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State and local officials meet in St. Clair Superior neighborhood to promote urban neighborhood tree planting initiative

(CLEVELAND, OH) State officials joined representatives of Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Cleveland Tree Coalition, and Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers to plant trees in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood of Cleveland. The event was part of an initiative to promote the health benefits of trees and to plant trees in urban neighborhoods.

Participants included:

Anne Vogel, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Matt Zone, Senior Vice President and Director of Thriving Communities, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

Dan Balsler, Chief of the Division of Forestry, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Sara Tillie, Director, Cleveland Tree Coalition

Staff from the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers

Representatives of Western Reserve Land Conservancy

The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers (GSGP) are leading an initiative to promote the health benefits of tree planting in urban areas. GSGP has been working with Cleveland Clinic, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, and Cleveland Tree Coalition to develop information materials about these benefits and to plant trees in low canopy areas of the city. This project, generously supported by the Cleveland Foundation, is part of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Trees Initiative, which aims to plant 250 million trees in the region by 2033.