

People for Trees, Inc.

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breathe a little easier!”

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- We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit group.
- Our mission: To promote awareness about the importance of a healthy native tree canopy through protection and maintenance.
- Since 1997

A true “grass-roots” effort!

- People for Trees began with six people meeting at the North Port Library in October of 1997 who shared a concern about the needless clear-cutting of our native tree canopy due to new development.
- Membership soon grew to be over 300!

43 acres clear-cut along Appomattox Blvd., what is now Sabal Trace Villas...



...and clear-cutting, 20 years later ☹️



- We were instrumental in bringing the idea of “Florida-friendly” gardening to North Port starting in 1998, with workshops, yard tours, and both public and private planting projects.

- During the course of 20 years in North Port, members of People for Trees have brought such diverse activities into North Port that feature the still largely unspoiled natural environment found here including:
 - The annual Tree Festival,
 - The Eco-Kids Club,
 - Florida-friendly yard tours,
 - Hikes along the Myakkahatchee Creek,
 - “The Great Tree Hunt” contest,
 - And more recently, Kayak excursions,
 - and the Tour de North Port bicycle ride.

Members of People for Trees have been “greening” North Port for 20 years with tree plantings in all parts and places in the city.

The first elm tree planted for our 2008 N. Salford tree project, and how it grew!



N. Salford Street Tree Project, Phase 2



N. Salford Street Trees



Trees planted along North Port Blvd.



We planted trees in parks! La Brea Park...



“Three Cheers for the Red, White, and Blue!” at Veterans Park



Kirk Park...



One of two sweetgums we planted at Garden of the Five Senses



- We've planted trees at community buildings...

The YMCA Building



Florida-friendly landscaping by the pool at the “Y”!



We added trees and Florida-friendly plants at the Children First facility!



What a difference!



Red maples planted at the Senior Center during
one of our tree festivals



Florida-friendly landscaping and trees planted at the child care playground at NPHS...



...what it looks like today!



- During our “Tree Planting Blitz” in 2009, our goal was to plant at least 50 trees at North Port schools to commemorate the city’s 50th Anniversary– we easily surpassed that goal!

Trees at Cranberry School



Our beautiful garden and tree walk at Lamarque School



Atwater School trees



Some of the ten trees planted at Woodland Middle



Trees planted in 2009 at Glenallen



Our “Circle of Trees” at North Port High School



A gorgeous Red Cedar now adorns the back campus at NPHS



An outdoor classroom garden at Heron Creek Middle



Our Tamiami Trail Community Tree Walk started in 2003 features native trees and Florida-friendly landscaping.





Community Tree Walk
Donated
by
People For Trees, Inc.
2003

Kids LOVE to plant trees...



...at the Garden of the Five Senses...





...at the Tree Walk...





We have even planted trees outside of North Port such as at the Cypress Professional Building in Punta Gorda.



Always searching for ideas for people to connect and re-connect with nature, in 2005, members of People for Trees envisioned an outdoor nature discovery center, called “Tree Whiz”!



- People for Trees has provided diverse activities and programs that always feature the unspoiled, natural beauty found in North Port...

The Eco-Kids Club met monthly from 1998-2012



Eco- Kids in the creek!



Eco-Kids got their hands dirty!



We now offer “Kayak Excursions” that explore the Myakkahatchee Creek and surrounding waterways...



...such as along the mighty Myakka River..



...from Deer Prairie Creek...



We have offered hikes along the
Myakkahatchee Creek...



...and continue with our Annual Tree Festival!



And are getting ready for our 8th Annual Tour de North Port !



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- We are proud that for the past 20 years we have offered a consistent commitment to the residents of North Port to advocate for the protection and maintenance of our native tree canopy in order to provide for the health, safety, and well-being of our residents through the many benefits that trees provide, and to encourage them to understand and embrace the challenging yet fragile and unique environment of Florida so that we may all fully enjoy and sustain this paradise we call home.
- People for Trees, Inc. Since 1997