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Green Iowa AmeriCorps Environmental Summer Steward Tree Planting Project 2017

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One of our first Tree Planting meetings was with Kamyar on May 30th at 7am. We got the initial plans and ideas down for Willow falls, downtown cedar falls, and other proposed projects for the summer.

❖ Willow Falls



- We initially went to the site and mapped out where we would plant the trees with some measuring tape and a few cans of spray paint.
- We planted 50 trees in Willow Falls on Monday June 12th with the help of summer and full time AmeriCorps members, Conservation Corps members, and other volunteers.
- The trees were bought and delivered from Jordan's nursery.
- This project required us to bring about 10 to 15 buckets of soil from the Cedar falls composting facility to the Willow Falls planting site because the soil was too dry and clay like.

❖ EMBARC

- The tree planting group had our initial meeting with EMARC to talk about planting trees in communities with people from Burma. We discussed searching for grants and getting together with teenagers from the people from Burma communities in order to get trees planted.
- On Wednesday June 7th we met with Ashley Craft to get training and information on grant writing in order to look up/search and apply for grants in order to provide EMBARC with trees for neighborhood beautification.
- We were not successful in finding grants to get these trees that would have been sufficient for the time we had and resources available for the summer.

❖ Broken Tree on The Hill



- There is a broken tree which Green Iowa had previously planted on College street and 22nd street.
- We called the Iowa One Call and got clearance to plant the tree in the location.
- We planted the new tree in its location on Tuesday August 1st in the afternoon.
- The tree was delivered by Jordan's nursery.

❖ Downtown Cedar Falls



- We are working with Community Main Street Incorporated and Cedar falls Utilities in order to plant about 15 trees in downtown cedar falls.
- The trees will range from maple, shade masters, and large shade trees.
- The trees are expected to be planted on State street, and Washington street.
- We are currently waiting for a board meeting to take place where a decision will be made as to whether there will be funding for the trees.
- Once a decision is made new Green Iowa members will be able to plant the trees this fall.