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WEST LAFAYETTE TREE FRIENDS WINS \$10,000 GRANT

West Lafayette, IN – February 10, 2014 –West Lafayette City Hall- The West Lafayette Tree Friends was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources Community and Urban Forestry Division to plant trees in three northern neighborhoods— Amberleigh Village, Bar Barry Heights and Prophets Ridge. These funds will be matched with donations to the West Lafayette Tree Friends (previously known as the West Lafayette Tree Fund) and the city.

Because the Emerald Ash Borer will kill off existing ash trees, the grant funds will be used to expand the urban forest in these neighborhoods by planting new trees in the public right-of-ways. The West Lafayette Tree Friends' 2014 goal is to plant 100 new, diverse, native, 1.5" shade trees between curbs and sidewalks in these neighborhoods.

When these 100 trees grow to 6.5 inch caliper, they will yield approximately \$5,000 of benefits each year including the environmental and economic benefits of intercepting 1,600 gallons of stormwater each year.

Residents in Amberleigh Village, Bar Barry Heights or Prophets Ridge who are interested in having a street tree planted between the curb and sidewalk should email Beverly Shaw, greenspace administrator, at bshaw@wl.in.gov by March 15th.
