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Calls for Increased Environmental Stewardship

Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) spoke at two events celebrating Arbor Day, at Field Park School in Western Springs and at LaGrange Village Hall. Lipinski has been very active in promoting legislation in Washington to protect and care for the environment.

"Illinois' annual Arbor Day observance is an important way to recognize how valuable trees are in our local communities and in our daily lives. In addition to beautifying our neighborhoods, trees are vital in cleaning the air, preventing soil erosion, promoting energy savings, providing habitat for wildlife, and improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors."

"Mitigating global climate change is one of Congress' top priorities this year as scientific studies increasingly warn that humans are accelerating the warming of the planet. In the House Science and Technology Committee, on which I serve as Vice Chairman, we have heard from numerous experts on the issue and we are working to pass legislation to prevent further harm to the Earth. Trees are critical because they absorb carbon dioxide, one of the most important global warming gases."

"Today I will be helping to plant a tree and I will be handing out seedlings to elementary school students to plant to help make our communities greener, cleaner, and more pleasant places to live. I encourage everyone to take time to consider planting a tree or taking other actions to help our planet as good stewards of the environment."