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## **Bike crews will plant trees Saturday in SE neighborhoods**

Portland, Ore. — Volunteers, including many on bicycles, will plant about 100 trees in southeast Portland Saturday with Friends of Trees. The event will cover the Laurelhurst, Sunnyside, Kerns, and North Tabor neighborhoods, and is generously sponsored by Whole Foods.

Whole Foods employees will join about 150 other volunteers to plant during this family friendly event. Neighbors signed up for trees to be planted in front of their homes in order to beautify neighborhoods, filter pollution, and absorb storm water.

“This is one of the most fun neighborhood plantings of the year, and we expect a great showing of folks on foot and on bike,” said Erica Timm, Friends of Trees Neighborhood Trees Senior Specialist.

Volunteers can come plant by meeting at 8:45 a.m. at Sunnyside United Methodist Church, 3520 SE Yamhill Street in Portland. From there, crews will disperse into neighborhoods and plant until about 1 p.m. Gloves, tools, and training are provided, as well as breakfast courtesy of Whole Foods.

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### **About Friends of Trees**

Friends of Trees empowers people to improve the natural world around them through a simple solution: planting trees, together. They operate in Portland, Vancouver, Eugene, Salem and surrounding areas. Through FoT’s Green Space Initiative, trained crew leaders guide volunteers at weekend events to restore green spaces. FoT’s Neighborhood Trees program provides homeowners with discounted trees to plant at their homes with their neighbors. [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org)