



North East Trees is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which is being administered by California ReLeaf. North East Tree’s mission is to restore our natural habitat in resource challenged communities through a collaborative resource development, implementation, and stewardship process.



This \$500,000 grant will augment North East Trees’ Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) program, providing on-the-job training for about 40 to 50 young environmental stewards. In addition to the on-the-job training the YES participants receive, the grant also provides for classroom instruction in native planting and plant identification, arboriculture, and urban forestry concepts.

Participants will plant between 500 and 1,000 trees at various public housing facilities throughout L.A., providing much-needed shade and improving the aesthetics in typically under-served neighborhoods. An additional 250-500 street tree will also be planted throughout the city at several public parks in an effort to help create sustainable open space. Some of those parks include; Porter Ridge Park, Eddleston Park, O’Melveny Park, and Wilson Canyon Park.



Fast Facts for the North East Trees ARRA Grant

**Jobs created/retained: 7**

**Trees Planted: 1853**

**Trees Maintained: 552**

**Job Hours Contributed to 2010 Work Force: 6,148**

**Lasting legacy:** Once completed, this project will have provided critical training in the green jobs sector for young adults while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for both Los Angeles residents and visitors.

*“This project is critical for restoring much of the urban forest lost in the devastating 11,000 acre Sayre fire in 2008. We’re planting 1,000 trees and large shrubs to help bring this public park land back to life” – Hannan Awad, Programs Director, North East Trees.*

