Arbor Day

Announcement of 117th Annual State Arbor Day Celebration

Quality of Life Committee

April 10, 2006
Renaissance Plan

- During the development of the Renaissance Plan, and the Forward Dallas Comprehensive Plan, citizens expressed concern about trees, clean air, clean water, and beautification when discussing top values and concerns for how the city should look and feel in the decades to come.
Renaissance Plan Goals

• Maintain a high quality park system that creates value for the city

• Demonstrate environmental stewardship and sustainability that will build advocacy and support through management of natural resources, open space, and park facilities
Renaissance Plan Goals

• Establish partnerships to maximize the enhancement of public facilities and programs

• To help achieve these goals, our urban forest asset requires proactive management to maximize future value:
  – Environmental
  – Economic Development
  – Social
We’re Turning Over a New LEAF…

• We are BRANC Hing out and are excited about…

Dallas Trees!
Proactive Tree Efforts

- Over 1000 trees planted this season in City of Dallas parks
- Over 1000 trees planted last season
- We continue to work with partners throughout the city in promoting tree planting and advocacy
TREEmendous Projects

• Partnership with Friends of the Preston Ridge Trail to plant over 300 trees – Nov. 2005
TREEmendous Projects

• Artist Square tree relocation project
TREEmendous Projects

- Relocated 6 Bald Cypress Trees from Artist Square to Nash-Davis Park – Jan. 2006
TREEmendous Projects

• Relocated 24 Bald Cypress trees from Artist Square to the Turtle Creek Greenbelt in partnership with the Turtle Creek Association – Jan. 2006
TREEmendous Projects

• Partnered with a local developer to plant over 300 trees at Bachman Lake Park in response to required tree removals for Love Field flight path safety - Winter 2004-2005
Projects

- Partnered with the Kiest Valley HOA for the planting of 50 trees at the recently completed Kiest Valley section of the Five Mile Creek Trail – March 2004
TREEmendous Projects

- Partnered with For the Love of the Lake for the development of the Celebration Tree Grove
TREEmendous Projects

• Partnered with Friends of Oak Cliff Parks for the planting of 34 trees for the Kiest Memorial Garden restoration project – in progress
• Partnered with the Bowie Elementary School PTA for the planting of 150 trees at Salado Park – Winter 2003-2005
TREEmendous Projects

- Partnered with Downtown Improvement District for pruning of downtown trees
TREEmendous Projects

- Great Trinity Forest
TREEmendous Projects

- Grady Niblo property donation - preserves important escarpment ecosystem
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- Pinnacle Park property donation - preserves important escarpment ecosystem
• Texas Buckeye Trail – only Dallas nature trail that is specifically built for the interpretation of a tree species - the Texas Buckeye Tree
TREEmendous Initiatives

• Development Services - Reforestation Fund for public tree planting projects

• Streets Department – Mowmentum Program for median beautification
TREEmendous Initiatives

• Awarded a Texas Forest Service Partnership Grant to hire Dallas’ first City Forester – Jan. 2005:
  – Training
  – Education/outreach
  – Advocacy
  – Project coordination
**TREEmendous Initiatives**

- Citizens **Urban Forest Advisory Committee** – appointed by the Mayor in Dec. 2005

- Meets first Tuesday of every month in the Park and Recreation Board conference room
Arbor Day

- The City of Dallas has been selected by the Texas Forest Service to host the 117th Annual State Arbor Day Celebration!
  - Home Depot Foundation
  - National Arbor Day Foundation

- Event to be held at Dallas City Hall on Friday, April 28, 2006
An Extraordinary Opportunity

- To symbolize our renewed efforts in urban forestry, PARD staff will replace the 48 Live Oak trees in declining health, located in City Hall Plaza.
An ExTRoordinary Opportunity

• The plaza trees will be replaced over the next six weeks, culminating with the ceremonial planting of the last tree on Arbor Day
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