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### ***Division of Forestry Donates Trees, Helps Cub Scouts Support Louisville Park***

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (May 8, 2013) – Scouting and forestry have a long history together. The forestry merit badge was created in 1911. The first tree planting project by the Scouts was held in New York in 1914.

Now, the Kentucky Division of Forestry is proudly partnering with the St. Matthews area Cub Scouts to supply the scouts with 100 donated seedlings for a project that will benefit the Louisville parks system. The seedlings are a mixture of Yellow-Poplar, Bur Oak and Cypress.

The trees were donated from the state's Morgan County Tree Nursery, along with other trees donated by Home Depot on S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. in Louisville and by Walnut Ridge Nursery in Eastwood, Ky.

Cub Scout members from the St. Matthew's area will plant the 120 seedling trees Monday, May 13 in a temporary nursery, with plans to transplant the trees in October to the new par three, nine-hole First Tee golf course in Louisville. The project will help the Cub Scouts earn their World Conservation Award.

Louisville Parks manager JT Conroy said, "I welcome the gift and opportunity to receive help from the Cub Scouts."

The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for Cub Scouts to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve their environment, while making them aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources.

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