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NEWS RELEASE

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

May is Arbor Month

The Lac qui Parle Soil & Water Conservation District urges you to plant a tree ... then think of all it will do for you.

To celebrate Arbor Month and in commemoration of the District's 60th Anniversary and NRCS's 75th Anniversary, staff planted 2 trees (from the city of Madison's tree program) on the south side of the Conservation Office. They will provide cooling shade in the summers to come, as well as reduce the building's utility bill!

An ongoing District program is the presentation of a native tree or shrub to Kindergarten students. This year they receive a Red Pine, Minnesota's state tree. An information page about the tree is included with planting instructions. The District has given spruce trees to 6 graders for at least the past 40 years if not longer. This year, to coincide with other organizational changes, the shift was made to 5th grade. Students received spruce trees when they attended a Conservation Field Day at the Lac qui Parle State Park Headquarters.

Did your child bring home a tree? If you have questions about the tree or planting, give us a call. Remember - the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is today!



May 2010 Arbor Month

**SWCD and NRCS Staff
Commemorative Tree Planting**

Chippewa Field Days

Kindergarten Tree Day

