

# LG&E and KU to Fund Qualified Tree-Planting Projects

## **Companies Offer Matching Grants to Nonprofit or Government Entities With History of Successful Tree Plantings**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Applications are now available for "Plant for the Planet" grants from Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company to fund qualified tree-plantings by nonprofit or government entities.

The program awards matching grants in amounts of \$500 to \$5,000 to organizations with a history of successful tree plantings in the LG&E and KU service territories.

"Plant for the Planet has helped sustain and beautify a variety of sites, from mature woodlands to busy highways," said Laura Douglas, Vice President of Corporate Responsibility and Community Affairs for LG&E and KU. "Tree plantings are part of our commitment to environmental stewardship and we look forward to supporting additional efforts in 2013."

Applications and program information will be available for download until Dec. 14 at [lge-ku.com/plantfortheplanet](http://lge-ku.com/plantfortheplanet). All applications must be postmarked by Dec. 14 to be eligible for consideration. In February 2013, applicants will receive a letter announcing the status of their proposal.

Since its launch in 2009, the program has supported the planting of more than 20,000 trees in the LG&E and KU service territory, which includes 93 Kentucky counties and five in Virginia. Plantings have occurred in a range of settings that offer public access, including parks, nature preserves as well as urban and suburban places.

The program is modeled after the United Nations' "Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign" to promote the planting of more than 1 billion trees annually by individuals, communities and businesses worldwide.

*Following company policy, only 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations are eligible for funding, which does not include neighborhood/condominium associations or religious groups.*

*Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company, part of the PPL Corporation (NYSE: PPL) family of companies, are regulated utilities that serve a total of 1.2 million customers and have consistently ranked among the best companies for customer service in the United States. LG&E serves 321,000 natural gas and 397,000 electric customers in Louisville and 16 surrounding counties. Kentucky Utilities serves 546,000 customers in 77 Kentucky counties and five counties in Virginia. More information is available at [www.lge-ku.com](http://www.lge-ku.com) and [www.pplweb.com](http://www.pplweb.com).*

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