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**ARBOR DAY PLANTING HIGHLIGHTS TREES FOR TOMORROW
INITIATIVE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY**

APRIL 29, 2016:

The Franklin County Commissioners participated in a tree planting this week in celebration of Arbor Day, to emphasize the Trees for Tomorrow initiative they began in 2012 and to mark progress towards meeting the countywide goal. Three dogwoods were planted outside the Agricultural Heritage Building on Franklin Farm Lane in Chambersburg. The trees were provided by Snavely's Garden Center.

The Trees for Tomorrow initiative continues to grow throughout Franklin County. The objectives of the program are to provide education on the important aspects of planting and caring for trees and to encourage land owners across the county to participate. The Franklin County Commissioners set a goal to see that one tree is planted for every resident of Franklin County. The goal is for approximately 150,000 trees to be planted throughout the county by residents, public and private entities and organizations.

Trees add beauty to any community and help people connect with our natural environment. Trees planted in the right locations provide wind breaks and shade which can help lower utility bills and increase the value of properties. Tree roots help absorb stormwater runoff and prevent erosion. Trees provide important habitat for birds and other animals, and cool, well-shaded streams are able to carry more dissolved oxygen, which fish such as trout require.

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In an effort to meet these goals, the county has partnered with various agencies to foster tree planting events and provide educational opportunities to raise awareness.

A webpage has been established to provide a resource for Franklin County residents to find information for care and planting of trees. Partner agencies are listed with the resources they have available as well. Information can be found by accessing the county's website www.franklincountypa.gov under the Commissioners tab to the dropdown menu for Trees for Tomorrow or by following this link: <http://bit.ly/FCTFT>.

Franklin County is currently about 55% towards meeting its goal of 150,000 trees planted, and more plantings are needed to get there. The Commissioners would love to hear about your tree planting efforts this spring. Just go to the website and click on the link "tell us about your tree planting" and add your trees to the county's 150,000 tree goal. Together we are making a difference and preserving Franklin County's natural resources for future generations.

Any questions can be directed to the Franklin County Planning Department at 717-261-3855.



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