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### “SPRUCE UP! DELAWARE” PROGRAM AIMS TO PLANT 1,000 TREES

**PHOTO: Wendy Rezac of Dover’s All Seasons Nursery and Garden Center discusses the benefits of a Zelkova tree with Dover resident Bernie Mattes. The garden center is one of four statewide locations for “Spruce Up! Delaware,” a program where customers can get a \$10 discount on a qualifying tree purchase from September 15<sup>th</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup> while supplies last.**

*(Dover)* – “Spruce Up! Delaware,” a new program offering a \$10 discount to encourage homeowners to plant trees on their property, begins at four garden centers throughout the state on Monday, September 15 and continues until Saturday, November 15, 2008. The coupons - which are available while supplies last up to a total of 1,000 trees - will be available at the following garden centers:

<b>Ronny’s Garden World</b> 5580 South DuPont Pkwy. Smyrna, DE 19977 (800) 798-3819	<b>All Seasons Nursery &amp; Garden Center</b> 1325 S. Governors Ave. Dover, DE 19904 (302) 734-2060	<b>Lord's Landscaping, Inc.</b> 315 Atlantic Ave. Millville, DE 19967 (302) 539-6119	<b>Countryside Nursery &amp; Garden Center</b> 1604 Pulaski Highway Newark, DE 19702 (302) 832-1320
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“Spruce Up! Delaware” is a cooperative effort of the Delaware Forest Service, the Delaware Nursery & Landscape Association, and the Delaware Community Forestry Council. Homeowners can make a positive impact on their community’s air and water quality by planting a tree in their yard, according to Henry Poole, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator with the Delaware Forest Service.

“We’re starting a major initiative to assess the current level of tree canopy in Delaware and begin steps to increase it,” Poole said. “Spruce Up! Delaware is aimed at enlisting the support of individual homeowners to plant trees on their property. Studies have shown that trees offer many worthwhile environmental and social benefits, and they can help to improve home values too.”

Now that autumn is here, the Delaware Forest Service would like to remind residents that fall is an ideal time to plant a tree. Cooler temperatures help lower the stress on trees when they are transplanted from the nursery into the soil. This gives the tree time to adjust and establish its root system before the harsher weather of winter sets in.

For information on “Spruce Up! Delaware,” call 1-800-282-8685 or go to <http://dda.delaware.gov/forestry>.