

Volunteers plant about 90 trees

Volunteers planted about 90 trees Saturday at the Mary and John Geisse Soccer Complex on Indianapolis' Northwestside. The trees are designed to help provide shade for youths using the athletic fields, located across the street from Eagle Creek Park, near 56th Street and Reed Road. They also planted 35 to 40 shrubs. Volunteer groups that participated included the Reed Road **Homeowners** Association and Pike Youth Soccer Club, said Paula Freund, Indy Parks spokeswoman. The trees were purchased by **Kroger**, which is building a store at 86th Street and the Monon Trail. As part of an agreement with the Parks Department, Kroger is contributing these trees in exchange for trees removed along the trail to make way for the new store.

Forty-six trees also were planted near the store along the trail, Freund said. The trees were purchased under the supervision of plant specialists from the Parks Department. The 90 trees originally were going to go to the new Riverwood Park, but the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" crew donated trees for that Washington Township park, located northwest of 71st Street and Keystone Avenue. Parks Department officials then chose the soccer complex. Reprinted by permission. To read entire article www.IndyStar.com



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Indy Parks Deputy Director Don Colvin (from left), Pike Soccer Club tree planting volunteers Terri Klein, Matthew Klein and Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry plant a red maple tree Mary and John Geisse Soccer Complex. - Walter Winter



Pike Soccer Club Volunteers Mathew Walters and his dad, Bill Walters, and volunteer Terry Bible planted a red maple Saturday at the Mary and John Geisse Soccer Complex. - Walter Winter / For The Star