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## **Make Plans Now to Plant Trees in September (updated planting dates)**

Duluth residents are invited to come take part in Tree Planting Parties throughout September in various neighborhoods around Duluth.

"This is a great way to do something positive for the environment while spending time with family and friends to enjoy a day outdoors," says Shawna MullenEardley, GreenCorps member with the City of Duluth. "Tree planting brings many benefits to our community. They act as windbreaks and provide shade to homes, which reduces energy costs, and they build a stronger community" she continues, citing statistics that show decreased crime rates and increased confidence levels of teens in neighborhoods with more trees.

The Tree Planting Parties are sponsored by the City of Duluth and the Minnesota GreenCorps. By the end of September, MullenEardley hopes to plant 150 trees throughout Duluth.

Saturday, September 8, 9:00am-11:00am @ Endion – Meet up at E 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Ave E

Sunday, September 9, 2:00-4:00pm @ East Hillside – Meet up at E 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave E

Thursday, September 13, 5:30-7:30pm @ Central Hillside – Meet up at E 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave E

Wednesday, September 26, 5:30-7:30pm @ Lincoln Park- Meet up at W 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave W

Saturday, September 29, 9:00-11:00am @ Morgan Park – Meet up at Concord Ave and 88<sup>th</sup> Ave W

The Tree Planting Parties are free and open to volunteers of all ages.

Register as a family, an individual or as a group by contacting Cheryl Skafte, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Duluth, at 218-393-9879 or [cskafte@duluthmn.gov](mailto:cskafte@duluthmn.gov).

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring a shovel and gloves (if you have them), although tools will be provided.

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