



For more than 15 years, Trees Forever has worked with Illinois landowners and communities to plant a better tomorrow. With more than 242 project sites on Illinois farms, schools, parks, public and private land, trees improve water quality by slowing rainfall volume, reducing erosion, infiltrating rainwater and reducing pollution from field and lawn runoff. Trees help clean our air and soil, as well provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators. Trees forever programs, including the *Illinois Buffer Partnership*, have planted more than 942,957 trees, shrubs and seedlings in the prairie state since 2001.

Thanks to a partnership between Trees Forever, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service, the *Recover, Replant, Restore!* program puts a stronger emphasis on improving community forests recovering from natural disasters and pests, such as emerald ash borer. Sixteen Illinois communities participated in *Recover, Replant, Restore!* in 2017.

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