



19th Annual Community Roots Day



On a sunny October 22, 2011, the Community Appearance Commission of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County, the Winston-Salem Vegetation Management Department, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful held the 19th Annual Community Roots Day in the West Salem neighborhood. Over 500 volunteers planted more than 550 trees and shrubs along Broad Street, Green Street, and the Salem Creek Greenway.



The varieties of trees and shrubs planted included Kwanzan Cherry, Crape Myrtle, Princeton Elm, and Soft-touch Holly.

Community Roots Day began in 1993 with volunteers planting approximately 85 trees within the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood. Since then, over 6000 trees have been planted throughout the City of Winston-Salem. The event is made possible through grant funds and donations.



Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines and City Council Members Dan Besse, Molly Leight, Derwin L. Montgomery, and James Taylor Jr. welcomed the crowd of volunteers during the opening ceremony. Planning Board members Barry Lyons and Lynne Mitchell volunteered at the event. Dr. Charles Pettitt with the Piedmont Baptist College, the host site for this year's event, provided the invocation.

Volunteers were treated to coffee, donuts, and fruit in the morning and a hotdog lunch in the afternoon. Hats and t-shirts were also presented to the volunteers.



Legacy 2030 Update Input Sessions Continue

The City-County Planning Board recently hosted its third public input session for citizens to discuss the geographic chapters of the *Legacy 2030 Update*. Over one hundred people participated in round-table discussions on the future of our downtown and center city, urban and suburban neighborhoods, towns, and rural areas. The results of this meeting, along with a video explaining the issues facing these areas of Forsyth County, are available on the Legacy2030.com web site. The Planning Board will be using this feedback, along with comments from the web site in formulating recommendations for the final draft of the plan, which is expected to be completed in spring 2012.



City-County Geographic Information Office To Open

The Design and Development Review Team (DDR) will be sharing one of its team members on a trial basis to help launch a joint City-County Geographic Information Office (GIO). A group of GIS professionals from both the City and the County have been tapped to participate in this venture. This core group will be exploring how they can collaborate to produce GIS initiatives for the City and County beyond what is typically done by several individual departments. David Moore, a Planner with the Design and Development Review Team, has a Master's degree in Geography from UNC Greensboro and is a Certified Geographic Information System Professional. Over the next few months, David will be spending half days contributing to this new endeavor.

Want more information?

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