



TREES
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Spring 2017 Completed Tree Planting Projects

Iris Garden Club of Wakulla Crawfordville, FL (1,100 Trees) (1/21/17): The Iris Garden Club (IGC) of Wakulla replaced native trees lost to development and storms at the annual Crawfordville Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Giveaway at Hudson Park in downtown Crawfordville. IGC gave away native trees that were received as bare-root seedlings the previous winter, planted in pots by IGC members, and grown for a year at a local nursery to improve their survival rates. At the Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Giveaway, more than 500 adults and children each selected one free tree (from the IGC) plus longleaf pine seedlings (from the Florida Forest Service). Tree experts and experienced gardeners were on hand to provide information and help people select suitable trees for their yards. Leftover trees were planted by IGC members at various community sites, including schools and county parks.

Tennessee Environmental Council – Nashville, TN (8,000 Trees) (2/24/17): The Tennessee Environmental Council received 8,000 native seedlings to help fulfill their 100K Tree Day Project. This year the council orchestrated the largest statewide mass tree giveaway and planting event in Tennessee history, coordinating 15,000 volunteers and delivering and planting 100,000 trees throughout all 95 counties. In each tree pick-up location, tree recipients were educated on how to plant and care for their trees, and learned about the critical role of trees to the environment, communities and public health. Approximately 4,000 school age children participated through their schools, churches, scout troops and 4-H groups. More information at: <https://tectn.org/100ktreeday/>.

NatureScape Broward – Davie, FL (900 Trees) (3/11/17): Naturescape Broward held their 15th annual Water Matters Day in Broward County. Over 4,000 residents, volunteers, and 57 exhibitors participated this year. Attendees were required to visit at least 12 booths to be eligible to receive free native and drought tolerant trees, shrubs, and groundcover plants. In addition, native tree seedlings were given to families during a children's potting activity. Other activities included rain barrel workshops, face painting, and the opportunity to meet NWF's Ranger Rick! More information at: <https://webapps.broward.org/newsrelease/AdminDisplayMessages.aspx?intMessageId=10254>.

Reston Association – Reston, VA (100 Trees) (3/24/17): Approximately 30 volunteers from the local Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Habitat Heros from the community teamed up with the Reston Association to plant native trees along Snakeden Stream, whose riparian area had previously been overtaken by invasive viburnum plants. The trees will help restore the understory and canopy trees that support the long-term health of the riparian buffer. The Reston association will care for the trees and continue to pull out invasive weeds until the seedlings are established.

Delaware Nature Society - Newark, DE (1,200 Trees) (4/1/17): The Delaware Nature Society (DNS) planted 1,200 native tree seedlings through a combination of giveaways and planting events. Trees were planted by over 100 volunteers at the 860-acre Middle Run Natural Area to improve the quality of the

watershed, and each volunteer received a tree to take home in acknowledgement of their efforts. DNS also held several other events including a free Earth Day program called Spring Into Nature, a Clean Water Rally, and Water Warrior programs where trees were given away to more than 400 participants.

City of Sunrise, FL – Sunrise, FL (200 trees) (4/1/17): The City of Sunrise distributed native seedlings at their annual Earth Day event. Each seedling was accompanied by an informational card about tree care and wildlife benefits. More than 2,000 people attended, and enjoyed face painting, bouncy houses, free re-usable water bottles, and non-profit exhibitors and educational displays to help residents “green their routine.” Hundreds of students were involved through volunteering at educational displays and attending with their families.

Mississippi Wildlife Federation - Clinton, MS (500 Trees) (4/6/17): The Mississippi Wildlife Federation planted 500 native tree seedlings through a combination of giveaways and tree planting events. Students at Eastside and Northside Elementary schools were involved in a seminar about native trees and plants, and then helped plant seedlings in the open space between their campuses, which will provide shade and a windbreak. Mayor Phil Fisher was invited to plant the ceremonial first tree! At Eastside Elementary School’s Health Fair, the remaining seedlings were given away by students, who shared their knowledge of native trees to help attendees care for their seedlings.

Saint Rita School for the Deaf - Cincinnati OH (140 Trees) (4/8/17): Venture Landscaping LLC in Cincinnati, OH, led students and staff in planting Elderberry, White Pine, and Flowering Dogwood seedlings for a Native Sensory Garden at the Saint Rita School for the Deaf. This event was part of re-engaging students, teachers, kitchen staff, and parents from the Saint Rita School community in the large garden and green house area that have gone unused and unkempt the last few years. More information at: <http://local.cincinnati.com/share/story/246767>.

City of Shelbyville - Shelbyville, IN (500 Trees) (4/8/17): The City of Shelbyville teamed up with the Shelby County Recycling District to distribute 500 seedlings during Project Clean Shelby Day, where residents can properly dispose of items that cannot usually be recycled or reused. Some seedlings were planted at the fairgrounds as a demonstration to tree recipients, and the rest were planted at the neighboring park to increase wildlife habitat.

Green Columbus - Columbus, OH (3,000 Trees) (4/8/17): Green Columbus, in collaboration with the City of Columbus, received 3,000 tree seedlings to use towards their many planting events during Earth Day Columbus, one of the largest volunteer service Earth Day events in the US. Approximately 10,000 volunteers were engaged in the tree plantings, and also removed litter from streets, parks, and streams, and removed invasive species. Once mature, the trees will not only provide habitat but help reduce the heat island effect of the City of Columbus.

North Carolina Wildlife Federation – Charlotte, Matthews, Concord (100 Trees) (4/10/17): The North Carolina Wildlife Federation, NWF’s state affiliate in North Carolina, supported its network of certified Community Wildlife Habitats in Matthews, NC, Charlotte, NC, Lake Norman, NC, and Concord, NC, by giving away 100 trees for residents to plant in their backyards to augment wildlife habitats on their properties. Learn more about the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and its habitat programs at: <http://www.ncwf.org/programs/certified-wildlife-habitat>.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Schoolcraft, MI (600 Trees) (4/15/17): As part of an Eagle Scout project, Michigan United Conservation Club’s Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program partnered with Boy Scout Troop 253 to plant 600 native tree seedlings in a wildlife opening in the Gourneck State Game Area. Thirty students and 10 adult volunteers were involved in the planting to provide thermal cover for the area's whitetail deer, turkey, small game, and pheasants. The seedlings were planted in

clusters between a water and food source to encourage wildlife to cross through the opening. More information at: <https://mucc.org/plant-trees-wildlife-habitat-mucc/>.

Roosevelt Elementary School - Roosevelt, NJ (100 Trees) (4/20/17): Roosevelt School held their annual Earth Day event, where students planted seeds and annuals in their butterfly garden. This year, each grade learned how to plant a tree on the school grounds, and shared the responsibility of caring for their tree throughout the year. The remaining seedlings were given to students to plant at home with detailed care instructions. Approximately 100 students and parent volunteers participated.

Haycock Elementary - Falls Church, VA (1,000 Trees) (4/21/17): Tree seedlings were planted on the grounds of Haycock Elementary School during an Earth Day party to create more habitat on the newly renovated campus. Each class that had been “Caught Green-Handed,” for example by recycling appropriately, turning off electronics when not in use, and utilizing natural light when possible, was invited to the party. Classrooms planted trees that they will care for, and the remaining trees were sent home with students with planting and care instructions.

Bonner Elementary School - Bonner, WA (100 Trees) (4/21/17): Bonner Elementary School hosted their 9th annual SuperFUN(d) 10k, 5k, and 1 mile fun run on the local Piltzville trail to celebrate the removal of Milltown Dam, the opening of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot river confluence, and the removal of mining waste! The mile markers along the trail are representations of fish native to the Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers. Many students participated in a tree planting near the trail and took home seedlings to plant.

Town of Huntington - Huntington, NY (250 trees) (4/22/17): The native tree seedlings were planted and distributed to some of the hundreds of local residents and students who attended the Town's Family Earth Day Expo. Residents who received trees are contacted each year to record growth information and GPS coordinates of their trees. The Town of Huntington lost many thousands of trees during Hurricane Sandy and has been increasing its tree canopy and completing park improvements over the last three years through the NWF Trees for Wildlife program.

Gainesville Garden Club – Gainesville, FL (500 Trees) (4/22/17): The Gainesville Garden Club gave away 500 native seedlings to attendees of their Earth Day workshops, which included topics such as how to plant and care for trees, protecting pollinators, and providing food and homes for bees, butterflies, frogs, and other wildlife. The Club also distributed some seedlings to the public in January on Arbor Day and held workshops on how to plant and care for trees.

Wildlife Conservation and Education Society of Texas – Brownsville, TX (1,500 Trees) (4/22/17): The Wildlife Conservation and Education Society of Texas planted 1,500 native seedlings for an Eco-Earth Day giveaway and a highly publicized planting event. Three thousand students and their parents participated in the planting, with many more receiving the message of how native plants are vital for the ecosystem. Brownsville is one of the poorest cities in the U.S. and lays in the path of three migratory bird flyways, so educating the community and creating habitat is vital.

Florida Scrub-Jay Consortium Inc. – Clermont, FL (200 Trees) (4/22/17): The Florida Scrub-Jay Consortium Inc. used native seedlings for a combination planting and giveaway event that focused on families planting trees together. The families were given a hands-on tutorial on how to plant seedlings and care for them at the Florida Scrub-Jay Trail Restoration area, and learned about the importance of native trees to the well-being of humans and wildlife, and how larger tree canopies increase energy efficiency. Afterwards, each family received a tree to take home and plant. Approximately 150 people participated. More information at: <http://s1table.com/2017/04/07/plant-trees-wildlife-2/>.

Village of Island Lake - Island Lake, IL (100 Trees) (4/22/17): The Village of Island Lake used the tree seedlings for a combination of plantings and giveaways. Dozens of Ash trees had to be removed throughout the town due to being infected with the Emerald Ash Borer, and these seedlings will replace trees in several parks and add habitat to resident's backyards.

City of Milton - Milton, GA (200 Trees) (4/22/17): The City of Milton gave away native tree seedlings as part of their Earth Day celebration. Other Earth Day activities included an animal show by a zoologist, building a bird feeder and other crafts from recycled materials, workshops on how to create rain barrels and green cleaning products, and information on how to certify a habitat with NWF (www.nwf.org/certify). There were also several environmental service projects residents could help with, such as performing trail maintenance and planting a pollinator garden.

HAWK North Carolina Wildlife Federation – Matthews, NC (250 Trees) (4/22/17): The HAWK chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation gave away seedlings at their annual Earth Day celebration along the Creek Greenway and Squirrel Lake Park. Members of the HAWK team gave planting demonstrations along the greenway, and gave tips on care and good planting locations so that each tree could contribute to their city's canopy in the future. Several hundred people attended and enjoyed food, music, scavenger hunts, recycling opportunities, and educational booths along the walking path.

Hyde Park Garden Habitat – Hyde Park, NY (250 Trees) (4/22/17): White Dogwood, Eastern White Pine, and Eastern Redbud tree seedlings were given away at the Hyde Park Earth Day event at St. James and Vanderbilt Mansion Gardens. Tree recipients were given instructions on how to properly plant, water, and protect the seedlings, and were sent emails with information on extended care. In addition to educational Earth Day activities, community members were able to turn in a variety of household items for recycling and re-distribution.

Pocomoke Middle School – Pocomoke, MD (200 Trees) (4/22/17): Tree seedlings were planted on school grounds in conjunction with Pocomoke Middle School's Earth Day event. Students received trees, researched their habitat requirements, and created a planting design for the school. Approximately 450 students and 40 volunteers were involved in the planting and will continue to care for the trees. The seedlings will provide beneficial habitat and help naturalize the middle school and the wider community.

Rye Country Day School – Rye, NY (250 Trees) (4/22/17): On Earth Day, Rye Country Day School (an NWF Schoolyard Habitat) held an event called Family Wellness Day. There were gardening, composting, mindfulness, yoga, and healthy yard care workshops for families to participate in, and students had the opportunity to take an Earth Day Pledge. Seedlings were given away at the event, along with instructions for care and education about the importance of trees for the environment and for personal wellness. Over 150 students and families attended the event!

National Aquarium - Baltimore, MD (100 Trees) (4/22/17): Tree seedlings were given to participants in the National Aquarium's Earth Day event. A range of interactive, environmental activities were organized for aquarium visitors. The tree giveaway supported and promoted the joint effort between NWF and the National Aquarium to certify the City of Baltimore as a Community Wildlife Habitat - the largest along the Chesapeake Bay.

Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District – Medina, OH (100 Trees) (4/26/17): Trees were given away at two Earth Day events: one at Medina Hospital and one at the Medina County Earth Day at Buffalo Creek. Each event included demonstrations on how to plant and care for trees, and students helped to plant a small plot of tree seedlings in each location. Other activities included workshops on rain gardens, rain barrels, making an oriole feeder, and a Family Fishing Derby! More information at: <https://www.facebook.com/MedinaCountyEarthDayFestival/>.

City of Concord - Concord, NC (200 Trees) (4/27/17): The City of Concord distributed native seedlings during a Kids in Nature Earth Day event. Children were able to participate in other activities such as fishing, guided nature hikes, a nature scavenger hunt, crafts, and presentations from wildlife experts. Other events in April included two Flutter By Earth Days where citizens learned about monarchs and other pollinators through crafts and presentations. More information at:

<https://www.concordnc.gov/Resident/Community-News/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/910>.

Kiawah Island Community Association - Kiawah Island, SC (150 Trees) (4/28/17): As part of their 2017 Landscape Symposium, Kiawah Island Community Association distributed native seedlings to homeowners. Landscaping experts were present to give a tree-planting demonstration and a discussion of how wildlife use trees for habitat. Remaining trees were planted throughout the community.

City of Olney - Olney, IL (300 Trees) (4/28/17): The City of Olney Tree Board coordinated a tree giveaway for Arbor Day with 50 volunteers. The giveaway was very popular, with all 300 trees handed out within 40 minutes! The city has a need for more young trees to help create healthy habitat for their famous population of albino squirrels, and has been encouraging residents to plant trees and create habitat on their properties to encourage ownership and to avoid underground utilities conflicts on city properties.

The Association of Northwest Steelheaders – Portland, OR (200 Trees) (4/29/17): The Association of Northwest Steelheaders (ANWS) used the native tree seedlings for events with multiple schools. Since the French American International School and Naas Elementary are participating in the Fish Eggs to Fry program, ANWS led students in planting trees in a natural area running through the school property and learning about how tree cover over streams protects salmon. Planting at Mill Park Elementary focused on creating a schoolyard habitat that will be certified with NWF.

City of Doylestown - Doylestown, PA (200 Trees) (4/30/17): Approximately 20 volunteers including student representatives from the Doylestown Borough Council, the Shade Tree Commission, and the Environmental Advisory Council provided Persimmon, Red Bud, and Sugar Maple seedlings to members of the public on the Saturday of Arbor Day weekend at the Doylestown Farmers' Market. They also gave planting and care instructions and literature promoting native species.

Lemon Road Elementary School – Falls Church, VA (100 Trees) (5/3/17): Lemon Road Elementary School planted their trees in a new sensory garden. The project was partially funded by a grant from Learning Links. Approximately 20 teachers guided 100 students and parents in selecting planting locations based on ideal habitat information for each tree species. Conifers will block the neighboring I-66 traffic noise, and persimmon and sassafras are just a few of the 50+ native trees, shrubs, and herbs that were planted for sensory engagement, education, and food. Children at the school will help the ground crew care for the plants.

Burien Community Wildlife Habitat – Burien, WA (100 Trees) (5/4/17): Burien Community Wildlife Habitat hosted a tree giveaway at the local Farmer's Market, followed by a tree planting event in Mathison Park. Both students and adults participated in the event. Seedlings planted in the park will be maintained by volunteers and the Burien Parks Department.

Harris Township – Boalsburg, PA (100 Trees) (5/6/17): Harris Township is part of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and the Township held its first Pollinator Festival on May 6th at the town square. The local Shade Tree Commission distributed tree seedlings at the festival, and leftover trees were planted in a Township owned park. Other pollinator activities at the festival included a demonstration bee hive and a

station where children planted parsley in a bio-degradable ice cream cone to plant in the ground at home.

National Aquarium - Baltimore, MD (125 Trees) (5/6/17): Tree seedlings were given away at the National Aquarium's Fort McHenry Field Day. About 150 volunteers joined the Aquarium for a day of removing marine debris to clean up their wetlands, as well as trail and garden maintenance. Each family that participated was given a tree and care instructions, and leftover trees were planted along the trails in their wetland area and are cared for by field conservation staff and volunteers from the Aquarium. More information at: <https://findyourchesapeake.com/events/detail/national-aquarium-fort-mchenry-field-day/>.

Natural Habitat Evanston - Evanston, IL (300 Trees) (5/7/17): Natural Habitat Evanston held an event at the Ecology Center, where tree seedlings were given to participants. Volunteers engaged attendees in several educational stations, teaching them about the elements needed for NWF Habitat Certification, the value of trees for humans and wildlife, restoration efforts along the North Shore Channel and Lake Michigan, preserving remnant woods in Evanston, creating backyard habitats, gardening without pesticides, bird-friendly buildings, organic food cultivation, and efforts to enhance local ordinances for wildlife.

Make Gahanna Yours – Gahanna, OH (200 Trees) (5/13/17): Tree seedlings were distributed by Make Gahanna Yours to residents during their annual Herb Day. Each tree recipient signed a pledge card and took home a planting guide. The goal is to increase the tree canopy in the city and provide wildlife habitat after having to remove many Ash trees. Other activities included an Herb Walk around the Ohio Herb Education Center, an herb and plant sale, and herbal themed foods and vendors. More information at: <http://visitgahanna.com/attend-an-event/event-details/2017/05/13/default-calendar/gahanna-herb-day>.

Indiana Wildlife Federation – Indianapolis, IN (200 Trees) (6/2/17): The Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF) received 200 native tree seedlings to christen their flagship Sustainable Trail Program. Volunteers from the neighborhoods and schools came together to plant trees along the six mile Urban Wilderness Trail to restore mowed areas to wildlife habitat for monarch butterflies, foxes, blue heron, and numerous raptors that live along the corridor. After the Urban Wilderness Trail was celebrated as the first IWF Certified Sustainable Trail, trees were handed out to volunteers to take home!

Dinosaur Hills Nature Preserve – Rochester, MI (250 Trees) (6/3/17): Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve partnered with their local farmers market to organize a giveaway of native tree seedlings. Hundreds of children visiting the market with their families participated in educational events and children's activities that highlighted the importance of native trees in their environment. The tree giveaway kicked off a number of Garden for Wildlife events happening at the market throughout the summer.

Friends of Long Key, Inc. - Davie, FL (200 Trees) (7/23/17): The Friends of Long Key, Inc., gave away native seedlings to people who visited Long Key Park during National Moth Week. The free, week-long celebration featured special programs and speakers highlighting the ecological importance of moths and how to create habitat for moths. The native tree species distributed were host plants for some local moth species. Other programs and presentations during the week included Moths 101, crafts and games like Magical Moths for Kids, and a Pollinator Plant Sale. More information at: <https://webapps.broward.org/newsrelease/AdminDisplayMessages.aspx?intMessageId=10571>.