

# People for Trees, Inc.

- 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
- *“Save a tree today, and we’ll all breathe a little easier!”*



*People for  
Trees is THE  
native tree  
advocacy  
group!*

- We field phone calls and answer countless emails from those who have tree concern issues from all throughout Florida and even the country.



- We communicate with people who are well-versed in the area of trees and tree care i.e. Sarasota County Tree Advisory Council, the Extension Service, The Florida Urban Tree Council, and Ed Gilman (University of Florida) just to name a few.



# Pioneers in the “Florida- friendly” landscaping movement!

- We have sponsored “Florida-friendly” gardening workshops in North Port going back to 1998, presenting to “standing-room only” crowds.
- We have organized “Florida-friendly” yard tours that featured home landscapes that embraced the concept of eliminating grass areas and planting drought-tolerant plants and trees that required no fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides and no additional watering other than from the rains!



- But TREE PLANTING is what we do best!

# 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



# 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



Around the playground area at the  
NPHS child care facility.





# Tree Planting Blitz 2009

- 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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



# 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

# Beautification project at the North Port Post Office



Kids LOVE to plant trees...



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



# Southside Elementary School in Sarasota



# Port Charlotte High School



# ...and continue with our Annual Tree Festival!

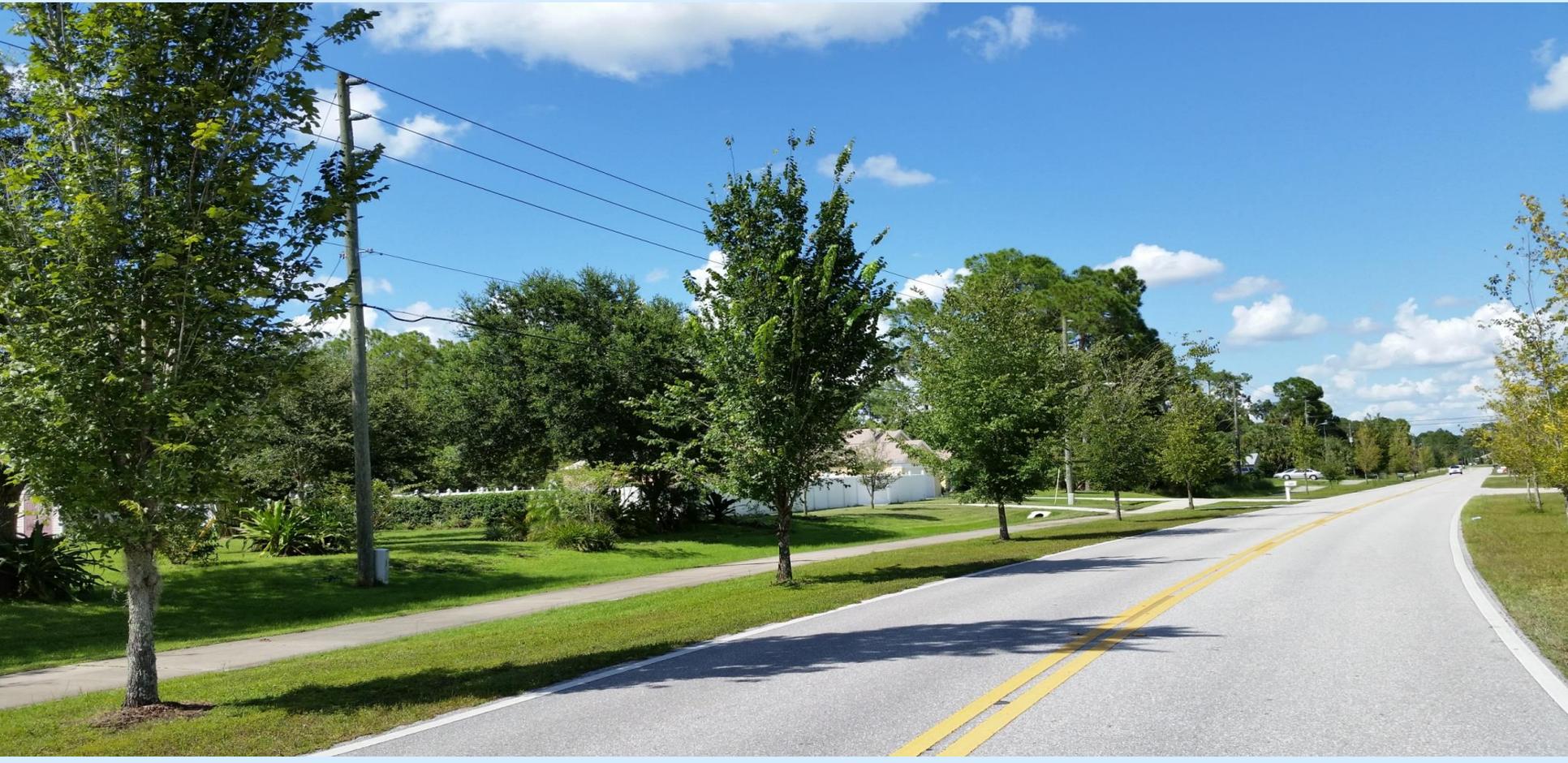




# Looking forward

- People for Trees has been and remains a valuable and readily available resource for providing information to residents about tree care, and for planting trees in our community.

The N. Salford street tree project was considered to be a “pilot” program for future street tree plantings along other arterial roads i.e. Cranberry, Chamberlain, and Biscayne.

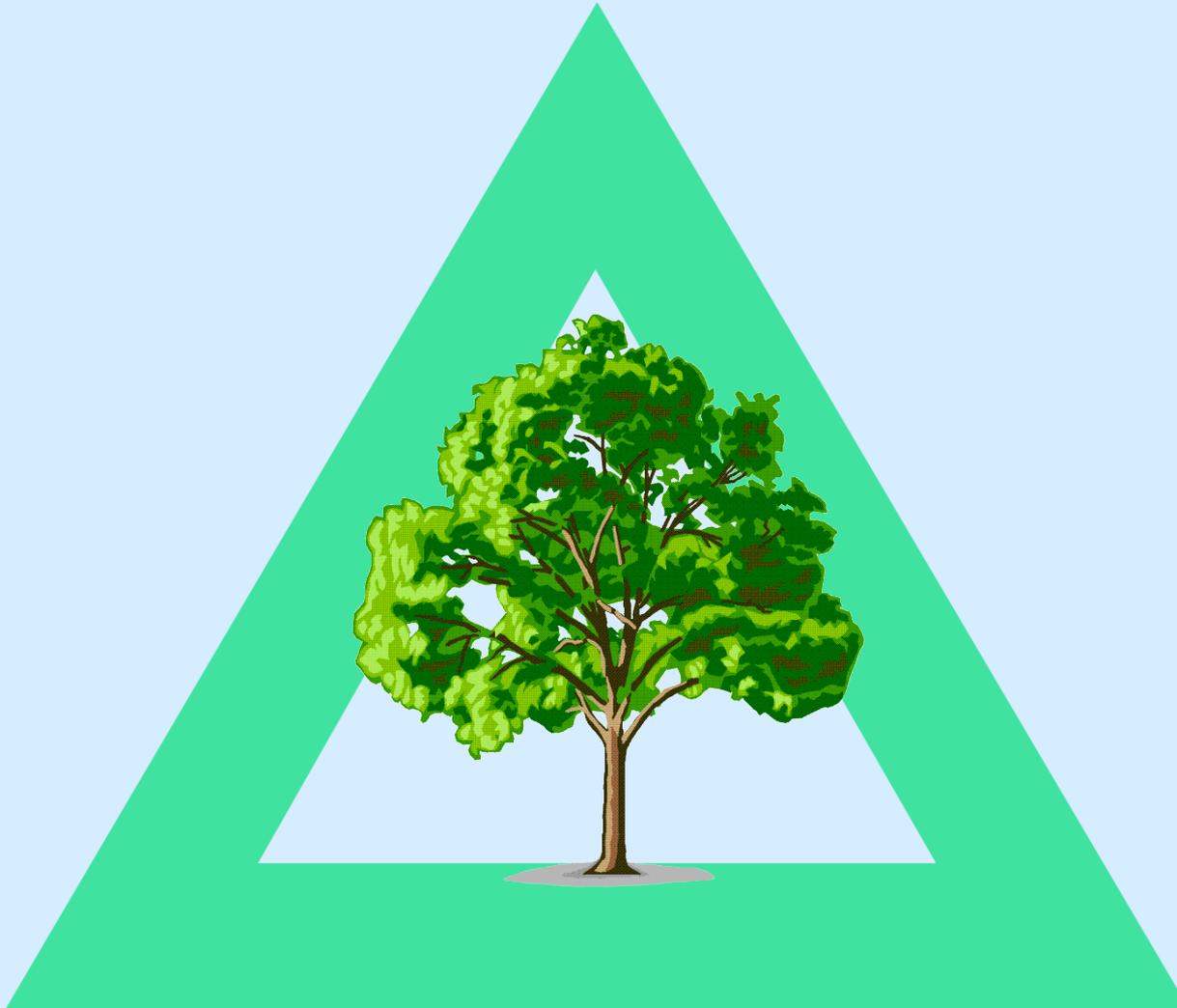




We propose the  
“Tree Triangle”  
for residential  
street tree  
plantings!

- **Resident:** requests a street tree and will commit to see that the tree is watered,
- **City of North Port:** provide the funds for the tree from the Tree Fund,
- **People for Trees:** provide the assistance to plant the tree and continue to monitor the tree and maintain contact with the homeowner regarding watering, mulching, etc.

The “Tree Triangle, or the “Tree-angle”  
would be a “win-win” for everyone!





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- Since 1997, People for Trees has offered a consistent commitment to the residents of North Port to advocate for our native tree canopy through protection of mature trees and tree plantings.
- People for Trees would like to further that commitment and so we respectfully ask the North Port City Commissioners to consider our proposed “Tree-Angle” for the purpose of bringing trees to our public spaces.