



Thousands of trees help make Tampa Super Bowl a 'green' event

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TAMPA BAY, FL -- More than one thousand trees will take root in Tampa Bay on Thursday as part of the National Football League's greening of Super Bowl XLIII.

Dozens of volunteers and area youngsters will join staff from the NFL Environmental Program to plant trees at two different sites in the Bay area.

Fifth and sixth graders from Shorecrest Preparatory School will help plant some 400 native trees along the McKay Creek Greenway. At the same time, 700 red mangrove trees will be planted along the Terra Ceia shoreline.

Both projects are funded by grants from the US Forest Service administered by the State of Florida Division of Forestry.

The projects are part of the NFL Environmental Program's urban and community forestry initiative, and were developed in partnership with local, state and federal agencies.

A dozen different tree planting projects are scheduled throughout the Tampa Bay area in the weeks leading up to Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium on Feb. 1. The projects range in size from individual tree plantings in downtown areas to huge plantings of thousands of trees in environmentally sensitive management areas.

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