

# COUNTY OF KANE

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## Plant a Tree with Kane County and Chicago Region Trees Initiative

GENEVA, IL – Kane County will be planting 20 new trees on the future site of a new solar panel field at the Judicial Center in St. Charles Township.

The 10 coniferous and 10 deciduous trees, valued at \$7,000, will enhance the landscaping around the site and were made possible through grant funding from the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) Tree Planting Grant Program.

“We are thrilled to be working with Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) to plant native trees in Kane County,” said Jodie Wollnik, Director of the Kane County Department of Environmental and Water Resources. “This grant will allow us to beautify our community and support our renewable energy solar project, planting a seed of sustainability locally.”

Once operational, the 2-megawatt solar (2MW) field at the Judicial Center is expected to generate enough energy to save taxpayers \$5 million over the next 25 years.

On June 3 2022, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m, Kane County and CRTI staff members will host a community tree planting at the field at the Kane County Judicial Center. Volunteers interested in helping can contact Ivy Klee at [KleeIvy@co.kane.il.us](mailto:KleeIvy@co.kane.il.us).

[Click here to sign up for the event](#)

The Chicago Region Trees Initiative was founded in 2013 to address key issues facing trees in the region. Please visit this link to learn more about CRTI: <https://chicagorti.org/>