



a few reasons to  
plant a tree

- To beautify
- To teach a child
- To provide shade
- To celebrate a life
- To clean the air & water
- To serve as a windbreak
- To involve friends & family
- To increase property values
- To respond to climate change
- To save on heating & cooling costs
- To provide food & shelter for wildlife
- To rekindle pride in your neighborhood
- To make our communities healthier places
- To reverse the decline of our community forests



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## Plant Trees

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri was founded in 1993 as the local response to Global ReLeaf, an international project of American Forests to combat global warming through tree planting. Today, Forest ReLeaf is an independent not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to provide trees for public and not-for-profit plantings and present educational programs to promote stewardship of the trees in Missouri and surrounding regions.

Forest ReLeaf offers three tree-planting programs:

### Project CommuniTree

Free, three-gallon trees are available from CommuniTree Gardens, our community nursery located in Creve Coeur Park.

### Project ReLeaf

Larger trees are available at a reduced cost for planting by public agencies and nonprofit groups.

### Priority ReLeaf

Larger trees are donated to financially-underserved communities through the generous support of Forest ReLeaf's funders.

These programs are offered each spring and fall; anyone may apply for the trees, but they must be planted on public or not-for-profit property, such as parks, roadsides, schools, and outdoor classrooms.

## Learn

Since 1993, Forest ReLeaf has distributed more than 80,000 trees for planting by community groups and agencies throughout the region, while engaging and educating tens of thousands of citizens about trees and their care. We are dedicated to inspiring volunteer efforts in planting and caring for our trees and forests, particularly those in our cities and towns. Collectively known as our community forests, these trees provide numerous economic, social, and environmental benefits.

Although the landscape in our cities and towns often appears green and plentiful, regional and local inventories continue to confirm that we are part of a disturbing national trend. Despite the best efforts of our urban and community forestry programs, more public trees are removed from our parks, schools and streets than are planted each year. For every one tree that is planted, there are spaces where four more could be planted. Municipal forestry programs, faced with budget constraints and the tremendous cost of removals and maintenance, simply lack the resources to solve the problem alone.

Forest ReLeaf offers a variety of programs to educate the public and teach volunteers to replant and care for our community forests:

### TreeKeepers

A free, six-week course offered each year to train volunteers to become involved in community tree-care projects.

### Missouri Forestkeepers Network

A statewide program administered by Forest ReLeaf in partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation, through which we provide nearly 2,000 volunteers the tools to conserve, sustain, and enhance Missouri's urban and rural forest resources.

### Anti-Topping Campaign

"Experts Agree: Don't Top Your Tree" is a public service campaign to educate citizens regarding the destructive practice of tree topping.

## Get Involved

With just minimal staff, Forest ReLeaf relies on volunteers to accomplish our mission. Each year, hundreds of dedicated individuals and thousands of hours of service are needed to make our programs possible. Volunteers are always needed at CommuniTree Gardens, our community nursery, and other opportunities are available throughout the year.



To learn how you can get involved by volunteering, please complete and mail this form, or simply contact us by phone or e-mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities also exist to support Forest ReLeaf financially, including our popular "Tribute of Trees" program to honor individuals on special occasions or remember loved ones.

Please visit our website at [www.moreleaf.org](http://www.moreleaf.org) or just give us a call at **314.533.5323**.

