

1998 USDA URBAN FORESTRY

GreenStreets

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The Chicago GreenStreets Program addresses urban forestry needs in the region by focusing on tree planting and care, recycling, and open space revitalization. The nine year old initiative restores deteriorated neighborhoods and enhances public open space through public/private partnerships and community involvement.

Accomplishments in 1998:

Planting more than 4,000 trees throughout Chicago

- 400 trees at 40 schools, including 40 at an Arbor Day event at Norwood Park
- 400 trees along Milwaukee Avenue, 100 trees along Central Avenue, 160 trees along Harlem Avenue, and 65 trees in the Wrightwood Avenue median-all main arterial streets
- 60 trees at North Park Village during an Arbor Day Celebration
- 100 trees along South State Street including two new pocket parks

Beautifying Along the Chicago River

Two hundred flower boxes were planted along the main branch of the Chicago River in conjunction with the opening of the Riverfront Cafes.

Two hundred trees, 3,000 vines, 125 shrubs, and thousand of perennials were planted along the North and South branches of the Chicago River.

Greening the Chicago River Locks

Extensive beautification efforts along the Chicago River Locks began by excavating gravel, installing topsoil, and planting 40,500 tulip bulbs and 20 honey locust trees. The project will conclude in the spring of 1999 with the planting of 79 additional trees, shrubs, and perennials, and the installation of an irrigation system.

Planting Along the Orange Line

This two-year landscaping project to enhance train stations along the Orange Line was completed with additional plantings of trees, shrubs, and bulbs.

GreenStreets is planting 6,000 vines along walls and bridge abutments throughout the city to deter graffiti.