



BENICIA TREE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

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 1,094 trees** in Benicia.

Accomplishments for 2025

BTF operated at half-speed during the year as the Board of Directors transitioned to new leadership, but it still generated some numbers in support of Benicia's tree canopy. BTF sponsored two events and one [Tree Keeper Project](#) that **planted 28 trees**, and sponsored nine Tree Care Days that **maintained 121 trees**. Cumulatively, we **attracted 111 volunteers**, with nearly 50% from our schools. These volunteers **generated 708 hours of labor** for tree planting and maintenance, and for educating residents about our urban forest.



Benicia Girl Scout Troop 30433 planted 15 trees at Clocktower Park as part of Girl Scouts of America's Tree Promise Project, with the help of the City, PG&E and BTF.

BTF started out the year in January by partnering with the City and PG&E to help [Benicia Girl Scout Troop 30433](#) by planting 15 trees at Clocktower Park. BTF sponsored two [tree pruning clinics](#) and several Tree Care Days to care for the trees growing at various project sites. Volunteer were drawn from Valero, the Girl Scouts, and high school organizations such as the [Key Club](#) and the [National Honor Society](#). In November, BTF partnered with the City, *Benicians Adopting Benicia* and *Benicia Soroptimist*, recruiting 23 volunteers to plant 10 trees at the [Soroptimist Grove](#) in Community Park.



On November 15, 23 volunteers showed up on November 15, 2025 to add 10 trees to the Soroptimist Grove at Benicia Community Park.

BTF concluded the year by appointment new Board members. Zackary Ioakimedes is the new President, and Dan Smith is the new Secretary. Zack and Dan are seeking a volunteer to serve as Treasurer.

Goals for 2026

1. Reduce costs and increase revenues;
2. Increase social media outreach;
3. Expand the [Tree Keeper](#) program by either providing free trees or vouchers for trees, assistance with planting and one free follow-up visit with a certified arborist; and
4. Lay the groundwork for a comprehensive tree inventory [of all trees planted](#) by BTF from its inception through December of 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

***Zackary Ioakimedes, and Dan Smith
Board of Directors, Benicia Tree Foundation***