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REALTORS® plant 300 trees

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ReForest London and over 60 Members of the London & St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® and their families took advantage of yesterday's unseasonably warm weather to plant nearly 400 native trees and shrubs in Springbank Flats. "The flats separate a busy street from Greenway Park," explains Heather Arnott, Chair of LSTAR's *Quality of Life* Advisory Group, which recommended the project to LSTAR's Board of Directors. "Having this beautiful natural barrier will enhance the experience of people visiting the park along with all the many other benefits trees confer on a community."

To optimize London's environmental and human health, ReForest London is partnering with the City of London and community partners such as LSTAR on the Million Tree Challenge with a goal of planting one million trees over the next ten years. LSTAR signed onto the Challenge in 2011.

"LSTAR adheres to a *Quality of Life* philosophy that has as two of its five principles preserving our environment and building better communities," explains Arnott. "The REALTOR® Tree Planting Day advances both those principles, which makes it a great fit for us."

The Executive Director of ReForest London, Dean Sheppard was also on hand to greet the tree planters.

The London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) exists to provide our REALTOR® Members with the support and tools they need to succeed in their profession. LSTAR is one of Canada's fifteen largest real estate associations, representing 1,500 REALTORS® working in Middlesex and Elgin Counties, a trading area of 500,000 residents. LSTAR adheres to a Quality of Life philosophy, supporting growth that fosters economic vitality, provides housing opportunities, respects the environment and builds good communities and safe neighbourhoods and is a proud participant in the REALTORS Care Foundation's Every REALTOR™ Campaign.

