



Press Release

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100 Trees To Be Planted At RE-Plant Kingwood Kickoff *KBR, Kingwood Medical Center, Trees for Houston Partner For Tree Planting Event*

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Council Member Michael Sullivan-District E, Trees for Houston, KBR, and Kingwood Medical Center and volunteers will be replanting Kingwood Drive esplanades on Saturday, March 31st at 9:00 am. The RE-Plant Kingwood Drive esplanades effort has been made possible with donations from Trees for Houston, KBR, and Kingwood Medical Center.

"The drought has taken quite a toll in Kingwood. The city removed almost 2,000 trees from city rights of way. The generosity of these corporations will be appreciated for years to come," said City Council Member Mike Sullivan, District E.

RE-Plant Kingwood partners and volunteers will be planting 100 15 - gallon trees as part of a multi-year effort called Re-Plant Houston dedicated to reforesting Houston parks and esplanades devastated by the 2011 drought.

"We are thankful to KBR, Kingwood Medical Center, Trees for Houston and Council Member Sullivan for their commitment to Kingwood and the reforestation of the Kingwood Drive esplanades," said Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "We continue to seek other sponsors and business who are interested in being a part of the RE-Plant Houston effort.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department encourages businesses and groups interested in being a part of the RE-Plant Houston effort. To find out how you or your business can be a part of this effort contact a non-profit group that works with HPARD to coordinate the RE-Plant Houston effort. Those non-profit groups include:

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| Trees for Houston | www.treesforhouston.org |
| The Memorial Park Conservancy | www.memorialparkconservancy.org |
| The Hermann Park Conservancy | www.hermannpark.org |
| The Houston Parks Board | www.houstonparksboard.org |

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Trees to be planted in the RE-Plant Kingwood Drive esplanade event include: White Oak, Winged Elm, Bur Oak, Cedar Elm, Mexican Plum, Texas Redbud, and Loblolly Pine. Trees for Houston has committed to watering the new trees for the next two years.

Overall the Houston Parks and Recreation Department has removed approximately 19,000 hazardous trees from City of Houston parkland, esplanades and greenspaces (this includes the trees lost in Kingwood).

About Trees for Houston

Trees For Houston is a nonprofit organization dedicated to planting, protecting and promoting trees. Trees For Houston has planted and distributed over 420,000 trees and seedlings. At the end of the 2010-2011 planting season, over 40,000 trees were planted all over the Houston area.

About The Houston Parks and Recreation Department

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,992 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.