Greenways Renews Original Tree Planting to Celebrate 20 Years

Exciting news: Ozark Greenways will be 20 years old in 2011! Ozark Greenways has accomplished much over the years and the community has played an active role in the success we’ve realized. The original tree planting project along Chestnut Expressway, done by Project Parkway in 1988, still stands as the initiative that developed into the organization, Ozark Greenways, in 1991. In honor of OG’s 20th anniversary, we’re planning a few improvements to this initial planting and hope the public will participate with us.

With help from Springfield Public Works and volunteers, OG will add several new trees to replace those lost over the past few years, with the goal of having a staggered tree canopy to ensure there will always be trees along this section of road.

Join us at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, in the parking lot of the Municipal Court building at Chestnut Expressway and Benton Ave. Several Ozark Greenways founders will be out to help celebrate 20 years of urban trail building in Springfield! Tools will be provided and the holes will even be dug ahead of time. This will be a great activity to reignite interest in not only the value of urban trees, but also to kick-off one of the many activities over the next year to celebrate 20 years of Ozark Greenways.

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