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Volunteers Needed to Plant Trees at Manor Park in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, MI, October 19, 2015 – The City of Birmingham is partnering with ReLeaf Michigan to plant 20 trees on Saturday, November 7 in Manor Park from 8:45 a.m. - noon. Birmingham is one of just three communities selected for this partnership. Organizers are looking for volunteers to help with the tree planting.

Volunteers are asked to wear closed-toe shoes, comfortable clothing, and to bring a shovel and other appropriate tools. The group will meet at the park entrance at 8:45 a.m. to sign in and enjoy light refreshments. ReLeaf Michigan will demonstrate how to properly plant a tree at 9:00 a.m. The group will split up from there to plant 20 large-sized trees. Event specifics are as follows:

WHERE: Manor Park, off Shepardsbush Street, south of Big Beaver Road and west of Adams Road

WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 2015, 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SPONSORS: ReLeaf Michigan (www.ReLeafMichigan.org), City of Birmingham, and the DTE Foundation.

RSVP: Please contact Carrie Laird at claird@bhamgov.org or 248-530-1714.

ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit organization, partners with communities statewide to replenish tree canopies through tree planting events. Trees provide many benefits to communities such as shade, improving economic vitality of commercial districts, absorbing storm water, and reducing carbon in our atmosphere. By partnering with ReLeaf Michigan, the City of Birmingham continues to build on an already successful forestry program that invests in the city's future. This planting is being sponsored by ReLeaf Michigan and the DTE Foundation.

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