

# Homewood May planting event overview

On May 20, 2023, Hennepin County forestry and Northside Safety NET interns hosted a volunteer community planting event at the 2.1-acre vacant lot at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and Washburn Avenue North in the Homewood neighborhood in Minneapolis. The planting was implemented using the plan created by interns and selected by residents during a door knocking and online outreach campaign asking their preference between three planting options. Residents also provided input during the creation of the three planting plans.

The community-selected plan included 45 bare-root trees along with 200 seedlings to replace removed invasive species. Eight residents and community members volunteered at the planting. County employees, Northside safety NET interns, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Initiative staff were also present.



## Event highlights

- Weather was excellent
- Set up, planting, and clean up went exactly as planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Northside Safety NET interns were able to see their project come to fruition.
- Volunteers were excited to help and learn about trees.
- Several residents who initially expressed concerns about the planting attended and were satisfied with the final project.
- Volunteers were happy with the food options, provided by a Northside restaurant.
- A wide range of ages attended the planting and were all able to find ways to help.
- All trees and seedlings that were included in the plan were successfully planted.

## Next steps

Hennepin County forestry will water the newly planted trees twice a week during growing seasons for the next two years. Educational Tree Trek signs will be installed before the end of the summer. Additional remediation of the invasive species buckthorn on the site will take place over the next two years.

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