



PHS Volunteers to Plant More Than 950 Trees This Weekend

Tree Tenders and community groups join forces to restore tree canopy across Philadelphia region

PHILADELPHIA – From November 15 through 18, PHS Tree Tenders groups, community organizations, and neighborhood volunteers will come together to put down roots of over 950 trees in the city and surrounding counties. Trained by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 58 Tree Tenders groups, including six new groups, will conduct plantings from Fairhill to Point Breeze, Yardley to Phoenixville, and dozens of communities in between.

PHS Tree Tenders groups from throughout the region picked up their bare-root trees on November 14 with the help of the Phillie Phanatic. Plantings will take place over the course of the weekend and volunteers are encouraged to participate, no experience required. A map of tree planting locations and calls for volunteers is available [here](#).

Highlights of the tree plantings include:

USA250 & Daughters of the American Revolution, “Pathway of the Patriots”

Thursday, November 15, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Bartram’s Garden, 5400 Lindbergh Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19143

PHS will join the Daughters of the American Revolution, USA250, and members of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission in a ceremony to initiate the planting of 250 trees that will create a “[Pathway of the Patriots](#)” along the Schuylkill River to honor those who helped achieve America’s independence. Funded by the DAR as an inaugural gift to the nation in celebration of America’s upcoming 250th anniversary, the Pathway plantings will kick off with PHS President Matt Rader breaking ground at Bartram’s Garden and continue with plantings by PHS along the river to Valley Forge National Historic Park.

Esperanza Planting in Hunting Park

Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Esperanza, 4261 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19140

In partnership with PHS, Esperanza will host its second and largest [tree planting](#) in Hunting Park, with 39 trees to be planted by partners and community residents. The planting is possible thanks



to a grant by TD Green Streets, which also supported the first-ever bilingual (English/Spanish) PHS Tree Tenders training course, serving Hunting Park's diverse community. Breakfast will precede the planting and the day will conclude with a lunch celebration and press conference acknowledging the support of partners, including TD Bank, the Arbor Day Foundation, and Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. Interested volunteers can register [here](#).

Penn Treaty Special Services District

PHS and three of its Tree Tenders groups will plant 200 trees throughout the Fishtown, Northern Liberties, Old Richmond, and South Kensington neighborhoods, thanks to a \$66,000 [grant](#) from the Penn Treaty Special Services District, a community-based organization working to enhance the quality of life for residents in these four neighborhoods. PHS applied for the funds from Penn Treaty SSD to support Tree Tenders programs in the area and will be awarded the grant at Penn Treaty SSD's November 20 meeting, along with other community-building organizations.

ABOUT PHS Tree Tenders

At the forefront of the urban tree movement across the country since 1993, [PHS Tree Tenders](#) is one of the most respected volunteer urban tree planting and stewardship programs in the world. Offering hands-on tree care training, including identification, planting, and proper care, these programs have graduated over 5,000 Tree Tenders in the Greater Philadelphia region. Working in neighborhood groups, Tree Tenders are responsible for planting more than 2,000 trees annually, improving their communities and fostering a shared sense of pride and purpose among their neighbors through horticulture.

ABOUT PHS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1827, whose programs connect people to horticulture and collaboratively creates beautiful, healthy and sustainable communities. PHS's best known activities include the Philadelphia Flower Show, street tree planting and maintenance, community gardening, public beautification, and the PHS Pop Up Gardens. PHS is supported by individual members and supporters, foundations, partners and government grants. PHS programs bring together people from diverse



backgrounds to engage in horticultural projects that advance social equity, environmental sustainability, and urban livability. For information or to support our work, visit PHSONline.org.

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