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NEWSLETTER OF THE PLANT-IT 2000 FOUNDATION

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Replenishing and Community Building:

Many powerful benefits were the direct result of a special tree-planting event at Howlette Park, Bellair, Florida in November. One such benefit is that the event united a community about the need for tree-planting. Twelve live oak trees were planted provide perching and nesting sites for bald eagles and ospreys and the fifteen cabbage palms also planted provide food for many coastal birds and mammals while serving as roosting sites for blue heron and white egrets.

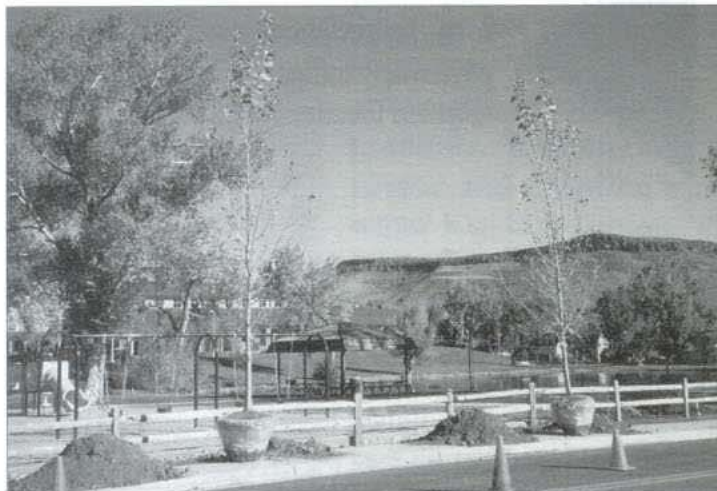
Participants in the tree-planting included students from three schools, members of the Bellair city council and the tree board, Exxon employees, Westenberger Tree Service employees and local residents helped with the planting. Speeches were provided by many including Mayor Connie Mudono. A beautiful ceremony for the trees was then led by Blue Sau-Pa Pahdocony, Native American Spiritual Advisor to the State of Florida.



Above— One of the trees being planted at Howlette Park, Bellair, Florida

Park Planting in Golden, Colorado:

Closer to home, we provided a grant without corporate sponsorship to the city of Golden. In October of 1996, funds were used to plant twelve twenty-foot native cottonwood trees. Mr. Dave High of the Golden Parks and Recreation Department was in charge of the project. He placed the trees along the outskirts of Lions Head Park which is a widely-used family park inside the city. Lions Head Park is graced with tall trees along all of its borders except for one long stretch. The twenty trees had a dramatic effect on the park. Road noise, formerly heard by people in the park was cut in volume, additional shade needed due to strong sun was provided and the park's wildlife was given additional food and homes. Lions Head Park is now replenished with needed trees along all of its borders.



Left— Cottonwood trees to be planted at Lions Head Park

'Take It Easy' Speaks Out:

The French student magazine, 'Take It Easy', created a full-page advertisement for Plant-It 2000 in their September/October, 1996 edition. In addition to displaying our award-winning display ad, the accompanying article reads as follows: "*Plant-It 2000 is an international association. It prefers trees to pollution. So it plants trees Everywhere! Ten thousand trees in Nepal, in Ecuador and in the Philippines. But also 40,000 trees in the state of California, 1,300 in Georgia, USA and 800 in Sydney, Australia to prepare the city for the Olympics in the year 2000. Why do they do it? Because trees are good for people, animals and the environment. They clean the air, retain water and soil and make shade. They also give us food, medicine and wood. And they give homes and food to birds, insects and small animals. When Plant-It 2000 plants trees, they always ask local schools and communities to help*". The article is followed by forestry suggestions from students around the world.



Plant-It 2000 Converts to Tree-Free Paper:

The practice of sustainable forestry includes being responsible regarding the type and quantity of paper products used in home and office. A tree-free, acid-free, chlorine-free, business quality paper called 'kenaf' is now available for office and home use. U.S. kenaf farms use crop rotations instead of fertilizers, no pesticides and almost no chemicals. Unlike regular paper, no dioxins or chlorine compounds are used with kenaf and kenaf farms benefit poor and rural areas of the United States. Plant-It 2000 has switched to tree-free kenaf paper for much of our paper use. If you are interested in switching to business quality tree-free paper, contact KP Products, Inc. at (505) 294-0293.

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Students Help Us Out in Kent, Washington

Whenever we have a tree-planting event, we try as hard as possible to include local students from the community's schools. Students love to plant trees and it provides them



with the opportunity to engage in long-term community building. Environmental ethics makes much more of an impact to a students when performing hands-on tree-planting.

Mrs. Sandi Weaver, our Washington State Project Coordinator, has been planting trees with Plant-It 2000 for several years. Mrs. Weaver also works with students in the Kent, Washington area by teaching them about salmon spawning. In September, Mrs. Weaver helped students from Meridian Junior High School and Kent Junior High School plant two gunking aspen trees at Riverbend Golf Course.



OUR MISSION: Plant-It 2000 is dedicated to the proper planting, care and protecting of as many indigenous trees as possible in selected locations worldwide.

The Carbon Debt - How Many Trees to Plant?:

According to the autumn 1996 edition of 'American Forests', each person in the United States adds 20 tons or 40,000 pounds of new carbon dioxide to our atmosphere each year. Trees counteract carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by converting it to oxygen but there is a steady increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels which threatens worldwide climate change through the greenhouse effect.

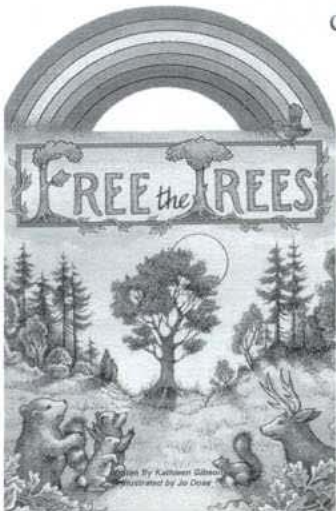
Each person desiring not to participate in adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere could become responsible by planting a minimum of 60 trees per year. The sixty trees would reduce the atmospheric carbon dioxide buildup that each average person generates annually.

You can easily reduce your carbon debt. Plant-It 2000 has a dollar-per-tree program that allows you to select from our list of locations worldwide where you desire your trees planted. Simply contact us and we will inform you as to where the locations are. We will properly plant, maintain and protect each indigenous tree you sponsor and you will have the satisfaction of eliminating your carbon debt.

Plant-It 2000 Mentioned In Children's Book:

'Free The Trees,' is a children's story book discussing the beauty and importance of trees. What makes this book special is the fact that it is printed on tree-free

kenaf paper and it empowers children to live a lifestyle where paper products are not wasted or taken for granted. Written by singer and children's writer Kathleen Gibson, Plant-It 2000 is mentioned prominently in the back of the book as an environmental organization active in replenishing cities and forests around the world.



Utah Tree-Planting Events



Mrs. Laura Grange, Utah State Coordinator, planted a total of one hundred thirty two trees during 1996. Her last tree-planting event took place in November on a mountainside in Brigham. Volunteers assisting her came from three different Brigham city Scout troops.

FOREST FACT

'The best way to reduce water pollution may not be by targeting factories and sewage plants, some scientists believe, but by planting trees along the banks of small streams. If the theory becomes public policy, it could dramatically change landscapes where trees have been cleared for hundreds of years. For 10,000 years before European settlement, most of the land in Eastern states was forest, Sweeny said. Cutting down those trees changed the creeks and rivers [by making them narrow and deep rather than wide and shallow as they are naturally].

Dave Welsch, a watershed specialist for the U.S. Forest Service in Durham, N.H., sees reforestation as a cheap way to control pollution. Forest buffer zones, Welsch said, remove 80 percent of the sediments and chemicals that scientists believe should come out of small streams'.

- From The Denver Post, January 17, 1997

International Projects - A Look At Success:

Plant-It 2000 regularly engages in international tree-planting projects that not only help the forest environment but also people. In nineteen ninety three, we planted twenty five thousand trees in Honduras. This event not only eliminated the cycle of drought and flooding affecting many villages but also assisted in the



Above - Tree-planting villagers in Honduras who assist with the tree-planting

repair of a damaged ecosystem.

Another country desperately in need of reforestation is Nepal. They have been losing their forests for many decades and what is left is in small patches which makes it difficult for wildlife to survive. Essentially, their ecosystems have been in a state of collapse. During nineteen ninety four, Plant-It 2000 planted ten thousand trees in Nepal - helping to reduce the damage to the forest cover and the local ecosystem. Additional reforestation, however, is badly needed.

That year, we also planted ten thousand trees in a rainforest on the island of Western Mindaro in the Philippines and ten thousand trees along the Ecuador/Brazil border. The Ecuador tree-planting event helped stave-off a forestry ecosystem about to collapse from past timber harvest. These projects play a critical role in helping out threatened ecosystems while assisting local villagers in improving the quality of life. The specific benefits include improving the local climate, increasing the availability of food for villagers and allowing wildlife and livestock to more easily flourish.

During nineteen ninety five, we engaged in an overseas urban tree-planting project in Australia. We planted eight hundred tall

street trees in Cintra Park, Sydney, which is a park along the Olympic 2000 corridor. This important tree-planting event continues to improve consciousness about the value of trees by linking reforestation with the upcoming Olympics to be held there. Many local volunteers assisted us with planting the trees.

Last year, we planted one hundred and five thousand trees in areas within Kenya and Uganda. This project generated a great deal of food, helped restore underground water aquifers and reduced drought in many villages. Twelve towns participated in the tree-planting



Above - Nepalese Tree-planters from a local village

and many hundreds of families will directly benefit from the increased food and water as a result.

Every year, we plan to engage in at least one critical international tree-planting project that replenishes the environment while improving the quality of life for people. We hope that you will help us with the next one!



Above - Samuel Teimuge inspects 2-year-old Neem trees, Eldoret, Kenya

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