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Defending Against Threats to Our Forests

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Trees Forever Mission:
To plant and care for trees and the environment by empowering people, building community and promoting stewardship.

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“We don’t inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”
David Brower

On the cover: Nearly 500 students with Cedar Falls Community Schools (Iowa) planted more than 100 trees along Lone Tree Road. Trees Forever Board Member Jim Newcomb and longtime member Sue Green planned this amazing day. Trees Forever staff mentored and provided expertise. (Photo Credit: Sasha Wohlpart)

Right: Brothers Eli and Frederick Swihart climb an Eastern Red Cedar tree on their great-grandmother’s farm north of New Liberty, Iowa.

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Leaf’ing a Better Planet for Our Kids

How we leave the planet for the next generation is at the heart of everything we do at Trees Forever! We plant trees and native plants to improve our air, soil and water, and we do so with landowners, farmers, businesses, schools, community groups, conservation groups and many other partners. These plantings make an immediate impact on the environment as well as a lasting impact on the people involved.

Engaging the next generation is critical to our planet. We need to give young people the tools to maintain and better our environment! While our programs have always involved young people, in 2018 we put an extra emphasis on creating new programs to encourage environmentalism and conservation for the next generation.

Together we:

• Launched a NEW program called **Granting a Better Tomorrow.** Seven neighborhoods nationwide were awarded grants – these projects are aimed at engaging young people AND are in communities that were in desperate need of trees!

• Developed a NEW pilot youth program called **Growing Futures,** and now we are ready to mentor the first round of young adults in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, starting in 2019.

• Educated and engaged 11,073 people* including 1,564 students* in 2018 alone!

• Planted 1,083 trees and 37,085 seedlings.*

• Improved water quality by protecting 3,363 feet of streams and waterways.*

Please read on for stories on how we continue to meet our promise to you – the promise to plant a better tomorrow.

Thanks for helping us create a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Brad Morgan
Trees Forever Board Chair & Vice President

Dave Blankenship
Trees Forever Board Vice Chair

*Numbers as of September 30, 2018
We’re excited to be the first organization to use a Granting a Better Tomorrow grant to improve the lives of at-risk children,” Tanager Place CEO Okpara Rice said. “Our campus was in great need of trees, so these new trees will benefit children and families who visit our campus for years to come.

Studies have shown that activity within nature and green spaces can make a positive impact on children with mental health challenges. Specifically, these activities can reduce ADHD symptoms; decrease frustration; lower mental distress and depression disorders; and improve body image, self-esteem and life satisfaction.

The Earth Week Blitz planting sparked an interest in the kids. “That was so much fun! I loved watering the tree.”

On a beautiful spring day during Earth Week Blitz, several dozen children grabbed shovels and dug into the ground outside the Tanager Place cottages in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. One child found a worm and showed it to all of his friends, and together they pondered potential names. For just a bit, these kids were a bit farther away from the harsh realities of life that they face every day. Tanager Place helps children struggling with mental or behavioral health challenges, and these new trees were a gift to the young people that need Tanager Place’s services.

One Tanager staff member tells us, “Community service is always a part of our recreational activities that we have planned; however, now the kids get very involved in going out and picking things up to make sure that our trees live and are successful. There are ‘disputes’ on who gets to water the tree on what day, and we had to create a schedule.”

One of our main goals at Trees Forever is to get kids outside and engaging with nature. You never know what may spark in a young person’s mind while out exploring and planting trees. This new grant program will provide more opportunities for us to support youth groups interested in making a positive impact on our environment.

To unveil our new Granting a Better Tomorrow program, Trees Forever helped at-risk children plant six trees on one of Tanager Place’s campuses.
Growing Trees in Underserved Communities

(Right) Research shows a large discrepancy in tree cover between high- and low-income neighborhoods, and we’re hoping to close that gap by expanding to underserved areas. Many low- to medium-income neighborhoods like this one in Suffolk, Virginia, are in desperate need of trees! We’re excited to have our first planting in Virginia during fall 2018.

Making a Positive Impact

(Left) Around 250 young students learned about conservation during a special lesson on restoring an oak-hickory forest. The students planted trees as one of multiple restoration activities, but this experience was unique for many of the students.

“Most of our kids have limited exposure to Story County’s rare woodland environments. For example, very few kids answered ‘yes’ when asked if they have ever walked through the woods or gone camping,” said Central Elementary School teacher Mrs. Kedra Hamilton.

This activity was used to show the kids that they can make a positive impact in their community.

NEW Growing Futures program includes:

Growing Futures Tree Teams
Teams of seven to ten teenagers in Des Moines, Iowa, will plant, water and care for the city’s trees.

Growing Futures Woodland Rescue
Woodland Rescue youth leaders in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will work with private landowners to remove and treat invasive species and help with basic woodland management.

Granting a Better Tomorrow
Grants of $100 to $1,500 are available with an emphasis on youth and underserved schools and communities.

Learn more at: www.treesforever.org/GrowingFutures
The BUZZ-iness of Conservation

Creating a Buzz

We’re committed to practical conservation. Thanks to our NEW Creating a Buzz partnership, we will soon provide additional hands-on training and work with more farmers to plant buffers and strips of native prairie grasses, wildflowers and trees.

Through the new Creating a Buzz partnership, Trees Forever will host training sessions for crop specialists and provide them with Pollinator Plus Kits. Crop specialists guide landowners on best management practices, seed and product choices. Thanks to this partnership, we anticipate the crop specialists will also help identify interested landowners with marginal lands, which are less suited for crop production.

We are delighted to have a national partnership agreement with GROWMARK, Syngenta and other agri-business partners to work towards more pollinator habitat and conservation on the ground. Trees Forever plans to train crop specialists from both GROWMARK and Syngenta on the array of opportunities available to farmers to establish more pollinator habitat.

Marty Adkins, Asst. State Conservationist for Partnerships with the Iowa Office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service with USDA
This program will expand upon the work we’ve already done in Iowa and Illinois to improve pollinator habitat. Trees Forever has more than 550 buffer/habitat sites across Iowa and Illinois, primarily on farms. Since most of us at Trees Forever have “deep farm roots” (meaning a lot of our staff are currently part of farm operations or have family farms), this program is near our hearts and our mission of environmental stewardship.

The Trees Forever vision for the next fifty years is that every stream and river has a buffer of trees and native plants — a very important goal since pollinators are an essential part of the food web for humans and wildlife!

Many, Many Monarchs!

In 2018, Mitch and Charli Gregory had proof that all of their hard work had paid off. Thousands of monarchs visited their Tazewell County farm during the fall migration. In 2015, with assistance from the USDA’s Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Trees Forever’s Pollinator Habitat Conservation program, the Gregories planted nearly 27 acres of wildflowers, adding on to the 6 acres of pollinator habitat that they planted on their own in 2000. Mitch’s grandparents taught him from an early age to always have an area on the farm set aside for nature. His early love of nature has transformed their former quarter horse breeding farm into a haven for monarchs and other wildlife. Every year, Mitch and Charli burn a different section of the prairie and provide the local fire department a copy of their burn plan. According to Mitch, the success of their plantings has been a combination of luck, a love of nature, and lots of energy and work.

Taking Care of Our Woodlands

Geoffrey Enz is Trees Forever’s first private lands intern. This summer, he worked at Faulkes Heritage Woods and Indian Creek Nature Center in Linn County, Iowa, to improve woodland health. In addition to manually pulling thousands of invasive garlic mustard, Japanese honeysuckle and Oriental bittersweet, Enz created site plans to help landowners manage their land.

“This internship helped advance my career by affording me the opportunity to not only meet and learn from the local leaders in the conservation field, but also provided me the ability to do all this while gaining experience in real-world application of conservation practices.”

Many, Many Monarchs!
Defending Against Threats

Improving Forest Health and Battling Invasive Plants

Invasive plants wreak havoc in our woodlands and alongside our roads. In some cases, invasives crowd out native plants. In others, vines such as Oriental bittersweet (shown at right), literally choke native trees.

Trees Forever and partners are working hard to:

- Plant native trees, shrubs and grasses
- Remove and avoid planting invasive and non-native plants
- Promote awareness of harmful effects

Helping the Woodlands in Your Backyard

Dave Wehde, Natural Resource Manager with the Johnson County Conservation Board, explains how Oriental bittersweet kills trees during a presentation at the Backyard Forest Conference. Many tree experts helped to guide landowners on how to care for the trees in their woodlands during the day full of workshops. The Backyard Forest Conference was sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Learning From Others

Our field day near Zwingle, Iowa, explored managing invasive species as well as explaining how to look at the landscape and place plants in the best location based on soil type, slope, where the water flows and other environmental factors. Here, attendees tour David Gossman’s property. Gossman shared trials and tribulations from his 24 years of experience with land restoration.
Recovering From Natural Disasters, Tree Diseases and Pests

Great news! Our work to recover, replant and restore community forests in Illinois will continue, thanks to funding from the U.S. Forest Service and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. We will help underserved communities in Illinois grow healthier urban forests over the next two years.

The grant continues Trees Forever’s Recover, Replant, Restore! work to assist communities in their response to natural and manmade disasters. Efforts include help with tree care workshops, volunteer street tree inventories, tree ordinances, youth projects and volunteer engagement.

Promoting Proper Tree Care

Tree care workshops teach residents about tree anatomy, identification and pruning techniques. This Hillsboro, Illinois, workshop was part of Recover, Replant, Restore! in partnership with Ameren, Imagine Hillsboro and University of Illinois Extension.
Conservation is a Shared Value!

As we become more and more entrenched in our careers and hobbies, we find ourselves using jargon and technical language specific to our fields. It’s human nature! BUT it divides us on our united front to create a better planet for the next generation.

Whether you relate more to the labels of conservationist, environmentalist or landowner working to improve wildlife/pollinator habitat, we’re all working toward the same common goal.

At Trees Forever, we notice these verbal barriers, specifically when we talk to rural versus urban audiences. In an effort to break down any communication gaps, we’re going to oversimplify a few terms because both rural and urban projects have a lot in common, and we can (and should!) learn from our differences.

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*For the full definition and supporting resources, go to www.treesforever.org/AgroforestryResources
Land conservation is what binds us across the political spectrum because it’s good work we share. Through tree and prairie planting, all of the work of Trees Forever is what binds us. It’s a way of connecting with each other and the land.

Kamyar Enshyan, Director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Education at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and the founder of Green Iowa AmeriCorps

Did you know?

Chestnuts sell for $1.40 -$2.50 per pound.

Demand is high too. Most local chestnut growers are out of stock by November. In fact, chestnuts are the largest nut crop in the world!

Who says conservation can’t improve a landowner’s budget?

Where can we get chestnuts?

This question led Renè and Nikki Valverde of Denver, Iowa, to create Chestnut Hill Family Farm. Growing up in New York, Renè Valverde roasted chestnuts on street corners during the holidays. He married an Iowa girl, and after moving to the Midwest, they could not find chestnuts anywhere. They did their research – worked with the local NRCS office and consulted with Tom Wahl of Red Fern Farm – then dug in to start Chestnut Hill Family Farm. The couple, with the help of their children, family and friends, planted 450 chestnut seedlings in a former row crop field. The family shared their story at Iowa Nut Growers Association and Trees Forever’s Nuts for Water Quality Field Day. In four to five years, the family will harvest their first chestnuts with full production coming three or four years later. It turns out money really can grow on trees!

Read more landowner profiles at: www.TreesForever.org/Buffer-Success-Stories-2018
Beautiful and Beneficial!

The Value of Trees Along Streets

**Did you know?**

Trees may discourage “shady” behavior.

The presence of nature in neighborhoods is associated with reduced personal and property crime.

According to Dr. Kathleen L. Wolf, more nature in our cities could save the U.S. up to $928 million annually in the cost of crime for victims and property owners.

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Illinois College volunteers from Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a service organization, plant trees in Jacksonville, Illinois, parks on a cold Saturday in October 2017.

Trees Forever,
Thank you so much for donating trees to the community of Jacksonville, Illinois. As a citizen and police officer, I drive around the city on a daily basis for hours. I truly appreciate the beautification efforts for generations to come. The trees were planted in two local parks which have been hit hard by ice storms and lightening which damaged existing trees. The new trees will restore the damaged areas in the parks. Please extend my gratitude to the donors.

Olivia Kwon
Mefford
Showcasing Small Towns
Since Iowa’s Living Roadways began in 1996, the partnership has helped 271 Iowa communities highlight the unique traits that encourage tourism and quality of life. This partnership between Trees Forever, Iowa State University, Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund, Iowa Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration helps small towns plan, plant and market their communities. Our accomplishments include planting more than 45,184 trees and shrubs, improving 21 trails, and engaging thousands of volunteers. Look at how much we can do when we work together! Learn more at www.TreesForever.org/IowasLivingRoadways.

Congratulations to our newest participants in Iowa’s Living Roadways Community Visioning.

You Rock!

2019 Participants
Audubon
Bedford
Coggon
Durant
Mt. Pleasant
Royal
Sumner
Treynor
Van Meter
Walcott

2018 Participants
Coon Rapids
Corning
Decorah
Forest City
Glidden
Graettinger
Moville
Peterson
Plymouth
Wapello

Good work, Keota! This Iowa’s Living Roadways Community Visioning group celebrated the completion of the Kewash Trailhead project with a ribbon cutting. The ideas for this trailhead came together during Community Visioning. Trees Forever also supported this project through its Pollinator Habitat Conservation program and its partnership with Branching Out.

2019 Calendar & Native Plant Reference Guide
Available for a limited time from your local field coordinator.

Do you have great photos of wildlife we could consider for the 2020 calendar? Submit your photos to jwedeking@treesforever.org.
The Power of Trees AND Volunteers

In May 2018, middle school students from Sumner-Fredericksburg (Iowa) planted ten trees along streets and mulched many more. This planting was supported by Trees Forever and Black Hills Energy’s Power of Trees partnership. Fredericksburg Trees Forever was awarded the 2018 Trees Forever Outstanding Group Award. They have planted more than 500 trees with the help of more than 660 volunteers over the past 25 years.

Mentoring the Next Generation

Trees Forever East Central Iowa Program Manager Aaron Brewer mentors Iowa BIG students. He helped them with tree identification prior to a tree species inventory on Coe College’s campus.

Bike and Learn

The weather wasn’t ideal for the second annual Tour de Trees in Des Moines (Iowa), but many bicyclists still braved the wet weather to explore a tour of Des Moines trees. Others opted for the rain plan of playing TREEvia. This event was possible thanks to our partners at the City of Des Moines Forestry and many dedicated TreeKeepers.

Restoring the Community Forest is a Community Effort!

Weldon, Illinois, participated in Trees Forever’s Recover, Replant, Restore!, and when it came time to replant, multiple generations came together to make it happen. Volunteers included city residents and the Deland Weldon Daring Dragons 4-H Club.
**Tree Jamboree**

Scouts, 4-H members and other volunteers installed interpretative signs at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ Conservation World Famous and Historic Arboretum and Tree Trail. These signs tell the story of the tree and its relationship to fame or history and provide information on tree species and tree care.

**Hands-On Preschool Lesson**

Winnebago County families joined Trees Forever and Black Hills Energy to plant 22 trees at the Sunflower Child Development Center. Here, Trees Forever Field Coordinator Patty Reisinger poses with some of the young planters.

“When we get heavy rains and storms, our site and building often have pools of standing water. Our children love to play in our outdoor areas, but with mud and little children, it’s not always a good mix. We’re hoping the trees will soak up the water and create a better atmosphere for the kids!”

*Stephanie Fromm, Sunflower Child Development Center board member*

**Volunteers in Action!**

Marble Rock community volunteers teamed up with Issac Walton League members and Floyd County Conservation Board staff to plant 35 trees in April 2018 at Ackley Creek Park. This planting was supported by Alliant Energy and Trees Forever’s *Branching Out* partnership.
Tell Our Representatives that Trees Clean Our Air, Water and Soil!

Message to Lawmakers: Support Conservation and Forestry – Pass a Farm Bill by the End of 2018

By Chuck Spencer, Trees Forever Board Member & GROWMARK Government Affairs Director

The Farm Bill is in Conference Committee at the time of writing this article. While we don’t know the final provisions at this time, we do recognize the importance the Farm Bill has for forestry and conservation programs. Our priorities for Trees Forever remain the same throughout the development of the final law.

The Farm Bill is very important to landowners, conservationists and forestry overall. There are 12 titles in the Farm Bill and the two which Trees Forever focuses on are Conservation and Forestry. Both titles contain voluntary programs that help landowners accomplish management objectives that help improve soil, water quality and the habitat for healthy forests.

Conserving our soil resources, improving water quality, increasing the quality of wildlife habitat, and helping private landowners improve their timber and forest stands are programs advanced by the Farm Bill. Voluntary, incentive-based, and educational programs are authorized by the Conservation and Forestry Titles in the Farm Bill. We support these principles.

Trees Forever is encouraging our elected leaders to pass a Farm Bill this year. If the process goes into 2019 with the new Congress, the proposal will have to be reintroduced and go through the committee process again. This would take time. We would like to see certainty for landowners, farmers and all impacted by the Farm Bill by finding compromise in the current Conference Committee by the end of 2018.

A view of the Mississippi River from Eagle Point Park in Dubuque, Iowa, looking out towards the Illinois tree canopy. Our trees in Illinois and Iowa filter this water. Let’s take care of the trees and water!

Save the Date!
Trees and Forest Day at the Iowa Capitol
March 21, 2019

Join Trees Forever, the Iowa Woodland Owners Association, Iowa Urban Forestry Council, Iowa Tree Farm Committee and other tree advocates as we talk to lawmakers about the importance of trees.
Working Together to Improve Forest Health

Trees Forever is proud to be involved with the Illinois Forestry Development Council (IFDC). Trees Forever is a member of the Illinois State Urban and Community Forestry Committee, which is a sub-committee that reports to the IFDC. This work helps us collaborate with other agencies with common goals to identify, analyze and put forth recommendations to improve our valuable forest resources. As Director of the IFDC Bill Gradle puts it, “We recognize the fact that there is no one agency, non-profit, or professional group that has the financial and technical resources to address all the issues facing Illinois’ forest resources. This is the main reason we sponsored the recent Forestry Summit: to bring people together, to share ideas, and frankly, to just meet the players in some great organizations in the State.”

Think of Tree Canopy as an Umbrella

This tree canopy umbrella covers us and does amazing things, such as keeping us cool, acting as a natural sunblock, capturing excess rainwater, and so much more! In 2018, we used umbrellas as an educational tool at EcoFest in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and several other events.
Help us grow our dream of a better tomorrow!

You can make a difference today. Planting a tree impacts the next generation in so many ways!

- Access to nature improves mental health.
- One tree produces an average of 260 pounds of oxygen each year.
- Trees provide us many benefits – from shade to wildlife and pollinator habitat.

Trees do so much for us AND the experience of planting a tree is just as important as the tree itself! There is no better way to ensure the next generation has the skills, passion and ethic of service than to involve them in this meaningful way.

Donate today at www.TreesForever.org/Donate

A student who plants trees becomes an adult who plants trees. We have made a difference in the appearance of our town that will last well into the 21st century.

Galen Zumbach, Southwestern Community College instructor

#GIVINGTREEvia

Join Trees Forever and give the gift of trees this holiday season by hosting a trivia party and mini-fundraiser. Gather your friends together to celebrate our good cause, test their tree knowledge, and bring awareness to the importance of trees.

When you register to host, you’ll receive:
- A #GivingTREEvia game (which can be viewed on your phone, tablet or PC)
- A few recipes for your party
- An invitation template

When to host?
- November 15th – National Philanthropy Day
- November 27th – #GIVINGTUESDAY
- A Tree Committee Meeting
- Wine Night with the Girls
- Any Holiday Gathering

Proceeds from #GivingTREEvia will help fund a watering vehicle for Trees Forever’s Growing Futures, a pilot program in Des Moines and Cedar Rapids to engage young people in forestry careers.

More information at: www.TreesForever.org/GivingTREEvia
Movers and Shakers at Trees Forever

New Board Members

Mike Simonson
Simonson & Associates – Des Moines, Iowa
Mike leads an architecture firm focusing on planning, architecture and landscape architecture, both locally and regionally. He currently chairs the Board of the Brenton Arboretum and is a member of the City of Des Moines Planning and Zoning Commission and the American Institute of Architects. He is active in various other civic and philanthropic causes, including the Des Moines Art Center, Salisbury House Foundation and Hoyt Sherman Place.

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Abram is a practicing attorney and has earned recognition for his multidisciplinary scholarship in innovation, business and law, and Dean’s Awards for outstanding academic achievement. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Iowa in civil engineering and business management. He comes from a strong background in agriculture and continues to be involved in his family farming operations.

New Foundation Trustee

Elizabeth Daly
Bankers Trust, retired – Cedar Rapids, Iowa
A native of Massachusetts, Elizabeth began her career in social and economic development in the U.S. and overseas, then moved into benefit planning after relocating to Cedar Rapids in 1988. She retired in 2011 as Private Banking Manager at Bankers Trust. She is a member of Daybreak Rotary Club in Cedar Rapids, serves as director of Iowa Rotary Youth Exchange, and is an advisor to Iowa Women’s Foundation.

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Our Woodland Legacy Symposium

Connecting Land and Life

Thursday, December 6, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Country Club
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

You’re invited to a forum that gives voice and value to our natural assets. As we approach this year’s theme of “Connecting Land and Life,” we’ll talk about current issues facing communities striving to conserve woodland areas and to improve the environment in our urban and rural areas. Learn about new studies showing why we need nature in our communities AND find out how we can support our trees and natural areas.

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Keynote speakers

Dongying Li, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M University. Dr. Li’s research examines how nature improves children’s mental fatigue, moods and academic performances.

David Jahn – City Forester of Des Moines
Jahn is currently initiating an Urban Forest Master Plan, managing the emerald ash borer (EAB) action plan, educating local tree contractors, and working with neighborhoods to raise awareness of the environmental benefits of trees.