



PHS Finds Homes for More Than 750 Trees During Earth Month

Volunteers and community groups join forces to plant trees across Philadelphia region

PHILADELPHIA – From April 26 through 29, PHS Tree Tenders groups, community organizations, local businesses and neighborhood volunteers will come together to plant trees in 57 neighborhoods throughout the city and surrounding counties. For these spring plantings, Tree Tenders groups and Pennsylvania Horticultural Society staff will put down roots of over 750 trees. Interested volunteers are encouraged to find an [event](#) happening in their region and participate; no experience required.

A key component of PHS's neighborhood greening activities, the PHS Tree Tenders program offers tree planting and tree care training throughout the five-county Philadelphia region. Participation in the course, and in plantings, brings neighbors together while creating healthier, more sustainable living spaces for their communities. Now open for [registration](#), the three-session program offers nine hours of hands-on learning, with courses in Philadelphia and Chester County set to begin this May, and courses in Montgomery and Delaware County scheduled for the fall.

Many organizations help advance PHS's work to create healthy living environments and build deeper social connections in the city and region. The PHS effort to restore the area's tree canopy is made possible through the generous support of the Philadelphia Division of Housing & Community Development, TreeVitalize, Penn Treaty Special Services District, Independence Blue Cross, Snave Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, HBE Foundation, Esperanza, Philadelphia Commerce Department, One Tree Planted, and Bloktoberfest.

Highlights of the tree plantings include:

Bloktoberfest



Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1901 Christian Street

Thanks to a first-time grant from Bloktoberfest, PHS Tree Tenders groups will be planting 17 trees throughout Graduate Hospital West and the South of South Neighborhood in Center City. As the only non-profit street festival in Philadelphia, Bloktoberfest donates all proceeds back into the local community, specifically towards initiatives addressing education, green space and public safety.

One Tree Planted

Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, at various locations

PHS and six of its Tree Tenders groups will plant 125 trees throughout Philadelphia neighborhoods (Brewerytown, Fairhill, Point Breeze, Spring Garden, University City) and Upper Merion Township thanks to [One Tree Planted](#), a non-profit organization focused on global reforestation. In addition to their generous financial support, One Tree Planted will provide volunteers to assist the PHS Tree Tenders groups with these plantings.

Penn Treaty Special Services District

Friday, April 26 through Monday, April 29, at various locations

In November, PHS received a grant from the Penn Treaty Special Services District to plant 200 trees throughout the Fishtown, Kensington, Northern Liberties, and Spring Arts neighborhoods. After an initial planting last fall, 100 trees will be planted by PHS and three Tree Tenders groups. Students from the nearby John Moffet School and Horatio B. Hackett School, set to receive 10 and 21 trees respectively, will also assist with the plantings.

West Poplar & PennDOT

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., NW corner of Mt. Vernon St. and Ridge Ave.

In the West Poplar neighborhood of Philadelphia, 15 trees will be planted by a newly formed Tree Tenders group with support from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. PennDOT will help residents replant the medians along the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Spring Garden Street, restoring tree canopy to the aptly named neighborhood.



ABOUT PHS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1827, whose programs connect people with horticulture and together creates beautiful, healthy and sustainable communities. PHS brings together people from diverse backgrounds to engage in horticultural projects that increase access to fresh food, create healthy living environments, build deeper social connections, and grow economic opportunity. PHS's best known activities include the Philadelphia Flower Show, street tree planting and maintenance, community gardening, public beautification, and the PHS Pop Up Gardens. PHS programs bring together people from diverse backgrounds to engage in horticultural projects that advance social equity, environmental sustainability, and urban livability. For information or to support our work, visit [PHSONline.org](https://www.phsonline.org).

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