

SPRING GROVE NURSERY, INC.

Green Legacy Project™

**Press Release for
Spring Grove Nursery, Inc.**

Trees provide value to our communities in many ways. From providing habitat for wildlife, to shading our homes, to producing oxygen for our environment, or beautifying our landscape – trees add to the quality of life we all experience. The simple act of planting a tree can bring many benefits to a community for years to come. With a commitment to stewardship & service to their local community, Spring Grove Nursery in Mazon is proud to announce its fifth annual **Green Legacy Project™**.

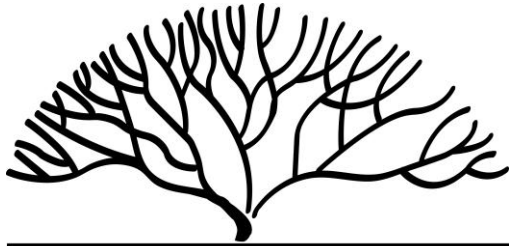
The **Green Legacy Project™** began in the Fall of 2007. A huge success the past four years, the project will continue this fall. Through the project, Spring Grove Nursery will donate one tree each to 20 local communities in and around Grundy County. Each community will get a large balled & burlapped tree delivered to their town this fall. The trees will be picked from varieties suitable for urban conditions that will also beautify the landscape. The nursery looks forward to continuing the project for many years to come.

Spring Grove Nursery, Inc. began in 1999 and is owned and operated by Jamie & Becky Thomas of Mazon. They are a family run nursery growing over 90 acres of beautiful shade, ornamental, and evergreen trees. Their trees can be found at several local nurseries, garden centers, and landscape contractors. The nursery is located north of Mazon on Rt. 47. More information about the nursery can be found on their website at www.SpringGroveNursery.com.

Both born & raised in Grundy County, Jamie & Becky wanted to start a tree planting program in their local community as a way to beautify & add value to the area they grew up in. Their popular Arbor Day Program during spring at the Mazon-Verona-Kinsman Grade School has been planting trees for eight years now. Most people do not realize that fall is another great time to plant trees, and through the **Green Legacy Project™** Jamie & Becky are hoping to further educate communities about the value of trees to our landscape.

Many small towns around the county do not have large budgets to add trees to their landscapes every year. Spring Grove Nursery is proud to be able to contribute these trees through their **Green Legacy Project™**. Please review the attached sheet with statistics about the value of trees to a community. Thanks for your interest & have a great fall!

Becky & Jamie Thomas
Spring Grove Nursery, Inc.



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**Join us this fall and
leave a *Green Legacy*
in your community!**

We are proud to offer our fifth annual ...

Green Legacy Project™ 2011

Spring Grove Nursery will donate one tree this fall to your town.

Please call us by November 15, 2011 to schedule your free delivery. All trees are balled & burlapped and 2.0"-3.0" in caliper. Choose from several varieties well-suited to our area!

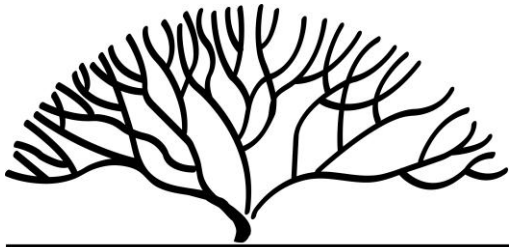
About our Green Legacy Project...

As a 5th generation farm in Grundy County, we are committed to stewardship & service in our local community. Trees add beauty, habitat, oxygen, & shade to our landscape. All of these benefits add to the quality of life in our towns. We are proud to be able to contribute our trees this year towards making Grundy County and its surrounding communities an even better place to live. Please join us this fall in our Green Legacy Project™!

We invite the following communities to join us in leaving a **Green Legacy**...

Morris	Coal City	Minooka	Gardner	Diamond
Mazon	Braceville	Carbon Hill	Verona	S. Wilmington
Kinsman	East Brooklyn	Seneca	Braidwood	Dwight
Odell	Channahon	Wilmington	Grand Ridge	Godley

Call 815.448.2097 for your free tree today!
www.SpringGroveNursery.com



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The Social, Economic, & Environmental Benefits of Trees

- 1 Tree reduces stormwater runoff by over 4,000 gals per year.
- 100 trees remove 5 tons of CO₂ from the atmosphere per year.
- "The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day."—*U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- "Landscaping can reduce air conditioning costs by up to 50 percent, by shading the windows and walls of a home." — *American Public Power Association*
- Healthy trees can increase property values by an average of 10%. Trees provide habitat for birds, mammals, & insects.
- The roots of trees help reduce soil erosion by holding soil in place.
- "If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%." —*Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research*
- "Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save 20 - 50 percent in energy used for heating."—*USDA Forest Service*
- Through photosynthesis, in 1 day an average tree can provide enough oxygen for a family of 4 for that day.
- Trees planted along highways & city streets have been shown to help reduce drivers' stress & reduce speeds.
- Mature trees in business districts have been shown to positively affect shoppers' behaviors.
- Neighborhoods with more trees have been shown to have a lower crime rate.
- Trees help people feel better – both mentally & physically.
- Trees help reduce flooding by helping to reduce runoff.
- "One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people."—*U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- "There are about 60-to 200- million spaces along our city streets where trees could be planted. This translates to the potential to absorb 33 million more tons of CO₂ every year, and saving \$4 billion in energy costs."—*National Wildlife Federation*