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Spring Tree Planting adds over 60 Trees to Landscape

OWOSSO, MI - The Shiawassee River will benefit from 62 large, native trees planted through a grant awarded to the City of Owosso, in partnership with the Friends of the Shiawassee River, from the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources and Environment, Urban and Community Forestry Program. Through grant funding, the City celebrated Arbor Day and planted 38 trees in and along the riparian area to help protect and stabilize stream banks while helping to moderate high water and maintain good water quality. An additional 24 trees were planted in parks throughout the Shiawassee River watershed.

“The goal was to provide an immediate impact to beautify our parks, the James Miner River Trail walkway and the environment near the Shiawassee River while also taking advantage of nature’s benefits for water quality” said Heidi Frei, Director of the Friends of the Shiawassee River.

These efforts supplement the City of Owosso’s ongoing efforts to create a vibrant downtown and strong neighborhoods recognizing the prominent role the River and environment play in creating a healthy community. The City of Owosso Department of Public Works plants trees in parks and along city streets through their Forestry program. For their efforts, the City was recently recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA.

Grant funded tree planting began on May 1, 2010 with the City, Owosso Main Street and Friends of the Shiawassee River GreenUp, CleanUp event. Planting concluded with a riparian tree planting on May 15, 2010 at Harmon Patridge Park with assistance from Owosso Rotary, Owosso High School, Keyettes, Kiwanis and other service clubs participating.

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