Trees, People, and A Native Landscape?

How Joplin is Faring
Community Tree Recovery Coordinator – Ric Mayer

- U.S. Forest Service Grant
  - $100,000 - 1:1 matching grant with MDC
    - Benefits, truck, computer, cell phone, tools, expenses
  - Joplin provides office
    - Work space, phone, internet access, tree storage – wood chips, water
Specie Selection

- Joplin Tree List
- 42 specie and genera
- Native and Non-native
- Cultivars & varieties
Sources

• Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
  • 95 – 99 % native specie
    • Seedlings provided by MDC
  • Most are 3 gallon containers for private property
    • Up to 3 per home
  • A few 15 gallon containers went into parks
Sources

• Private Donations
• Nascar
• Part of Governor’s Challenge
• Provided 200 red maple cultivars for street tree planting along Kentucky Ave.
Sources

- Jack Herschend
- Dozens of Trees for parks
- Rooting for Joplin – FBLA/PBL
- HS students across MO
- Over $25,000
- 1,200 3 gallon trees to 400 homes
Sources

• Joplin Chamber of Commerce Fund
• SW RC&D – Community Foundation of the Ozarks
• Others
• Large Federal Grant - $2 Million
• Street trees only
Volunteers

• Organized on their own
• Rooting for Joplin – FBLA/PBL
• Lions
  • 200 red maple for Duquesne residents
Volunteers

- Organized through Ric
- Tree planting events
- Church groups, youth groups, garden clubs, master naturalist, etc.
Volunteers

- Organized through AmeriCorp
- Watering crews
  - All sorts of folks from individuals to large groups, all ages.
Workers Investment Board

- Federal funds to hire “displaced” workers
- Intended to provide short term training and income
  - One crew dedicated to work for Ric
  - Watering, tree delivery, planting
Joplin’s Future

- Trees will be planted with our assistance as long as funding and trees are available.
- Ric is all alone now
- Ric is with MDC until about May 1, 2014
- Ric will have to care for trees in nursery and deliver by his self – much slower
- Homeowners will have to plant trees
- Street tree grant is not enough to do all
- I will continue to provide education and technical advice to city