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For Immediate Release...

“Keep Berlin Cool” Tree Planting Initiative Set to Begin

Berlin, MD – The “KEEP BERLIN COOL” tree planting initiative, supported by the Berlin Horticultural Advisory Committee and funded by a grant from Maryland Coastal Bays Program, will plant their first trees in late October. This campaign aims to enhance urban tree canopy coverage and mitigate stormwater runoff in the town. Plantings will be done on private and public properties, including a church, a business, and eight residences. The tree planting begins at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 21st, when the Mayor and Council will attend the planting of a grove of small bald cypress trees in Stephen Decatur Park. All are welcome to participate in the event.

The trees being planted were grown from the oldest tree in the eastern US – a 2,630-year-old bald cypress living in the Three Sisters Swamp along the Black River in North Carolina. The importance of these ancient bald cypress trees was recognized by outdoor guide and explorer Charles Robbins, who collected the seeds, grew the trees, and donated them to the Old-Growth Forest Network in honor of its founder, Dr. Joan Maloof. Maloof, who lives in Berlin, donated her special trees to the “Keep Berlin Cool” initiative. The grove will be dedicated to her forest-saving efforts.

On Tuesday, October 28th, at noon, a planting of four native trees will take place on the front lawn of the Buckingham Presbyterian Church (20 S. Main St., Berlin, MD). Everyone is welcome to join us in planting trees and learning about proper tree planting techniques.

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