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City Officials Will Join Miller Elementary to Celebrate Earth Day

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – April 19, 2022 – City officials will join Miller Elementary students and teachers on Friday, April 22 to celebrate Earth Day with the planting of 15 new trees at the school. Mayor Tony Roswarski and Clerk Cindy Murray will read a proclamation beginning at 10:00 am followed by the planting of the trees, coordinated by Tree Lafayette. The trees that will be planted for the Earth Day celebration at the school include Yellowwood, Blackgum, Exclamation London Planetree, Northern Pin Oak and Frontier Elm, all of which are being donated by SIA.

Earth Day 2022's theme is *Invest In Our Planet* (#InvestInOurPlanet). Earth Day began in 1970 as Americans were consuming vast amounts of leaded gas through massive and inefficient automobiles. Nationally elected officials proclaimed the day with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution and its effect on public health issues. Today,



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Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest observance in the world as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.

Locally, the Greater Lafayette Climate Action Plan was formed to build a resilient Greater Lafayette by designing policies and implementing initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect equitable quality of life for current and future generations. To learn more about the climate action plan, visit: <https://greaterlafayetteind.com/climate-action-plan/>

The City of Lafayette also has an Urban Forester that manages the diverse tree population in the city. Over 22,000 trees are planted in public spaces – those areas between the sidewalk and the street and our city parks. To learn more about the services of the city’s urban forest, click on the link at: <https://www.lafayette.in.gov/2025/Urban-Forestry>. This site will inform citizens on the process for planting, pruning and removal of ‘right of way’ trees in the City of Lafayette. For further information on Lafayette’s urban forest, please contact Tim Detzner, Urban Forester, for the City of Lafayette at tdetzner@lafayette.in.gov.

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