



Parks Reforestation Update

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2023 Milwaukee County Parks Reforestation Efforts

Overview

- 2023 Reforestation Efforts
- Forestry Plantings
- Natural Areas Plantings
- 2024 Next Steps

2023 Reforestation

- 1,846 trees planted
 - More than 360 planted by Forestry Team
 - 1,486 by the Natural Areas Team



2023 Reforestation



- Forestry Team Plantings – Friends and Partnerships
 - Throughout the county, many partnerships with Friends Groups
 - Friends of Gordon Park – 31 trees
 - Friends of Pulaski Cudahy Park – 26 trees
 - Friends of Humboldt Park – 31 trees
 - Komatsu Corporation Partnership at Kosciuszko Park – 20 trees



Humboldt Park



Kosciuszko Park



2023 Reforestation



- Forestry Team Targeted replantings
 - Washington Park – 20 trees (planted north of the Senior Center)
 - Kletzsch Park – 25 trees
 - Veterans Park – 30 trees
 - McKinley Park – 25 trees
 - Mitchell Blvd Park – 5 trees transplanted from Milwaukee Medical Center

Gordon Park



Washington Park





2023 Reforestation

- Natural Areas Team continues its restoration efforts throughout our system. These efforts included:
 - Replanting over 1,194 trees (from containers or seedlings), and partner organizations and friends groups planting an additional 292 trees
 - Removed invasive species on 189 acres of land, and another 144 acres were addressed by contractors hired by MCP
 - Planted native plants (including seeds, shrubs, and trees) on 36.9 acres of land.
 - Conducted plant surveys on 1,120 acres of land
 - Performed wildlife research on 5,000 acres of land
 - Identified 47 new populations of state or federally listed/protected species within the MCP system





Looking to 2024

- Continued escalation of replanting efforts
- Reforestation Coordinator
- United States Department of Agriculture Urban Reforestation Grant
 - City of Milwaukee
 - Milwaukee County Parks
 - MPS
 - MMSD



Questions?



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