



RESTORE MASS AVE
Re-greening Embassy Row



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**INDONESIA EMBASSY TO HOST COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING
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Washington, March 10, 2011: His Excellency Dino Patti Djalal, Ambassador of Indonesia will host a community tree planting at the Embassy on Friday March 18, 2011. The Embassy is at 2020 Massachusetts Ave. NW (20008).

Press are invited at 11:00 for a photo opportunity when Embassy officials and others welcome the new trees as symbols of Indonesia's respect for Nature.

The four new trees at the Embassy will help to cool 'heat islands' along the busy sidewalk, one block from Dupont Circle. The Embassy occupies one of the most famous mansions on Embassy Row. The house was built in 1902 by Thomas F. Walsh, owner of a vast Colorado gold mine, who hosted many international guests in its magnificent rooms.

The planting demonstrates how foreign missions and their US neighbors are working together for a greener city and advancing mutual understanding and friendship.

Twelve trees will be planted in all. Volunteers will plant two trees in front of the Cosmos Club at 2121 Mass Ave. Five trees will be planted near the Church of the Pilgrims, between Q and P Sts, facing Florida Ave. Casey Trees will donate the trees and run the planting, which will be RMA's seventh planting with Casey Trees since 2007.

"This planting extends past 100 the number of new trees we have arranged for lawns and yards on Embassy Row. It is a milestone in our joint project to restore the historic landscape," says Deborah Shapley, President of RMA.

Restore Mass Ave is an alliance of residents, foreign mission workers and arborists working to rebuild the tree canopy and historic landscape of Embassy Row. RMA works with city officials and the public on the best ways to green the city. RMA's volunteer Treekeepers assist property owners in caring for trees. RMA is supported by individual donations and community groups. Its work has been featured in the *Washington Post*, WAMU, *Washington Life*, and the *Current*. More is at www.RestoreMassAve.org.

Casey Trees is a Washington DC nonprofit established in 2002 working to restore, enhance and protect the tree canopy of the Nation's capital. The planting with RMA is one of more than 40 community plantings it will hold this spring. More is at www.caseytrees.org.

Trees to be planted March 18 will include catalpa, white oak, fringe, London plane, saucer magnolia, Chinese quince, cherry and "Valley Forge" American elms. Volunteers will be from the Embassy, the Church of the Pilgrims, the Cosmos Club, Casey Trees and the community.

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