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The Home Depot Planting a More Sustainable Future in Pickering

Pickering, ON, September 14, 2009 – As part of its annual “Month of Service” program, The Home Depot – Pickering will be adopting a local park and undertaking a major tree planting initiative to foster a healthier and more sustainable future for its community.

WHO: The Home Depot - Pickering, City of Pickering

WHAT: Adopt a Park Ceremony

WHERE: Kitley Ravine - north side of Kitley Avenue, east of Dixie Road

WHEN: September 16, 2009 – 10:00 am

Throughout the course of the day, approximately 25 The Home Depot staff will volunteer their time to pick up litter and plant 80 native trees and shrub species. However, this won't be a one-time event. Instead, The Home Depot and its staff have made a multi-year commitment to maintain the green space and eventually plant over 900 combined trees and shrubs.

The City of Pickering is very appreciative of The Home Depot's naturalization efforts as it aligns with the City's goals for a more sustainable future. Namely, the initiative will enhance the beauty of the greenspace area; strengthen the native plant and animal species within the ravine; and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions as the site will no longer need to be mowed. As such, the Mayor and Members of Council will present The Home Depot with a recognition sign and certificate at the Adopt a Park ceremony.

The Home Depot – Pickering was the very first LEED-certified building in the city. By committing to this new and significant stewardship role, The Home Depot is taking its sustainable message beyond the walls of its store and promoting it to the greater community.

“We are so excited to have the opportunity to bring together our passion for giving back with our commitment to the environment through this great initiative with the City of Pickering,” said Matthew Evans, store manager, The Home Depot Pickering. “Not only is this project part of our annual Month of Service, but it is also in celebration of the launch of The Home Depot Canada Foundation; a private charitable organization dedicated to building sustainable homes and communities for Canadians.”

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The Home Depot Canada Foundation brings together volunteerism, do-it-yourself expertise, fundraising, product donations and monetary grants to develop affordable, sustainable housing and create vibrant, environmentally responsible communities for Canadians. Team



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Depot directly supports The Home Depot Canada Foundation's mission to share its skills, knowledge and resources to develop sustainable homes and communities for Canadians. Team Depot associates use their know-how to complete meaningful community projects, resulting in a contribution of more than 60,000 hours of volunteer time each year. For more information, visit www.homedepot.ca/foundation.

As the gateway city to the east GTA, Pickering (population 94,000) is strategically located where Toronto, York and Durham Regions meet. Pickering is an affluent community that is steeped in history, natural beauty and small town charm with all the amenities and services that a big city has to offer. The City of Pickering is considered a municipal leader in fiscal management, service delivery, sustainability and the environment; and offers a wealth of sports, leisure and recreation opportunities to its residents. Pickering has been recognized by Profit magazine as one of the ten best cities in Canada for growth companies and received the 2008 FCM-CH2M Hill Sustainable Community Planning Award.

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