



TREE Celebrates 40 Years! November

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 November over the years.

November 17th, 1984: In order to replace Australian Pines destroyed by the Christmas Day Freeze of 1983, 278 3-gallon North Florida Slash Pines were planted at Picnic Island Park in Tampa.

November 20, 1995: The first tree to be donated to the Dade City Garden Club was planted on the Club's property on this date. Over the next 13 years, TREE donated 27 trees used for the Club's celebration of Florida Arbor Day. These trees were also used for the specific purpose of honoring or memorializing people with the Club providing metal plaques at each tree. TREE also furnished free tree seedlings for those attending the Florida Arbor Day planting events.

November 23rd, 1996: 22 trees were planted at the Museum of Science and Industry ("MOSI") in Tampa, creating Hillsborough County's first Famous and Historic Tree Grove. MOSI later gave the Grove the title of "*The Richard T. Bowers Famous and Historic Tree Grove*".

November 18th, 2000: 388 trees were planted at the Trailside Oasis in Dunedin by 60 volunteers in TREE's first major tree planting project of the 21st Century.

November 9th, 2002: 627 North Florida Slash Pines were planted at the "*T.R.E.E. Inc. 20th Anniversary Planting*" at the I-4/County Line Road interchange in Hillsborough County at the Polk County line.

November 9th, 2008 – February 24, 2009: TREE assisted the National Football League's ("NFL") Environmental Program with technical assistance, volunteers and planning for Super Bowl XLIII, held in Tampa on February 1, 2009. In this NFL tree planting initiative, plantings occurred at 18 locations utilizing 30 native varieties and 1 non-native variety of trees. 58 partnering organizations participated, with an emphasis on the natural and man-made history of the Tampa Bay watershed. The first of these plantings occurred on November 9, 2008, at Egmont Key State Park in Hillsborough County, with the planting of a Live Oak tree.

November 6th, 2018 – December 31, 2018: TREE conducted a "*Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Initiative*" at the Botanical Treasure Gardens, located on the Plant City campus of Hillsborough Community College.

November 2nd, 2019: 505 native trees, including 3 varieties of mangroves, were planted at the "*Picnic Island Riparian Planting, Phase II*" in Tampa.

November 21st, 2020: Gumbo Limbo, Sea Grape and Jamaica Dogwood trees, along with Marsh Haygrass, were planted at the Princess Hirrihigua Indian Temple Mound in St. Petersburg.

November 17th, 2022: 24 native trees, shrubs, and ground covers were donated to the University of South Florida Botanical Gardens in Tampa. The donation was primarily for use as a Florida Scrub habitat demonstration bed created by Gardens Director Dr. Craig Huegel. TREE President William Moriaty and TREE Vice President Bob Scheible, whose shared history with the Gardens goes as far back as 1976, dropped off the plants on that November 17th day to Dr. Huegel for their subsequent planting.

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