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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Amherstburg will be thinking GREEN and getting dirty this Earth Day!

**AMHERSTBURG, ON:** In celebration of Earth Day, Amherstburg will be hosting two environmentally impactful tree planting activities for its residents to participate in!

The first activity is a Volunteer Tree Planting on the grounds south of The Libro Centre, where pre-registered environmental warriors have volunteered their time to plant 50 trees. This initiative was brought forth to Council by the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee & has engaged the partnership of the Town of Amherstburg & ERCA. The trees planted will be enjoyed by residents as their location will border on a nature trail planned for 2022.

- Tree planting is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am -12 pm at The Libro Centre, 3295 Meloche Rd.

The second activity is the Essex Powers MAP & GROW Program. Residents can pre-register for one of eight tree species to plant at home, 192 trees total. With the commitment & expertise of the University of Windsor's Faculty of Science, the trees' GPS coordinates will be mapped & their growth will be documented for years to come. Together the community will be able to watch how the development of these trees will contribute to Amherstburg's tree canopy.

The Essex Powers MAP & GROW Program was an initiative brought forward in a White Paper submitted by the THRIVE Amherstburg group. Donors such as Essex Power, University of Windsor, Essex County Nature, Cerebral Escape Creations, and the Town of Amherstburg have stepped forward with funding to support this unique environmental initiative.

- Tree pick-up is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am – 12 pm, at The Libro Centre, 3295 Meloche Rd.

"We all want to work towards a greener and more sustainable future. These two groups came forward with not only an idea but a plan of action," said Mayor Aldo DiCarlo. "The goal of these tree-planting projects is not only to directly mitigate climate change but to foster a culture of environmental stewardship. Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, but we can't do it alone; the enduring challenges of climate change will take every one of us."

For more information on these events, visit [amherstburg.ca/environment](http://amherstburg.ca/environment).