

“Plant for the Planet”

Project Report

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Project Overview: The “Plant for the Planet” event was a campus tree planting event, funded by the LG&E/KU “Plant for the Planet” grant program and the Student Sustainability Council. This project installed 10 ball and burlap trees in the traffic island along Alumni Drive, near the Arboretum and UK Athletic fields.

Outcomes: The project planted 10 large trees (2 – 2.5” diameter, ball and burlap trees) in the Alumni Drive traffic island, building on tree plantings from previous years. Planted species included yellow poplar, black gum, baldcypress, chestnut oak, American sycamore, white oak, northern red oak, and northern catalpa. Planted trees were watered and mulched, and gator bags will be installed to ensure adequate moisture through the first growing season.

Student and Campus Impacts: In addition to establishing ten new trees on campus, extending and expanding our campus forest, this project engaged an estimated 25 current undergraduate students. Students worked in groups, guided by personnel from UK Grounds and/or EcoGrow (a local consultant company who partnered on the event) to plant, mulch, and water trees on the site.

Photos: Carter Skaggs, of UK Photography, photographed the event. Those photographs are archived here:

<https://ukphoto.photoshelter.com/galleries/C000058iMQnVxMZE/G0000tvW8Eoh9p60/250402HonorsTrees> (Password: seeblue)

Additional Press Coverage included pieces in the [Kentucky Kernel](#), and [Wildcat News](#), as well as [UKNow](#).