

# Prairie Planting at Milwaukee's Urban Treehouse Site on National Public Lands Day September 29, 2007

The USDA Forest Service's Milwaukee Regional Office and the America's Outdoors Center (USFS, NPS, BLM, and USFWS) celebrated National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 29, at Lynden Hill, home of Milwaukee's Urban Treehouse site. The Urban Treehouse site is a 3-acre green space in the heart of Milwaukee, where neighborhood residents and school children can come to learn about the values of green spaces and gardening with native plants. The main event of the day was the planting of over 300 native plants on the prairie mound. Students and adults alike learned about the value of native plant gardens providing habitat for pollinators and birds. Other happenings included hiking and backpacking demonstrations, nature stations for the children, music, and free snacks and drinks provided by Neighborhood House of Milwaukee. Nearly 200 children and adults participated in this event.



Residents and visitors will be able to watch the garden grow and progress over time. Within the next 2 to 3 years different species of wildlife will call this garden home.



Young gardeners in training. Research has shown that gardening is a great way to relax and to get to know nature a little bit better.



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