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## Bensenville Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree Planting and Arboretum Dedication

**Bensenville, IL** – On Friday, April 30, 2021, the Village of Bensenville celebrated Arbor Day with a tree planting and the dedication of their new arboretum at the Redmond Recreational Complex in Bensenville.

This Arbor Day marked Bensenville's 30<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA community, recognizing Bensenville's commitment to effective urban forest management. Bensenville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance or proclamation. In 2020, the Village proudly planted a total of 155 new trees and maintained many more by pruning over 1,050.

The Village also took this opportunity to celebrate the dedication of their community arboretum. Bensenville's new arboretum began taking shape in the spring of 2018 and is located around the Redmond Reservoir. One goal of this arboretum is to have at least one example of every species of tree that is planted throughout the Village parkways and right-of-ways. With this in mind, the arboretum serves as a living catalog for residents to see what newly planted trees will look like when they mature. Each tree in the arboretum is equipped with an identification plaque that includes a QR code to scan and view information about that specific tree. Additionally, the arboretum is home to over 135 avian species, serving as an extremely important migrant stopover for birds to rest, refuel, and seek shelter.

"Preserving our planet with sustainable initiatives is extremely important to ensuring the best quality of life for our future generations. Taking the necessary steps to remain an environmentally friendly community not only better our planet, but also creates a sense of civic pride as we all work together to accomplish a common goal," said Village President Frank DeSimone.

**About Bensenville:** Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O'Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the "Gateway to Opportunity." Please visit our website at: [www.bensenville.il.us](http://www.bensenville.il.us)

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(Village President Frank DeSimone was joined by Village Trustee Ann Franz and Village staff as the 170<sup>th</sup> tree was planted as part of the Village's Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 30, 2021. From left to right: Jason Ackerlund, Evan K. Summers, Ann Franz, Joe Caracci, John Izewski, and Frank DeSimone.)

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