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Green Macomb – Urban Forest Partnership branches off in New Direction with a Variety of Arbor Day Programs and Tree Sales

Macomb County encourages residents and businesses to participate in a local community event or purchase a tree to plant for Arbor Day. A 2010 regional study by SEMCOG provided compelling evidence that parts of Macomb County's urban canopy have been significantly impacted by decades of issues including infestations; aging infrastructure replacement and trees reaching the end of their lifespan. This is of particular concern in areas south of the Clinton River.

There will be several opportunities for residents to get involved in Arbor Day:

- Blue Water Conservation District will sell surplus stock at affordable prices at the Warren Civic Center on Friday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some items available at the sale are fruit, oak, maple, lilac, redwood, and dogwood bushes/trees. In addition to strawberry, raspberry, asparagus, horseradish and rhubarb. While supplies last.
- Michigan State University Extension will also be available at the tree and plant sale to answer questions, provide planting guidance and tree care advice. Soil test kits will also be available for purchase for \$25 (cash only). With it, a property owner can collect a soil sample and send it to MSU to learn more about the type of soil on their property and what types of additives can be used to improving growing potential.
- Trees do more than provide shade and beauty. Look under the canopy to reveal valuable benefits at <http://green.macombgov.org>. Materials are shareable and can be used to promote awareness in your community. Under the Canopy Fact Sheet [Download Here](#).
- ReLeaf of Michigan will help to coordinate volunteers to plant approximately 700 trees in the following communities: Center Line, Clinton Township, Eastpointe, Fraser, Harrison Township, Mount Clemens, Roseville, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights, Utica and Warren.

One local company, AGS Automotive, located in Warren and Sterling Heights purchased about 500 trees to distribute to their employees to commemorate Arbor Day this year. We commend the company for doing this type of outreach and making a difference in the community.

The Green Macomb – Urban Forest Partnership was developed by the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development to equip local governments, schools and land owners with information and resources for increasing the number of trees and other plants.

