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Duke Energy Foundation Donates Trees for Burlington Urban Forestry Project.

Duke Energy Foundation, the charitable arm of Duke Energy, Inc., has donated \$2,500 to continue the urban forestry project in historic Burlington. Duke employees converged on Burlington on Thursday, May 28th to plant 20 trees in a public parking area. The trees were chosen by Arboretum Director Kris Stone to best adapt to the harsh urban environment. Boone County Parks Department will use this grant, along with a \$1,500 grant from the Northern Kentucky Urban Forestry Commission to create a demonstration area for other urban planting projects in Boone County. Each tree will be labeled and a brochure printed explaining the different varieties of trees, many native species from Kentucky. Due to the generosity of the Duke Foundation and the Urban Forestry Commission grant, the project was achieved with no cost to County taxpayers.

Each year in May and June, Duke Energy employees volunteer hundreds of hours around the region to worthy local causes. Last year alone, over 150 projects were completed in Northern Kentucky through the Global Service Event (GSE) program. According to Wade Williams, project coordinator for Duke Energy, this

project is an opportunity for Duke employees to give back to their community, with the financial assistance of the Duke Energy Foundation.

County Judge-Executive Gary Moore was at the event and believes this is another example of how the business community continues to make a difference in the improvements to historic Burlington. “I would like to thank both the Duke Energy Foundation, and the Duke employees that came out to Burlington today to plant these trees for the community. Their work will be enjoyed for many years to come.”

To view pictures of the event, you may visit the County’s website at <http://www.boonecountyky.org> and click on the Duke Energy news release.



County Judge-Executive Gary Moore thanks Duke Energy representatives Rhonda Whitaker and Wade Williams for their assistance to the project

DUKE ENERGY TREE PLANTING GRANT – WORK DAY EVENT IN BURLINGTON



