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### **St. Clair County Receives the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant**

**Tree Planting will take place on December 12, 2015**

The DTE Energy Foundation, in conjunction with the MDNR, Urban and Community Forestry Program, sponsors a tree planting grant. The County was awarded a \$4,000 grant on October 9, 2015 to plant a variety of trees in the areas surrounding the Blue Water Convention Center.

The purpose of this program is to increase the number and variety of trees planted and maintained in communities throughout the DTE Energy service areas. In addition, healthy, vigorous trees not only seize carbon, but they can also reduce energy costs, provide shade/screening, increase property values, beautify neighborhoods, reduce soil erosion and improve air and water quality.

This fall, the County intends to utilize part of the grant to beautify the streetscape, along St. Clair Street to the west of the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron, with 8 different tree varieties. The scheduled tree planting day is Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 9:00 am. Marine City Nursery Co. is supplying the trees and we are now looking for volunteers to assist with the plantings. If you or your organization would like to assist, please contact Jennifer Posey at [jposey@stclaircounty.org](mailto:jposey@stclaircounty.org) or Lydia Kern at [lkern@stclaircounty.org](mailto:lkern@stclaircounty.org) or 810-989-6900. A second phase of plantings will take place in the spring.

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