District Receives Trees Forever's Recover, Replant, Restore! Grant

Trees Forever's Recover, Replant, Restore! program provides grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to communities to plant more diverse disease-resistant and storm-resistant shade trees. Eligible projects include planting trees in public spaces, such as along streets and trails, community entryways, at schools, public buildings, parks and more.

"Trees Forever is thrilled to be working with West Chicago Park District to get more trees in the ground and people invested in the trees," says Trees Forever Illinois Program Manager Emily Ehley.

These grants are funded through a partnership between Trees Forever, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service. Funding is intended to help communities throughout Illinois recover from natural disasters, replant with a diverse, disease and storm-resistant selection of tree species and to also restore healthy and beneficial community forests.

Applications can be found online at [//www.TreesForever.org/Recover-Replant-Restore](http://www.TreesForever.org/Recover-Replant-Restore).

The West Chicago Park District will be hosting a volunteer planting event in early May. Visit we-goparks.org for more information!

About the West Chicago Park District

The West Chicago Park District was established in 1972 and since has been committed to creating an enhanced quality of life through effective programs, progressive facilities and preservation of parks and natural resources. The District maintains over 400 acres including Reed-Keppler Park known as "the heart of the community" that houses the state-of-the-art ARC Center, TreeTop Escape, Turtle Splash Water Park, Toucan's Hideaway, splash pad, ZONE250, two dog parks, skate park, picnic shelters, multiple sports fields, playgrounds, bike trails, path system and a nature sanctuary.

About Trees Forever

Trees Forever is a nonprofit charitable organization headquartered in Marion, Iowa. Its mission – to plant and care for trees and the environment by empowering people, building community, and promoting stewardship – is fulfilled through cutting-edge programs and innovative practices. Trained and experienced staff have assisted community leaders and landowners across Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and beyond with thousands of planting projects. Each year, Trees Forever works with and educates thousands of volunteers and members of the public who give generously of their time and talents. To date, they've helped plant more than 3 million trees.