



TREE Celebrates 40 Years! August

On February 8, 1983, the Tampa Bay Reforestation and Environmental Effort, Inc. ("TREE", then known as the Tampa Reforestation and Environmental Effort, Inc.) was incorporated under Florida law. In order to recognize this major milestone, each month through 2023 we will recognize and share with you the organization's accomplishments. This edition will look at the projects that were held during the month of August over the years.

August 4th and 14th, 1987: TREE donated trees to Walt Disney World and Leu Gardens in Orlando for testing and evaluation.

August 1987: "Recommended Design Guidelines for the I-75 Bypass" was prepared by TREE for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Tampa Parkway Association. Assistance for this 212 page technical review draft was provided by the University of Florida, Department of Landscape Architecture; the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society; the Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association; the Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers Association; and the University of South Florida, Department of Biology.

August 30, 1992: TREE's first Sunshine Skyway project was initiated through the planting of native trees and marsh and dune grasses adjacent to the roadway's North Rest Area in Pinellas County.

August 28, 2021: 2 7-gallon Silver Buttonwood trees as well as a number of native grasses were planted at Coquina Key Park in St. Petersburg

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