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City Expands Tree Canopy with 915 Tree Keepers Planting Event

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso's 915 Tree Keepers Program, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Climate and Sustainability Division, and the Paso del Norte Community Foundation is hosting two tree planting events at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Riverside Park (7600 Alameda) and Playa Drain Trail (9718 Craddock Ave.).

Community members are invited to volunteer and help plant trees until noon or until all trees are planted. Volunteers should meet at the parking lots of Riverside Park and Playa Drain Trail and are encouraged to wear pants, long-sleeve shirts, and closed-toe shoes. Walk-ups are welcome, or participants can register at [\[City of El Paso\] 915 Tree Keepers - Volunteer](#).

The City received a \$10,000 donation from the Paso del Norte Community Foundation.

"The Paso del Norte Trail is pleased to partner with El Paso Parks and Recreation Department and 915 Tree Keepers to add more trees to the Playa Drain Trail. Increasing the tree canopy will make walking and biking on the trail more comfortable for users in hotter months" said Paso del Norte Community Foundation Senior Program Manager Jana Renner.

Planting trees offers numerous benefits, including combating climate change, improving air and water quality, supporting biodiversity, and enhancing overall well-being.

"The 915 Tree Keepers' mission is to continue increasing the Tree Equity Score in the City to address climate change, reduce air pollution, beautify neighborhoods, and mitigate heat in the community," said Climate Program Manager Dora Hernandez. "The program aims at building community and fostering hyper-local public stewardship by inviting volunteers from neighborhoods where trees are planted."

Since October 2024, the Parks and Recreation Department and the 915 Tree Keepers Program have successfully planted 274 trees throughout the City.

"The 915 Tree Keepers Program provides our community the opportunity to be more engaged with the Parks and Recreation Department by planting trees, together, we are enhancing the quality of life and creating a better future," said Parks and Recreation Department Assistant Director Emigdio Gonzalez.

To learn more about the 915 Tree Keepers Program, visit www.ElPasoTexas.gov/Community-And-Human-Development/915-tree-keepers. To learn more about the Parks and Recreation Department including a list of all City parks, visit www.ElPasoTexas.gov/parks

About the 915 Tree Keepers Program

The 915 Tree Keepers Program aims to expand tree coverage in neighborhoods lacking shade by providing trees for residential streets across the city. Through partnerships and volunteers, the program fosters community stewardship while addressing environmental challenges. By increasing urban canopy cover, especially in underserved areas, the initiative supports long-term sustainability and improves the quality of life for El Paso residents.

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