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April 22 Tree Planting at CSU Part of '3-for-1' Replanting Policy

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – April 20, 2016 – For the fifth straight year, Colorado State University is hosting a volunteer tree planting April 22 to recognize its designation as a Tree Campus USA – a status retained for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and communities in conversations about urban tree care. Planting trees is a great example of how much CSU cares about its trees: for every tree removed on campus, university policy requires that three new ones be planted in its place.

“The campus goal is to establish and maintain optimal tree age and species diversity in the campus urban forest. We are moving towards this goal through the current construction projects, while we also are increasing the absolute number of trees on campus,” said Fred Haberecht, assistant director of landscaping and planning with the CSU Facilities Management Department.

Five different tree varieties will be planted on the west side of the Vietnam Bridge on the berm of the CSU Lagoon at 2:30 p.m. on Earth Day, April 22, as part of an effort to help diversify CSU’s urban forest. Facilities Management and the Colorado State Forest Service will lead the volunteer tree planting event, and participants will receive free pizza, shirts and promotional items donated by the CSU Bookstore. Educational booths focusing on urban trees and emerging tree threats also will be offered at the CSU Earth Day Festival, located in the Lory Student Center West Sculpture Garden from 10 a.m. until planting time.

“It is amazing that we have already been a Tree Campus USA for five years now. It is so rewarding to look back and see all the plantings and improved awareness that this program has helped us accomplish,” said Jamie Dahl, CSFS experiential learning coordinator.

Dahl is the leading member of CSU’s Tree Advisory Committee, which also has representation from CSU Facilities Management, student groups, College of Agricultural Sciences, Warner College of Natural Resources, Extension and the Fort Collins City Forester.

Tree Campus USA is a national program of the Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota Motor North America, which honors colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. CSU has retained its Tree Campus USA designation by continuing to meet the program’s standards, which include having a campus tree-care plan and student service-learning projects.

To volunteer or for more information about the planting event and related activities, contact Dahl at jamie.dahl@colostate.edu.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) provides technical forestry assistance, wildfire mitigation expertise and outreach and education to help landowners and communities achieve their forest management goals. The CSFS is a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.