



Residents, Port Dedicates New Greenbelt

Dozens of residents celebrate tree-planting at 51st Street Greenbelt

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Dozens of residents joined the Port of Long Beach on Saturday, April 26, to celebrate the dedication of the new 51st Street Greenbelt in north Long Beach.

Local officials, residents and students participated in a ceremonial tree planting to commemorate Earth Day and the planting of nearly 50 trees beside the Los Angeles River at the new 51st Street Greenbelt and the nearby Perry Lindsey International Studies Magnet Middle School.

The festivities on Saturday included educational displays, and tree seedling giveaways for residents.

"At the Port, everyday is Earth Day," Mario Cordero, President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners, told residents on Saturday. "We launched a Harbor Arbor program, planting trees at schools, greenbelts and parks to provide the community with more trees to enjoy. And we're hosting Harbor Arbor events so that all of us can learn more about the importance of trees."

For the 51st Street Greenbelt project, the Port partnered with the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach Public Works Department, Long Beach Development Services Department, Long Beach Redevelopment Bureau, and Long Beach City Council 8th District.