

# NEIGHBORHOOD TREES



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Neighborhood Trees is a community resiliency service of UNI's Center for Energy and Environmental Education. Started in September 2023, we help make our public spaces pleasant and beautiful by working with communities to identify areas lacking in trees, and offering our tree planting and volunteer organizing services.

## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

**319**

**Trees Planted**

+ 20 distributed to the community

**561**

**Volunteer Hours**

**224**

**Volunteers Engaged**

131 K-12 & 22 College Volunteers

## Our Favorite Projects this Year



### Walnut Neighborhood Tree Plantings

In collaboration with the Walnut Neighborhood Association in Waterloo, we finished the last year of a 4-year planting project that resulted in 227 new trees planted in the neighborhood!

### Tammy Turner Memorial Tree Planting

Alongside her family and community members that cared for her we celebrated the life of our Center's dear friend Tammy Turner by planting 25 trees in Cedar Falls College Hill Neighborhood.



### UNI Political Science Planting

With the help of Dr. Jayme Renfro, we worked with a political science class from UNI to identify underserved neighborhoods in the Cedar Valley and plant some street trees.



### Grants for School Trees

We worked with teachers to apply for funding for trees at their schools. In total we helped plant 15 trees at Poyner Elementary, 7 trees at Union High School, 5 trees at La Porte City Elementary, and 18 trees at Union Middle School!



### Fruit Trees For Karenni Refugees

With the help of volunteers, we planted 56 plum and persimmon trees at the homes of 13 different Karenni refugee families in Waterloo. Thank you to our volunteers that helped with tree planting and translation services!

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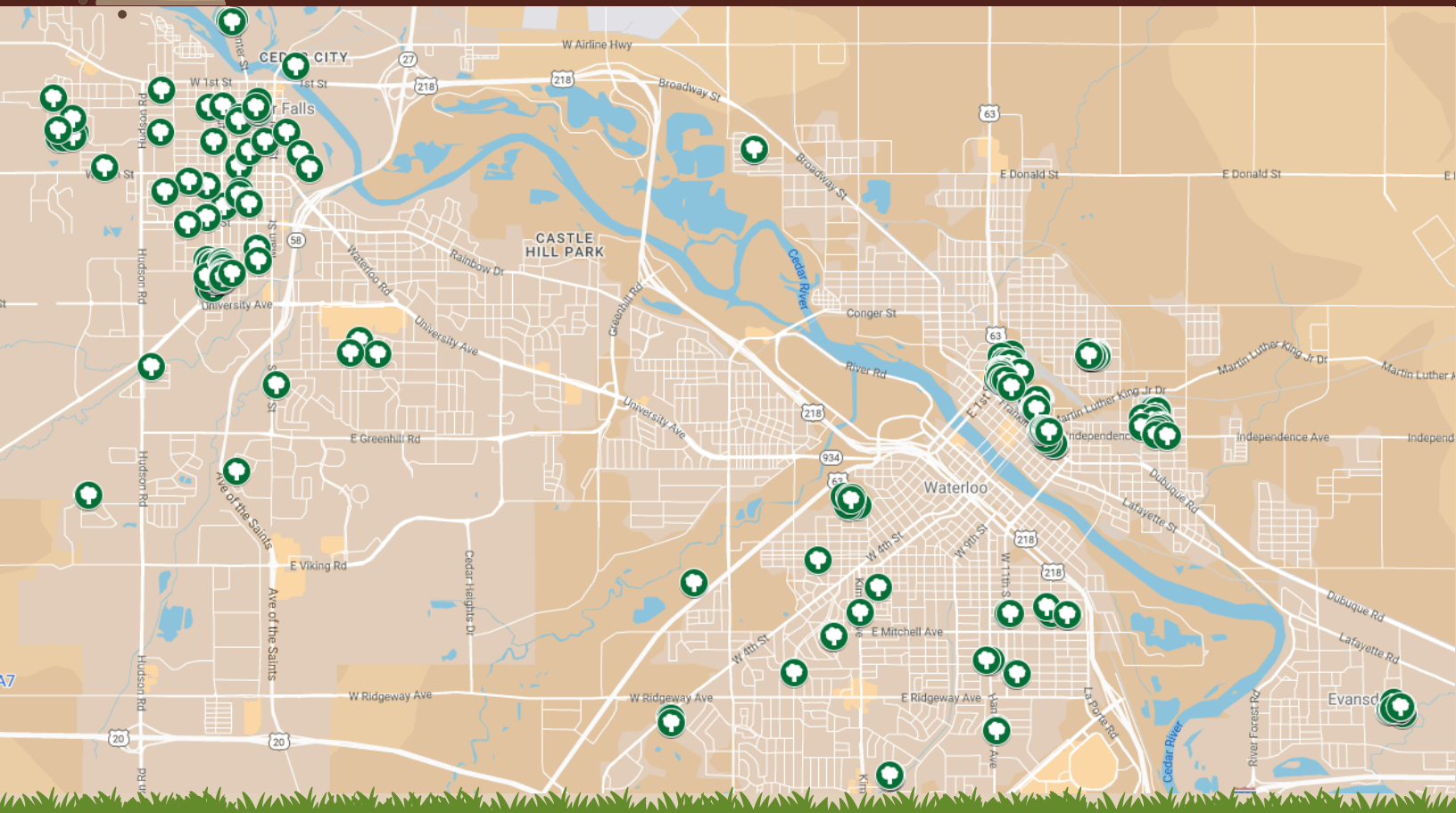
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## Plant Trees in your Community!

We can help with:

- Planting trees for you, our program can provide volunteers, tools, and other materials, no matter how large or small your project is
- Identifying areas that would benefit from trees and creating maps for future plantings
- Identifying funding opportunities to buy trees for your home and neighborhood
- Connecting you with other tree planting resources

## Where we've been planting



## Thank you to our Partners & Volunteers!

### Collaborative Partners

Green Iowa AmeriCorps • City of Cedar Falls • Waterloo Leisure Services • Highland Neighborhood Association • Walnut Neighborhood Association • People's Community Health Clinic • We Arose • Union School District: La Porte City Elementary, Union Middle School, Union High School • Waterloo School District: Poyner Elementary, Kittrell Elementary, Waterloo East High School

### Funding Partners

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa • Wright Foundation