



February 2024 Newsletter

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Tree Love....

As the chill of winter begins to thaw and nature awakens from its slumber, there's no better time to celebrate the beauty and importance of trees! Here at ACFT, February is all about honoring our leafy companions and spreading awareness about the vital role they play in our lives and the environment.

Remember, each tree holds a story of resilience, beauty and interconnectedness. Let's continue to nurture and protect these vital guardians of our planet.

Join Our Community Tree Initiatives

Our February 10th Tree Planting Party!

Bring your shovel and your friends to our biggest tree planting yet! On Saturday, February 10th, ACFT will plant over 120 street trees in the Southside with the support of the Arbor Day Foundation, Truist Bank, the Landfall Foundation and the NC Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association. **That's a lot of trees, so we need a lot of volunteers!** If you would like to join the greenest party in town, please click [here](#).

March into Spring with our March 9th Tree Giveaway!

Channel your spring fever energy by joining us on March 9th as we distribute 600 trees thanks to our partners the Arbor Day Foundation and HSB at Legion Stadium. Register to volunteer [here](#). Tree Species Information will be posted closer to the event on our [website](#) and social media.



January 27th's Tree Distribution

In a record setting 80 minutes, ACFT volunteers distributed 500 trees and mulch at Robert Strange Park thanks to grant funding from the Arbor Day Foundation and Truist Bank and in collaboration with the City of Wilmington. We could not of asked for better weather for these trees to find their new homes!

[Click Here for Event Photos](#)

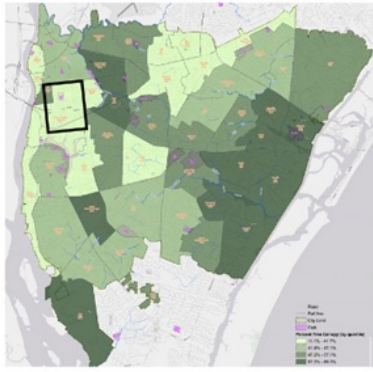
Why Are We Showing The Tree Love?

To make the most impact with our plantings, we rely on data from www.treeequityscore.org to plant in areas that need trees the most!

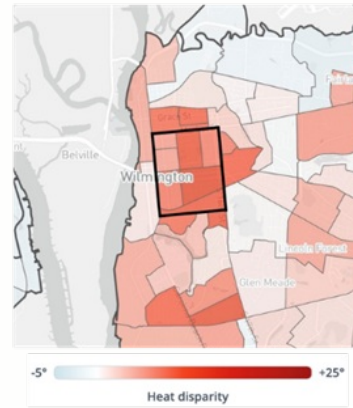
The data shows that areas with low tree canopy coverage (lighter green on the first map) correspond with areas with lower income. These areas also correspond with higher heat disparity (darker red in the second map, which in this case does not mean more love). Heat related illnesses cause more deaths in the U.S. each year than any other natural disaster, including hurricanes, lightning, tornados, floods, and earthquakes.

By planting 225 trees in this concentrated area during this fall/winter planting season, we hope to reverse this trend and create a more equitable tree environment.

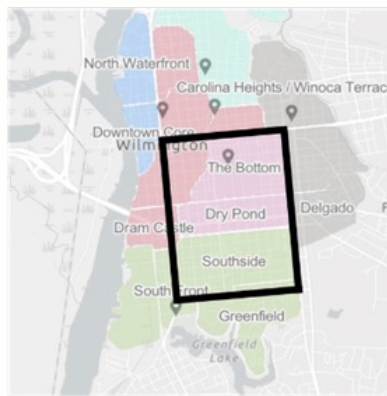
Low Tree Canopy



Heat Disparity



Tree Planting Focus Areas



How Can You Show Your Tree Love?



Donate to ACFT!

Your donation allows us to fulfill our mission of preserving, protecting and planting trees to enhance the quality of life and health for present and future generations of the Lower Cape Fear Area. Donate online [here](#).

Volunteer with ACFT!

Your time and talents are invaluable to us. We need volunteers for year-round and specific event tasks. Email info@acftrees.org to see how you can help.

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