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Taking root needs your help!

Saturday October 10th

Tree Planting At Sayler Park Elementary with CSX. ([Register](#))

Saturday October 24th

Make a Difference



What's Going On



Our summer kicked off with the award of a grant from Greater Cincinnati Foundation! Their generous support has given us the ability to focus our efforts on 3 key Taking Root Initiatives.

Taking Root in Our Schools is an education program targeting elementary school students. We are excited to be piloting this program this fall at several schools in our region. We will be planting 9 trees on each school campus, 3 trees per year for 3 years. In addition we will label those trees and existing trees on the school grounds. Essentially we are going to create a mini arboretum on each campus that can then be used as an outdoor learning lab. We are working with Hamilton County Education Service Center to develop curriculum that will grow with the students, helping them to study and learn about trees and the important environmental, health, and social role they play in our lives. Students will also be given the opportunity to grow trees from seeds and care for them until they are old enough to take home and plant.



Taking Root in My Community is an idea that started before my time. Originally the plan was to grow trees from seed for distribution to community residents. A fantastic idea with a lot of potential! With your help I would like to revive this program and expand its scope. If you live in a community (I'm guessing you do) and you think trees are important, gather up your neighbors and promote trees in your community. Why not work with your neighbors to plant an arboretum on your street! Maybe you want to fund raise and organize a large tree planting event once a year on Make a Difference Day, perhaps you want to sponsor your neighborhood school by helping them plant and maintain trees or maybe you just want to go out and plant trees with your garden club friends. Taking Root is about engaging individuals in grass roots efforts that not only work to promote the health and care of our region's canopy and to plant more trees but also foster community around our cause.

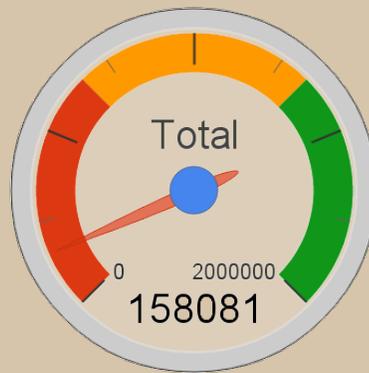
Day regional tree planting event. [More Info](#)

Saturday October 24th

Rusty Ball. Support Taking Root! [More](#)

Thursday, November 5th

Trees In Trouble Premier
[\(Register Here\)](#)



Tree registration is easier than ever! If the old registration process left you frustrated and you haven't tried to register a tree in a while, check out the new [RegisTree!](#) New features include a total tally that updates automatically, bar charts showing the number of trees planted in each state and county and a quick and easy registration form. In fact I have redesigned the entire thing from the ground up so whether you are registering 1 tree or 10,000, you can do it in seconds! The best news of all is the work is paying off. When I took this position in early January we had registered, in a year and a half, about 58,000 trees toward our goal of 2,000,000. In the last 8 months we have registered over 100,000 trees! We still have a long way to go so lets keep up this growth curve. In the next 8 months lets triple that number again. 450,000 registered trees by the end of May 2016! With the Fall planting season upon us I think we can crack 200,000 registered trees by the end of November and to sweeten the deal, if you register the 200,000th tree You will win a Taking Root T-shirt!



Sign the pledge, join our mailing list and/or volunteer to help combat the local tree crisis!

→ Welcome Taking Root's New Partners

We are excited to welcome 2 new partners to Taking Root.



Welcome Holscher and Hackman Garden Center! Holscher and Hackman is locally owned/operated and has been in business since 1986. Mike Holscher and Mike Hackman have known each other since high school. After working together for several years, the Mike's combined their resources to form Holscher Hackman, Inc. For the first seven years they were in business they focused on landscape design, installation, maintenance, and snow removal.

As they grew their business over the next few years, they decided to buy the land they are on today from Leonard and Russ Walden in January of 1992. They worked hard over the course of 9 months developing the land. They

were busy moving dirt, digging a lake, creating underground drainage, and putting up buildings, huts, and offices.

In late September of '92, Holscher Hackman started their first retail venture selling pumpkins and mums. By the spring of '93 they added annuals, trees, shrubs, ground covers, and just about any plant you can think of. This sparked the beginning of their retail garden center.

Visit them online at <http://plantingthefuture.com/>



Ohio Valley
Forestry
Fellowship

Welcome Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship! OVFF's mission

is "More trees!" (our kind of people!) Since 1979, Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship members and volunteers have planted over 120,000 tree seedlings in Southwestern Ohio urban centers, roadsides, parks, farmland and communities. OVFF volunteers have prepared and distributed over 300,000 seedlings at their annual March tree giveaway. They've teamed with schools, libraries and civic organizations to educate children on the value of healthy forests and tree canopy, assisted farmers in converting marginal farmland and pasture to healthy forest, and partnered with the Department of Transportation to plant hundreds of tree seedlings on southern Ohio highway interchanges.

OVFF is an Ohio 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. 100% of donations from the public go directly toward funding their programs. A \$50 donation covers the cost of planting or distributing up to 100 seedlings! If you'd like to learn more about the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship or make a deductible donation visit <http://www.ovff.net/>

BECOME A PARTNER

A Partner is an organization or entity that helps advance the goals of Taking Root by providing services or resources to the campaign. Partners are critical for enabling the campaign to become more effective in addressing the tree crisis and to developing the collaborative strategies needed to restore and expand healthy tree canopy. Taking Root Displays partner logos on it's website (logos may also be displayed on campaign materials or communications) and partners are invited to meetings of the Taking Root Council.

To become a Taking Root Partner, please complete the short online application [HERE](#). Upon approval by the Taking Root Steering Committee we will request your organization's logo.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt at mstenger@takingroot.info



October 10th Tree Planting

Taking Root will be contributing to the make-over of Saylor Park Elementary School on October 10th. Taking Root received a grant from CSX for \$12,500 to plant trees at Saylor Park Elementary School as part of their Beyond our Rails initiative. The school will be receiving a fresh coat of paint, new mascot murals, upgrades to the vegetable garden and much more. Taking Root is managing the tree planting part of this gigantic and exciting project and we need your help to make it happen! We will work from 8:30 am until 11:00 am to clear planting beds and plant roughly 30 trees at the school and in adjacent Veteran's Park! If you are able to assist on the 10th register [HERE](#). Be sure to put "Taking Root" in the comment field.



Make A Difference Day!



Taking Root is kicking off its first annual, day-long, 8-county, community volunteer tree planting event this year in Northern Kentucky, Southwest Ohio and Southeast Indiana! October 24th, 2015 is Make a Difference Day, when volunteers across the nation unite to improve the lives of others. This year, plant trees to make a difference that will benefit your community for generations!

Tree planting on this day will increase regional awareness of the tree crisis and encourage volunteer commitment to reforestation.

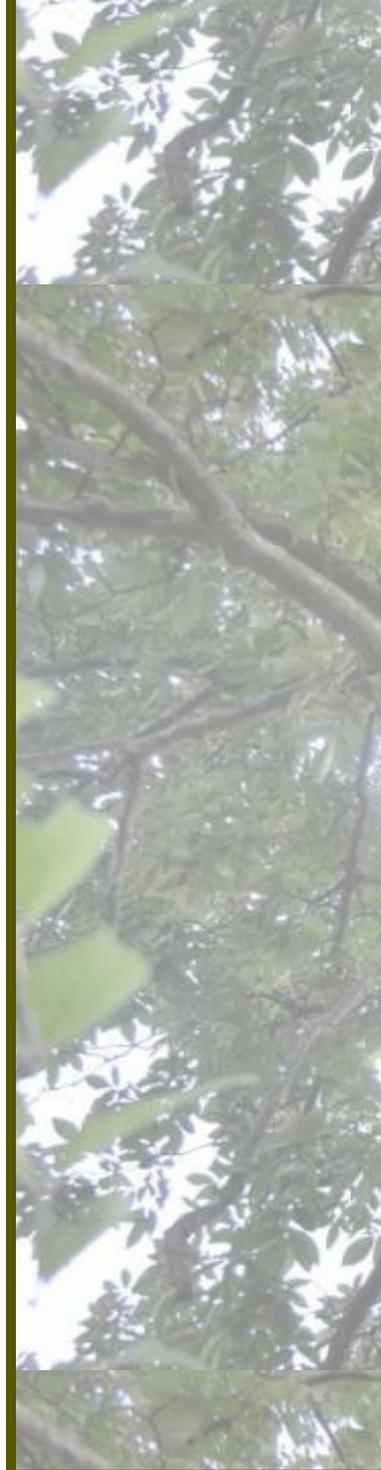
To be a part of this regional effort to offset tree loss and combat the tree crisis, plant a tree (or 10!) on October 24th and register them on the Taking Root Website.

For more information on how to get involved contact [Gayle](#)



Trees In Trouble Sneak Preview





Taking Root, Cincinnati Park Board, and CET invite you to a sneak preview of:

Trees in Trouble

a documentary film about saving our community forests by Cincinnati filmmaker Andrea Torrice. Proceeds from this event support the Cincinnati Park Board and Taking Root's reforestation and community education work.

There will be two screenings on November 5th 2015:

5PM-7PM Earlybird Screening -- \$25
(Viewing and Q&A)

7PM Deluxe Screening -- \$75
(Cocktail reception, Viewing, Q&A, Meet the Stars)

[Register Here](#)

Seating is Limited!

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