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TREE PLANTING ON HWY. 12

Michigan City, IN – Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced today that tree planting has begun at the site of the former junkyard on West US Hwy. 12 at Willard Avenue.

“I am pleased to announce that the next phase of reclaiming the Hwy. 12 junkyard is now underway,” Mayor Oberlie said. “Over the next several weeks as our tree stock becomes available, we will be planting 140 trees and 5,000 tree seedlings at the site as part of the Pullman Forest Project. We are pleased that the city received a Coastal Zone Management Grant to reforest this reclaimed area and we’ll be able watch the area come to life as more trees are planted in the coming weeks.”

Arborist Frank Sielhiemer and Vector Control Officer Dave Morlan completed the initial planting of twenty six (26) trees on Monday. “We are pleased to begin planting trees at the former location of an unsightly junkyard,” Sielhiemer said. “Our objective is to return this 2-acre field back into a white pine, red oak and red maple forest. In order to accomplish this, we’ll plant a significant number of trees surrounded by 5,000 seedlings along with shrubs and vines to create a complete new forest ecosystem.”