



RELEAF WASHINGTON

Why Trees?

- Improve air quality
- Reduce cooling costs
- Increase property values
- Improve physical and mental health outcomes

- Improve water quality
- Make walking a preferable option
- Increase neighborhood pride and engagement





Tree Planting Sites March 2023



Our Mission

Our mission is to plant, promote, and protect trees in and around Washington, N.C. We do this to make our city a prettier, greener, cooler, and healthier place to live and work.

Location/Address	Trees	Date
1 Susiegray McConnell Complex	11 white oaks	Jan 2019
2 Market St. Ext. (west) South of Airport	10 nuttall oaks	Apr 2021
3 BCCC Wetlands Project BCCC ?	1 sweet bay, 1 cypress, 1 cedar, 3 winterberries 10 red oaks	Dec 2020 Feb 2022
4 Open Door Ctr. (1240 Cowell Farm Rd.)	4 white oaks	Nov 2020
5 Washington Park, Riverside Dr.	4 live oaks	Dec 2020
6 Kayak launch Runyon Creek	2 bald cypress	Apr 2021
7 Havens Gardens	3 live oaks	Feb 2022
8 Bug House Park (121 N. Charlotte St.)	3 cypress, 3 redbud, 1 cedar	Feb 2022
9 Jacks Creek Greenway	3 pecans, 4 live oaks 2 mulberry/poplar, 3 hickory/water oaks	Feb 2022 tbd 2023
10 Mac Hodges Festival Park	1 live oak	Oct 2020
11 Stewart Pkwy/Main Street	5 live oaks, 3 willow oaks	Jan 2019, Oct 2020
12 John Small Ave. (across Pam's Diner)	8 live oaks	Jan 2019
13 Bobby Andrews Rec. Ctr.	2 live oaks, 4 pecans	Apr 2018, Feb 2022
14 John Small Ave. at Bonner St.	22 Yoshino cherries	Feb 2019
15 Old Fort Wash. Housing Authority	8 redbuds, 2 fig, 1 cedar, 6 jane magnolias 2 jane magnolias, 4 serviceberries	Feb 2022 Mar 2023
16 P.S. Jones Park (W. 9th St., N. Bridge St.)	7 live oaks, 4 live oaks	Apr 2018, Feb 2021
17 Wash. Housing Authority Phase 2 (field behind Pennsylvania Ave.)	16 pecans	Feb 2023
18 Wash. Housing Authority Phase 3 (W. 9th St., Respass St.)	6 jane magnolias, 6 red cedar	Mar 2023
19 Washington High School	1 live oak	Mar 2023

179 Total

Our Vision

We envision a Washington where:

- All residents have access to nature.
- Children grow up healthy with a respect for our living world.
- Nature is woven into the fabric of our urban spaces.
- Flooding is alleviated through green infrastructure.
- Our waterways are healthy enough to fish and swim in.
- Wildlife and trees are abundant and pollution is scarce.





Our Work

- We have planted just under (300) three hundred trees in places such as Havens Gardens, PS Jones Park, Open Door Community Center, Susie Gray McConnell Complex, and other city parks.
- We have had educational days promoting the benefits of trees on Arbor and Earth Day



Our Partnerships

- City of Washington: Most of our work is on City of Washington land. We have established close ties with the city's planning department, parks and recreation department, and with the city manager. We have established a list of trees that are approved for planting.
- Washington Housing Authority: In order to impact our most vulnerable neighborhoods, we have established a relationship with the Washington Housing Authority to plant trees across their properties in the city. These planting not only impact their residents, but also impact adjacent properties.
- We have partnered with Beaufort County Community College to plant trees on their campus.
- Washington Park Community

Planting Plan for Washington Housing Authority Neighborhoods



- We will plant up to 300 trees around WHA neighborhoods.
- Like all forests, our urban forest will consist of large canopy trees (oaks & cypress), fruit & nut trees (pecans & persimmon), and smaller understory trees (cedar & redbud).
- We will have an annual planting plan for review before our winter planting season.
- We plan to plant about 50 trees annually.

Promote

- Hosting Tree Maintenance Days to help teach the right way to trim and care for trees



- Participating in public events like the Christmas Parade



Protect

- Giving Guidance to Parks Department
- Vine removal plans
- Working on Inventory List of “Heritage” trees around the City of Washington



Future Plans

- Continue to engage the public for input on opportunities around town
- Work with the City of Washington to identify more areas that would benefit from trees with an end goal of receiving a “Tree City USA” designation

- Create an Educational Forest Initiative with Beaufort County School System





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let's put down
roots!**