



Plant 100 Trees in The Canal District Project Summary

Building Community, Improving Landscape and
Developing Earth Stewardship

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Background: The Tree Planting project was inspired by the Teen Environmental Leadership Academy (TELA), which was a summer program offered by Green Sangha and which had several youth participants from the Canal. Looking for a community service project in which to engage the kids, the idea to plant 100 trees was born. Providing shade, sequestering carbon, and providing food where fruit trees are included were key benefits identified.

Sustainability Goal: Proper Planting and follow up care of 100 trees, so that the Canal District Neighborhood, it's visitors and commercial patrons enjoy the social, communal, environmental, and economic benefits during the trees' natural lifespan.

Sponsoring Agency: Green Sangha, Stuart Moody

Stakeholders: Canal Alliance, Marin Releaf, Urban Releaf, Planting Justice, City of San Rafael and Cory Bytof

Opportunities/ Challenges/ Benefits: Enjoy tangible experience in achieving sustainable objective. Grow and/or hone community organizing skills. Employ stewardship and devise effective action plan including advocacy and partnership.

Scope/Milestones: Determining the EFM component. Participants get to design the project priorities, detail and flow. As Part of a larger Green Sangha Project, it has many steps. Determine variables such as the appropriate level of community engagement and City government involvement. Identify needs involving promotion, funding, education, procurement, location, and maintenance, ie the proper care and feeding of the trees. Accomplish a Tree Planting by Feb '12 and present a Progress Report on March 20, 2012 regardless of whether original expectations were realized.

Size of team/ Skills needed: A group of 3-5 participants is optimal. The following skill sets are merely suggestions as participants define the scope and bring to the project their unique talents and experience. Potentially useful skills include: public outreach, advocacy, writing, marketing (PR, graphical design/layout), fundraising, event planning and coordination, gardening, landscaping, teaching and problem solving.



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