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4,000 Trees to be Given Away at Home, Garden & Remodeling Show

LOUISVILLE, KY, February 23, 2017 – For the second year in a row, entry into the **Home, Garden & Remodeling Show** *presented by Champion Windows and sponsored by LG&E*, will not only include access to over 300 exhibitors but will also give guests the opportunity to take home a free tree to plant. The *Tree Sapling Giveaway presented by L&N Federal Credit Union* is part of a city-wide initiative, supported by the Building Industry Association of Greater Louisville (BIA), to increase Louisville Metro's tree canopy. The **Home Garden & Remodeling Show** is the region's largest, longest running home show and has been locally produced by the BIA for 69 years.

All 4,000 trees that will be given away are native to Kentucky and were grown in a Kentucky Division of Forestry nursery just hours from Louisville. Guests who take a tree home will be given instructions on how to plant and care for the tree sapling.

"The BIA is proud to partner with Metro Government and community organizations on this important initiative that will help improve our tree canopy," stated BIA Executive Vice President Pat Durham. "Trees not only add natural beauty to our entire city, but they also improve our quality of life and environment. We know from the Davey Tree Canopy Assessment that thousands of trees need to be planted to achieve Louisville's tree canopy goals. We hope that our fellow citizens will join us in this significant public-private partnership and take a tree sapling home to plant."

"The Home, Garden and Remodeling Show is an excellent opportunity for the Louisville Metro Division of Community Forestry to educate attendees on the current state of the Jefferson County tree canopy," said Erin Thompson, Division of Community Forestry Urban Forester. "Additionally, the greatest opportunity for a tree to be nurtured in our community is on private property where there is ample space and need for trees to be planted. This information combined with explaining the benefits of trees and distributing tree saplings at the show will assist the public in understanding the issue and be given a way to instantly get involved."

"I applaud the BIA for giving away these trees. We can all help Louisville be more sustainable by planting a tree today," stated Councilman Bill Hollander, Louisville Metro Council District 9.

The *Tree Sapling Giveaway presented by L&N Federal Credit Union* is a partnership between the Building Industry Association of Greater Louisville, the Division of Community Forestry, the Air Pollution Control District, Louisville Grows, Trees Louisville, and the Jefferson County Master Gardeners.

Tickets for the **Home, Garden & Remodeling Show** are \$10 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens. Children 15 and under are free. Military members may present their military ID at the ticket booth to gain free entry. A buy one get one free coupon is available on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/LouisvilleHomeShow. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ordered online at www.LouisvilleHomeShow.com. Parking is \$8.

The Show hours are Friday, March 3 & Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The ticket gate closes one hour prior to closing time.

The Building Industry Association of Greater Louisville (BIA) produces the [**Home, Garden & Remodeling Show**](#) *presented by Champion Windows and sponsored by LG&E.*

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