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## PRESS RELEASE

## City to celebrate National Arbor Day with Winter Park Land Trust

WINTER PARK, FL (April 22, 2025) In celebration of National Arbor Day, the City of Winter Park's Urban Forestry Division and the Winter Park Land Trust will host a tree planting ceremony Friday, April 25, at 10 a.m., in Mead Botanical Garden located at 1300 S. Dennig Drive. The planting of 10 native red maple trees, donated by the Winter Park Land Trust, will take place along the banks of Howell Creek near the Pennsylvania Avenue pedestrian entrance to Mead Botanical Garden. This area was recently restored under the direction of the city's Natural Resources & Sustainability Department Mayor Sheila DeCiccio will present a proclamation celebrating National Arbor Day and marking Winter Park's 45th straight year as a Tree City USA.

Winter Park's tree planting tradition dates to the late 1800s when town fathers and their families would gather once a year for the purpose of planting trees. The city's Urban Forestry Division works tirelessly to assure the tree-canopied streets and parks remain special features of Winter Park's neighborhoods and public spaces.

For more information on how to help preserve the city's tree canopy or to request a right of way tree to be planted at your residence, please contact the Urban Forestry Division at 407-599-3325 or urbanforestry@cityofwinterpark.org.

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