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Romeoville Approves Enhanced Tree Replacement Program

Over the next six years, the Village of Romeoville will plant 2,500 native trees within Village limits under its tree replacement program. While many will be brand new plantings, a portion of these trees will be replacements for existing invasive species that will be removed because they are either already dying or pose a threat to the environment. Plantings will fill in open spaces that have lost trees over the years due to storms or damaged/dying trees within residential subdivisions, roadside right of ways, and park sites/Village owned properties.

This program is slated to start this fall with 55 trees being removed. In spring 2026, 470 trees will be planted throughout Poplar Ridge, Heritage Place, Malibu Bay, Marquette Estates/Landing, and Lakewood Estates. The trees will be sourced locally from The Fields on Caton Farm, which is just six miles from Village Hall.

“Native trees are better suited to grow in our soil and climate,” said Mayor Noak. “Non-native species can have fragile wood prone to breaking, causing a danger to the environment around them. This program not only beautifies Romeoville, but restores the balance of native trees that have grown in this area for generations.”

The tree replacement program is just the latest in an ever-expanding campaign by the Village of Romeoville to put conservation and sustainability on the forefront. This includes encouraging residents to plant Monarch butterfly waystations, promoting the use of rain barrels, and forging partnerships and support for local events like the Forest Preserve District of Will County and Will County Nature Foundation’s native plant sale and the Conservation Foundation’s monthly volunteer cleanup days at O’Hara Woods.

