

## I AM A TREE SUPPORTER

As a business owner or a community leader, your voice and leadership matters in the effort to preserve Charlotte's tree canopy. Consider the adoption of trees on our property, maintaining existing trees, planting pollinator-friendly plants, or hosting an educational events for your employees. There are a ton of ways businesses can help our trees!

To "Get Rooted," check off at least one of the action items below. Use the hyperlinks to find educational resources on each topic to get started.

*I pledge to:*

### Plant a Tree (or Two!)

Sign up for a TreesCharlotte TreeAdoption to receive up to two free trees for your community's common area or your business's public space! If a TreeAdoption isn't an option, you can purchase your trees all while giving back to TreesCharlotte. Always select native and naturalized trees, and never invasives.

### Sponsor a Volunteer Event

We love our volunteers as they are our greatest asset. TreesCharlotte relies on thousands of volunteers each and every year to help plant, care for, and give away trees. If you're passionate about growing Charlotte's canopy, [sponsoring one of our volunteer events](#) is a great way to roll up your sleeves, get a little dirty, and have fun!

### Donate Seedlings

In the Spring, TreesCharlotte purchases thousands of tree seedlings to give out into the community. Help us spread seedling love by becoming a seedling giveaway site so that we can provide free seedlings to your local community!

### Speak for the Trees

It takes a city of tree advocates, to move the dial on our tree canopy from a net negative to positive. Learn more about how to [speak for the trees](#) in your neighborhood. If you have the space available, you could also considering hosting an [Arbor Day celebration](#) in your community to promote the value of trees!

### Renovate Smartly

Planning on a common area or business renovation? There are simple and effective ways to save trees from construction, including hiring an [ISA certified arborist](#), installing tree fences, and avoiding [tree damage](#). Use the ["Trees are Good"](#) Certified Arborist search tool to find your new favorite arborist!



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### CommunityWoods

TreesCharlotte partners with qualifying communities such as home owner associations, community spaces, and community green teams to host tree planting events. These organized events can be a great way to build camaraderie, beautify our community and add to the city's canopy. If you think you might have plantable land for trees, we encourage you to apply for our CommunityWoods program! You might even be eligible for a Tree Care Grant to help cover costs.

### Aid Pollinators

Flowering trees need pollinators and pollinators need flowers. Our bees, butterflies, and other wild pollinators can use our help in a fast growing urban environment. Creating a pollinator garden in any outdoor space, such as a community garden or in the front of your business, supports the health and growth of our urban forest.

### Provide Education

Growing and preserving our tree canopy is a team effort! You can help us educate your community on the [benefits of trees](#). You can use our [educational resources site](#) to disseminate information within your community and you can also [schedule a TreesCharlotte TreeAmbassador](#) to visit your community to talk trees.

### Stewardship

Promote the health and survivability of your business or community's common area trees by stewarding them annually. Stewarding trees can include [post-planting care](#), [mature tree care](#), and [train pruning](#) young trees. Check out this [video](#) to learn how to properly prune your young trees at home!

### Support TreesCharlotte

[Your support](#) will help address critical canopy issues, from replacing trees lost to age, storms and development to building tree canopy in under-served communities. As you know, it takes years for a tree to reach its full capacity, which is why we need your help now to restore all that we've lost.

**Show Off Your Tree Advocacy!**

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