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ReTree the District: Phase Two

Abstract:

“ReTree the District” is a two-year project to plant 1,000 new trees in the University District, contributing to energy conservation, air quality, crime control, beautification and increased prosperity, neighborliness and community pride. Building on the efforts of “ReTree Western New York” to replace 30,000 trees damaged in the disastrous October 2006 ice storm, the project has the support of the current University District Councilman, the City of Buffalo Forester, and numerous other co-sponsors. In its fall 2014 phase it involved 20 Team Leaders from the UB Academies leading over 300 volunteers on Saturday, November 1st in planting 185 trees at an expense of \$13,806.70 worth \$39,462.50 volunteer person hours. Planning for the spring 2015 April 18th planting is well advanced, and will involve 20 additional new Academies Team Leaders as well as many project veterans. The project will continue at the same pace throughout the fall 2015-spring 2016 academic year.

Goals Of Retree Phase 2:

- Plant 250 trees around the University Heights community
- Commit to better planting techniques with the use of trained team leaders
- Gain better Property Owner Permission to establish a better relationship with residents
- Spread more awareness of the Retree event to acquire more volunteers

