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GREENING THE HARBOR DISTRICT – Supporting Mayor Villaraigosa's "Million Trees LA" campaign, the Port of Los Angeles earlier this week held a tree planting at one corner of Bayview Field in Wilmington, the first installment of as many as 6,000 trees the Port has committed to planting over the next four years.

In the months ahead, the Port will work with partnering agencies to plant trees along Wilmington streets leading into the Port. Many streets in the neighborhood lack the shade and other benefits that trees provide, so the effort will provide a welcomed addition to the community.

Other tree-planting initiatives will be undertaken to "green" customer facilities and continue the Port's ongoing efforts to beautify vacant lots owned by the Port in both the Wilmington and San Pedro areas. The Wilmington Waterfront "Buffer" area and adjacent corridor extending from Wilmington's downtown business district to Banning's Landing on the waterfront will include between 1,600 and 1,950 trees within this one large-scale project alone.



For more information about the Million Trees LA initiative, or to report your newly planted tree, call 3-1-1 or visit <u>www.milliontreesLA.org</u>.



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