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SUBJECT Campus tree planting event with Chicago Region Tree Initiative (CRTI)

Last fall, the Chicago Region Tree Initiative (CRTI) reached out to Facilities Management with an offer to supply and plant trees to improve canopy cover in the region. Ten native species were selected in keeping with the policy to prioritize native vegetation on campus. On May 6, the CRTI joined the campus grounds crew and Facilities Staff to plant thirty-eight total trees on the DuPage County Government Campus in Wheaton. Most of the trees were situated just west of Animal Services and at the southwestern corner of County Farm Road and Manchester, with one placed in a parking lot island at the Care center and three planted around the Family Center. Morton Arboretum staff provided a training demonstration and CRTI supplied all trees, mulch and a group of volunteers.

The new trees enhance species diversity, improving the resilience of our campus tree inventory against disease and insect threats. The campus, which is an ArbNet accredited Level I Arboretum, is home to forty-five species of trees and shrubs, the majority of which are native. Like native flowers and grasses, native trees and shrubs support native insects, and birds while supporting human health and well-being and counteracting the heat island effect.

Tree species added during this event

***Indicates a new species added to arboretum inventory**

Ironwood
River Birch
Kentucky coffeetree
London plane tree*
Red buckeye*
White pine
Yellowwood*
Bur oak
Bald cypress
Shingle oak