



Avon to Celebrate State Bicentennial by Planting 200 Trees

(April 22, 2015) As part of the Town of Avon's celebration of the State of Indiana's Bicentennial in 2016, the Town is setting a goal to have 200 trees planted in Town over the next two years. The goal will be met through public plantings as well as pledges from residents to plant a tree.

"We're asking our residents to join us in planting a tree to meet our goal of 200 more trees in Avon," said Council President Marcus Turner.

"We're the only Tree City USA community in Hendricks County, so we thought it was appropriate to build on that legacy to celebrate the State's Bicentennial," continued Council President Turner.

Residents can take the pledge by emailing Town Manager Tom Klein at tklein@avongov.org. Residents making the pledge will receive a Certificate from the Town acknowledging their contribution to celebrate the State's Bicentennial by planting a tree. The Town will provide regular updates on meeting its goal of planting 200 trees.

Starting with the Town's tree sale this fall, the Town will be offering the State Tree, the Tulip Poplar, for \$20 to the first 20 residents who order them. The offer will also occur during the spring and fall tree sales in 2016.

The Avon Parks Department will plant trees in public locations around Town including Ronald Reagan Parkway, Dan Jones Road and Town Hall Park.

ABOUT AVON'S URBAN FOREST:

Burnett Woods Nature Preserve in Avon consists of 69 acres of old growth forest.

The Town has two forest preserves from donated land.

A tree can absorb 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

200 new trees will absorb 9,600 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

New residential developments are required to plant trees between the street and sidewalk.

New commercial developments are required to plant trees in the parking lots.