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**DYERSVILLE LIONS CLUB TEAMS UP WITH CITY OF DYERSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE ONE MILLION TREES INITIATIVE**

Event planned to plant new trees in Dyersville public parks

Dyersville, Iowa ~ April 2, 2024 – Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the One Million Trees Initiative by Alliant Energy and Trees Forever, the Dyersville Lions Club and City of Dyersville Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a community planting day on April 25, 2024, at 1pm.

The \$5,000 grant will be used to purchase 24 trees. These trees will all be native species and have been selected for each location with help of our Trees Forever Representative, Bri Hull. The Community Tree Planting Program also helps diversify the tree population to ensure resiliency against tree diseases and pests like the emerald ash borer. A city department has to team up with a volunteer organization to apply for this grant; the purpose is to encourage groups to work together.

Alliant Energy has committed to planting 1 million trees in Iowa and Wisconsin by the end of 2030. As of January 2024, they have planted 463,393 trees. Planting trees provides more shade and cools the air, helping lower energy costs and reduces peak electric demand. Each mature tree sequesters about 1,000 pounds of CO2 each year; as our trees grow they'll make our communities healthier and more beautiful places to live.

The Dyersville Lions Club will be on hand to assist with the tree planting but would love additional volunteers from the community. We will be meeting at Candy Cane Park at 1 pm on April 25, 2024. Bring a shovel and work gloves! Lions Club Treasurer, Matt Goerd, has this to say about the importance of working with the city on this project, "Planting trees for the city parks has been a project the Lions Club has been working on the past few years. Teaming up with the City Parks and Rec Department for this grant multiplies the impact of our giving."

To learn more about the Dyersville Lions Club and how you can volunteer, visit facebook.com/DyersvilleLions or facebook.com/DyersvilleParksAndRec