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URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE GRANTS CEREMONY

Funds help create long-term and sustainable urban forestry programs

Boone County, KY September 17, 2007 – Teresa J. Hill, secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet and Leah MacSwords, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF), will present more than \$52,000 in Urban and Community Forestry Assistance grants to Boone County Urban Forestry Commission, Northern Kentucky University and the Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council. The Sept. 21 ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the Boone County Arboretum. The arboretum is located at 9190 Camp Ernst Road in Union, Ky.

Grant recipients and summary of projects:

Boone County Urban Forestry Commission is being awarded \$4,000 to create a county-wide champion tree program to promote the value and history of trees within Boone County.

Northern Kentucky University is being awarded \$7,990 to establish an educational urban forestry arboretum on campus.

Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation is being awarded \$8,966 to establish an urban forestry internship program.

Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council is being awarded \$31,500 for a matching grant program for urban projects, the Reforest Northern Kentucky tree planting event, a community leader/public opinion survey, phase II of the Campbell County forest quality assessment, a community capacity building program and administrative support.

The grant funding is provided by the U.S. Forest Service and administered through the Kentucky Urban Forestry Council and the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

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