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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**NIPSCO TO SHOW STUDENTS HOW TO PLANT THE RIGHT TREES
IN THE RIGHT PLACE AS PART OF NATIONAL ARBOR DAY**

MERRILLVILLE, IN – As part of National Arbor Day, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) will host a number of events on Friday, April 27 to visually show school students the importance of trees and planting trees in the right place.

The events, which are open to the news media, will take place on Friday, April 27, at the following locations and times:

- **Wakarusa Middle School:** At 9 a.m. EST, NIPSCO will donate and plant six, 7ft. tall “Cleveland Select Flowering Pear” trees at Wakarusa Middle School (301 N. Elkhart St.) in Wakarusa, IN. NIPSCO and tree contractor crews from Davey Tree Ex. Co. will dig the planting holes and place the trees in the holes. Kids and staff from the school will backfill the holes with dirt and place mulch around the trees.
- **Oak Lawn Elementary School:** At 9 a.m. EST, NIPSCO and Davey Tree Ex. Co. will jointly donate and plant two “Prairiefire Crabapple” trees at Oak Lawn Elementary School (402 E. South St.) in Monticello, IN. NIPSCO and tree contractor crews from Davey Tree Ex. Co. will dig the planting holes and place the trees in the holes. Fourth graders from two classes and staff from the school will backfill the holes with dirt and place mulch around the trees.
- **Model Elementary School:** At 2 p.m. EST, NIPSCO and Davey Tree Ex. Co. will jointly donate and plant two “White Flowering Dogwood” trees at Model Elementary School (412 S. Greene Rd.) in Goshen, IN. NIPSCO and tree contractor crews from Davey Tree Ex. Co. will dig the planting holes and place the trees in the holes. Kids and staff from the school will backfill the holes with dirt and place mulch around the trees.

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