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**Thomas Commends Casey Trees for NOMA BID Tree Planting Initiative**  
*Effort Complements Metropolitan Branch Trail*

Washington, DC—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. today commended the outstanding work of Casey Trees, which sponsored a tree planting on April 1, 2010 in the North of Massachusetts Avenue Business Improvement District (NOMA BID). The NOMA BID includes Ward 5’s Eckington community. Councilmember Thomas participated in the event, offering words of thanks for the efforts to beautify Ward 5.

With assistance from a bevy of volunteers, including many from Rails to Trails, 21 trees were planted at the FedEx headquarters, FX/Sirius, and other locations, including several homes, in the NoMA BID area. As they grow, the trees will bloom, provide shade and make the area a much greener place.

Casey Trees’ mission is to restore the tree canopy of the Nation’s Capital. The organization has several innovative initiatives – many of which are free – to help people learn about trees and tree care, and get trees in the ground. In addition to the Community Tree Planting program, Casey Trees offers continuing education classes, inventories, lectures, homeowner workshops and tree tours; tree rebates; interactive maps and tools, and design resources.

“I am proud to say that Casey Trees is located in Ward 5,” said Councilmember Thomas. “They are one of the gems that make Ward 5 unique.”

The Casey Trees planting complements the Metropolitan Branch Trail, which traverses the Eckington neighborhood and other parts of Ward 5, and is expected to be completed and open to the public by May 1, 2010. “Making Ward 5 green and pedestrian and bicycle friendly are important goals of mine,” stated Councilmember Thomas.



*Councilmember Thomas thanked Casey Trees and its volunteers at the April 1, 2010 NOMA BID tree planting.*

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