

North East Trees is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 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 augmented North East Trees’ Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) program, providing on-the-job training for about 90 young environmental stewards. In addition to the on-the-job training the YES participants received, the grant also provided for classroom instruction in native planting and plant identification, arboriculture, and urban forestry concepts.

Participants planted more than 2,500 trees at various public housing facilities throughout L.A., and at several public parks in an effort to help create sustainable open space, including Porter Ridge Park, Eddleston Park, O’Melveny Park, and Wilson Canyon Park. Finally, this project restored much of the urban forest lost in the devastating 11,000 acre Sayre fire in 2008 by planting 1,000 trees and large shrubs to help bring this public park land back to life.

Fast Facts for the North East Trees ARRA Grant

**Jobs created: 5**

**Jobs Maintained: 11**

**Trees Planted: 2,516**

**Trees Maintained: 1,020**

**Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 12,229**

**Lasting legacy: this project 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.**



“” – Mark Kenyon, Executive Director, North East Trees.

