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***Pictured: Emily Wethington, HCCF; and Sally Parsons, Regreening Greenfield***

**HCCF issues grant for mulching project**



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Regreening Greenfield a grant to help with a project to mulch young trees along north and south State Street. Mulching is critical in preventing damage from mowing and trimming; it also improves aesthetics.

The grant was issued from the Clean and Green Fund, a component fund of HCCF. A member of HCCF's Spirit of Community fund family, grants from this fund provide support for conserving and protecting Hancock County's natural environment through recycling, clean energy, and green initiatives.

Regreening is a nonprofit organization, comprised of volunteers who cooperate with individuals, government and civic organizations to plan and implement street tree plantings and other landscaping and reforestation projects in the Greenfield area. Activities and projects are funded through donations, grants, and governmental partnerships. The mission of Regreening Greenfield is preserving and restoring Greenfield's urban forest.

*HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization's mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted more than \$14 million since its inception in 1992.*

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