



TREE Celebrates 40 Years! September

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 September over the years.

September 16th, 1992: TREE donated 170 trees to the Cockroach Bay Alliance ("COBRA") in Ruskin, beginning a 15 year relationship with Hillsborough County's Resource Management Department.

September and October, 2001: The first Tulip Poplars grown from seed gathered from specimens naturally occurring in Orange and Seminole Counties were planted. On September 27th, 2 trees were planted at Al Lopez Park, and 1 was planted at Purity Springs Park, both in Tampa. 5 trees were planted at Howard A. Kelly Park in Apopka on October 13th, and 5 were planted at Mead Botanical Gardens in Winter Park on October 26th. This series of plantings began a new chapter in the "*Tulip Poplar Repopulation Program, Orange and Seminole Counties*" initiative, by utilizing trees only grown from East Central, or Peninsular Florida seed sources.

September 24th, 2005: The first planting sponsored by Esurance, the on-line auto insurance company, occurred at 6 parks in St. Pete Beach, in the "*Esurance St. Pete Beach Tree Athalon*" project..

September 26th, 2020: A "Memory Tree", a 30-gallon Baldcypress, was planted at the Botanical Treasure Gardens on the Plant City campus of Hillsborough Community College. This tree was made possible through a donation by Sydney and Rick Brown of Riverview, and was meant for the purpose of having any person looking at it to remember any person, place, thing, or event that they hold dear .

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