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County celebrates Arbor Day with tree planting, sale

In honor of Arbor Day, today Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel and students from Masonic Heights Elementary School planted a cherry tree donated by United Landscape Inc. at Freedom Hill County Park.

The tree planting has a dual purpose; first, it acts as a symbol of Green Macomb's newest project – to plant 1,000 trees in Macomb County communities over the next year along and south of the Clinton River targeting areas with less than 20 percent tree canopy. This spring alone, more than 400 trees will be planted in Center Line, Clinton Township, Fraser, Mount Clemens, Roseville, Shelby Township and Sterling Heights. This project has been made possible with funding through a U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant obtained by Green Macomb in 2016.

Second, the tree planting was the kickoff of the first-ever Macomb County Spring Tree, Shrub and Plant Sale held in partnership with the Sanilac/St. Clair Conservation District and Michigan State University Extension. The plant sale is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (Friday, April 28) and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, April 29 at Freedom Hill County Park. The sale offers a wide selection of young bare-root trees, fruit trees, flowering shrubs, native pollinator wildflower seeds, fruits and vegetables at very low prices, while supplies last. Funds from the sale benefit the conservation district's ongoing programming, including tree education and seedling giveaways to local elementary schools.

Many Macomb County communities have or will be hosting local Arbor Day celebrations. Tree plantings are being held at Masonic Heights Elementary in St. Clair Shores as well as at Mae Stecker Park in Shelby Township today. Sterling Heights already held a tree planting earlier this month to commemorate their 32nd Tree City USA designation. Chesterfield Township, Fraser, Mount Clemens, Roseville, St. Clair Shores and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores have also been recognized as Tree City USA communities this year, a designation certified by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Green Macomb was created by the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development to support green infrastructure efforts that strengthen the economic vitality, quality of life and environmental well-being of the region. While efforts have been made to plant trees on public property, this spring sale encourages residents to get actively involved in increasing tree canopy on their own property.

To learn more about Green Macomb, access planting guides and view tree canopy maps for the county, visit Green.MacombGov.org.

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