



BENICIA TREE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

About Us

The Benicia Tree Foundation (BTF) is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 organization with the mission to strengthen community by promoting and supporting tree planting, maintenance, and education. We were established in 2009, the same year the City of Benicia unanimously adopted its first comprehensive tree program. Since that time **BTF has planted 1,084 trees** in Benicia.

Accomplishments for 2024

BTF sponsored two events that **planted 38 trees**, and sponsored 16 Tree Care Days that **maintained 437 trees**. Cumulatively, we **attracted 133 volunteers**, with nearly 40% from our schools. These volunteers **generated 584 hours of labor** for tree planting and maintenance, and for educating residents about our urban forest.

Cooperative projects between the City of Benicia and BTF included a [2024 Arbor Day event](#) that planted 25 trees at Overlook Park and a Girl Scout [Tree Promise Project](#) that planted 13 trees at Francesca Terrace Park. Volunteers were organized to maintain trees at our projects sites on I-780 and at several school campuses.



Benicia Tree Foundation volunteers celebrate 2024 Arbor Day at Southampton Park



At Benicia Middle School on March 16, 2024, these volunteers mulched and pruned 13 trees planted in 2014.

Goals for 2025

Are you interested in helping to strengthen our community through tree planting, maintenance and education? We have a proposition for you. BTF seeks a change in leadership in 2025 through the recruitment of new board members. We hope our record of accomplishments will help you consider this leadership opportunity worthy of your time. Since 2009, BTF has:

- completed a project on every Benicia Unified School District campus, planting 489 trees;
- Supported Benicia's Tree City USA status thru annual Arbor Day events and sponsoring projects on city property that includes 12 parks and 313 new trees;
- Planted 48 trees on I-780 in an effort to replace the hundreds of trees Caltrans has removed in the past several decades;
- Supported 22 projects on private property for a total of 142 trees; and
- Assisted numerous local scout groups with their community service projects.

This progress should continue. The need for trees in Benicia has not diminished and a potential exists for even greater achievements in the future. Many students, organizations and businesses seek community service projects.

BTF has been grateful to the community for its participation in this work. Since 2015, 1,961 volunteers have been recruited and have given back 3,776 hours of their time to demonstrate their appreciation and love for our community. These volunteers come from our neighborhoods, schools, service organizations and area employers such as Valero, Travis AFB, and Sutter Health.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity email us at info@beniciatrees.org. At a minimum, the Board needs a President, Treasurer and Secretary. Since 2018, our budgets have been about \$5,000 annually. The existing Board is willing to assist new board members in this transition.

BTF will be scheduling volunteer events through this spring. Our website www.beniciatrees.org will remain online to the end of the year. Without a new board, the current board members will notify the State Attorney General of board's dissolution as of December 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of Directors, Benicia Tree Foundation*