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Every commemorative tree has a story

Tree planting helps with healing

Lynne Flavin donated her first commemorative tree this past summer. "I was hit hard by the death of a dear friend. He lived near Highland Park and loved walking there, so planting a tree in Highland Park was a way to remember him."



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*"My tree helps me and it keeps the parks in good shape."
- Lynne Flavin*

People plant trees for many reasons. Trees have marked the birth of a new baby, the spot of a marriage proposal, the loss of a loved pet and a father's 90th birthday.

was selected by Lynne for its colorful spring berries. It attracts birds, which Lynne's friend loved to watch, making it the perfect option.

a few good friends and I gathered to have a small remembrance for him."

reforesting after losing ash trees to the emerald ash borer.

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy staff work with the donor to select a specific location within one of the parks and provide a personalized list of tree species that will benefit the park and the donor. A serviceberry tree

"I happened to drive by when they had just finished planting. I got out of the car and probably gave them a scare with my joyful enthusiasm at seeing 'my' tree in place. Later,

Lynne was so pleased, she decided to purchase another commemorative tree to benefit a different park. A Yellowwood tree, in memory of her friend's brother, was planted in Riverview Park to aid in

"A commemorative tree is a wonderful idea. I like that it can be done by one person or a group; as a memorial or to celebrate something. It's a very good investment on many levels." 🌳

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Park champions like you

A home away from home in the parks

Pittsburgh transplant is keeping invasive species under control

Steadfast volunteer Juan Peng works hard in your parks. "Since I have spare time and I am fond of gardening, I filled out the Urban EcoSteward form, and started volunteering in January."

She works alongside staff to remove invasive species. "We try to save trees from vines. I used to think all forests were just spaces in which plants, fungus and animals live freely and unorderedly. But now I realize that urban forests are quite different—they need to be kept healthy and safe." 🌿



"Working with my friends at the Frick Environmental Center is fun and fruitful"

Programs you make possible

Public Earth Day Celebration

Frick Environmental Center is the place to be on April 22nd

Thanks to your support, the Frick Environmental Center will be bursting with fun, family friendly activities this Earth Day. Brush up on your tree and mushroom ID skills, learn about critters in the litter, look for birds, plus so much more! Stay awhile and join us for nature play throughout the day. The day wraps up with a solar concert featuring talented local artists.



Volunteers build an enclosure from tree limbs

in the landscape surrounding the Center.

Free, registration is required. PittsburghParks.org/earth-day.

"There will be something for everyone."
- Camila Rivera-Tinsley, Director of Education

The family friendly festivities kick off at 11:30am with the unveiling of the reconstructed fountain which will bubble and spray for the first time ever.

Guided hikes, including a Tree ID

and Bird ID, begin at 12pm. Sign up for your desired hike when you arrive.

Solar powered live music starts at 4pm, sponsored by Green Mountain Energy and held in partnership with Zero Fossil. Close out the day with talented local artists at this outdoor concert.

Frick Environmental Center Director of Education Camila Rivera-Tinsley invites everyone to enjoy this year's Earth Day festivities. "Frick Park is your park. Come and find your place in the park on Earth Day."

Complete schedule of events at PittsburghParks.org/earth-day. 🌿



This will be the first Earth Day at the new Frick Environmental Center

You transform our cherished spaces

Then and Now: Beacon Street Meadow

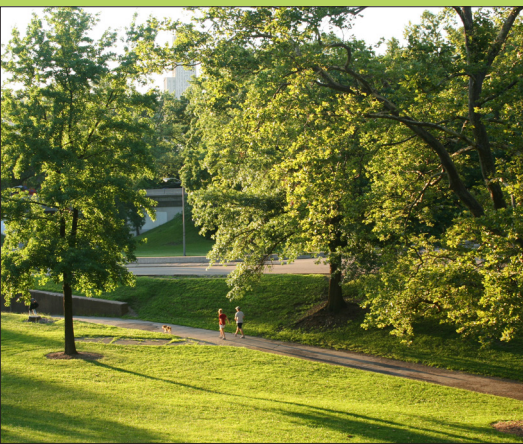
Previously turf lawn, the hillside at Beacon and Bartlett streets in Schenley Park absorbed very little rainwater into the ground when it rained or snowed. As this water runoff flowed, it collected debris, waste, and salt; eroded soil; and became polluted. This happens throughout the watershed, polluting water and dumping into Panther Hollow Lake.

In 2014 the Beacon Street Meadow was created to absorb and filter stormwater. New storm sewers, piping and two infiltration trenches were installed. The existing lawn was replaced with a native grass and wildflower meadow- plants that are particularly good at absorbing water. Current monitoring indicates the meadow keeps 565,000 gallons of water out of our combined sewer system each year.

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, together with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, PWSA, the City of Pittsburgh and other partners, is working to bring the ailing Four Mile Run watershed back to health. A top-to-bottom long-term plan includes large-scale tree plantings, erosion control, and built green infrastructure projects. Our work includes a plan to fully restore Panther Hollow Lake. 🌿



You planted hundreds of trees in 2016



100 trees remove 53 tons of carbon dioxide and 430 pounds of other air pollutants per year.
(U.S. Forest Service)

One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people.
(U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)

The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.
(U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)

One hundred mature trees absorb about 139,000 gallons of rainwater per year.
(U.S. Forest Service)



Your parks, your stories

A mother's legacy in Schenley Park

Marlene Anthony's Grove at Anderson Playground

Raymond Anthony knew how to honor his mother's memory. Suffering from stage four lung cancer, Marlene Anthony would drive around Wilksburg to pick up kids—as many as 10 at a time—to take them to Anderson

Playground to play. When he asked why she went through this effort her answer was simple. "These kids need to be kids, and no one else will do it."

Located in Schenley Park, and perhaps better known as the Dinosaur playground, Anderson Playground was the perfect place to take the neighborhood kids. "It's a nice park with a diverse group of children. My mom believed that this was how you solved racism; playing together."

After she passed away, Ray worked with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy to honor her memory in a special way. On planting day, Ray



Children play at Anderson Playground

photo credit: Melissa McMasters

helped with digging holes and planting the plants. One bench, many shrubs, and 15 trees later, Marlene Anthony's Grove at Anderson Playground was created.

"Planting the trees means that her death gave life. Life to the plants—like she gave

life to me, stability of the soil to protect it from the storms of mother nature—as she gave me stability for the storms of life, and a bench so that if you are tired, you can have a comfortable place to rest and watch children play—as she did when she was with us." 🌻



Ray Anthony plants a tree at Anderson Playground

PLANT A TREE

Help restore our urban forest and donate a restoration tree to be planted by a Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy volunteer.

\$75 — One Tree

Other amount for the Park Tree Fund

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