



ReLeaf Michigan

Planting Trees, Growing Communities.

## OUR MISSION

ReLeaf Michigan is a statewide nonprofit volunteer tree planting and education organization. **Our mission is to educate the public on the value of trees and how to properly select, plant and maintain them.**

For over 30 years, ReLeaf Michigan has worked with 450+ Michigan communities to plant 30,000 trees on public land, improving the wellness of our state. Unlike most tree planting organizations, ReLeaf

plants sizeable trees, approximately 1.5" to 2" in caliper and at least 6 feet tall, which have a higher rate of survival and a more immediate effect on the environment.

Established in 1988 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, ReLeaf Michigan is supported by the generosity of people like you, who care about the environment, enriching their local communities and recognize the value and beauty of trees.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT TREES IN MICHIGAN

*The resources we often take for granted - clean air water - are being compromised. Trees are the simplest, most affordable and one of the most effective solutions to these issues. A recent study from the U.S. Forest Service revealed that Michigan is losing nearly 4,000 acres of tree cover every year. If there ever was a time to plant trees, that time is now.*

Each year, ReLeaf Michigan plants approximately 500 trees across the state. What difference can these trees make?

- 🌲 1.9 million lbs of CO2 absorbed to mitigate climate change and purify the air
- 🌲 14 million gallons of rainwater absorbed
- 🌲 75% of the world's drinking water is made safe thanks to trees filtering out impurities and preventing erosion
- 🌲 12% more retail sales in tree-lined districts
- 🌲 29% reduction in local childhood asthma rates if trees are planted in a half square mile area
- 🌲 42% less stress when living within half a mile of a green space
- 🌲 20% increase in home values
- 🌲 7.2% energy reduction from the shade of one tree, saving \$100 for the average household every year
- 🌲 25% reduction in neighborhood crime
- 🌲 300% more likely that a resident is physically active in a tree-lined neighborhood
- 🌲 25% reduced risk of anxiety or depression for those living within a half mile of a green space

## WHAT WE DO

**WE PLANT TREES** to rebuild Michigan's urban and rural tree canopies.

**WE PARTNER** with cities, townships, villages, youth groups, neighborhoods, and schools.

**WE EDUCATE** homeowners on how to plant and care for trees.

### TREE PLANTINGS

We plant trees to rebuild Michigan's urban and rural tree canopies. Our plantings are done in partnership with cities, townships, villages, youth groups, neighborhoods, schools and other volunteer groups. All planting volunteers learn how to properly plant and care for trees.

### EDUCATION

We offer on-site workshops to community forums and school children on why trees are important, how to choose the right tree and proper care to grow healthy, long living trees.

### BIG TREE HUNT

Think the largest tree in Michigan is in your backyard? Join others all around the state who submit trees to our competition for the biggest tree in our biennial Michigan Big Tree Hunt!

## RESTORE MICHIGAN'S BEAUTY

Since Michigan became a state in 1837, over 47% of the trees have been lost in our urban and rural centers.

Promote a healthy environment for future Michigan generations.

**Now is the time to...**

- Replant our trees
- Educate our community
- Promote a healthy future

**Now is the time to join ReLeaf Michigan**



## YOUR SUPPORT TODAY GROWS INTO A BETTER TOMORROW

Our efforts would not be possible without the support of generous people like you.

### DONATE or JOIN

Please consider supporting ReLeaf Michigan by becoming a member or making a donation. Donations to ReLeaf Michigan are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Visit [releafmichigan.org/donate](http://releafmichigan.org/donate)

### VOLUNTEER

Our tree plantings are powered by volunteers, and we would love your help! To find out more about volunteer opportunities, Visit [releafmichigan.org/volunteer](http://releafmichigan.org/volunteer)

### SHOP YOUR SUPPORT

We have many great, quality items in our online store. Show your support with a beautiful Pewabic tile, t-shirt, canvas bag or more. Visit [releafmichigan.org/store](http://releafmichigan.org/store)

To learn about becoming a sponsor of ReLeaf Michigan, contact us at [info@ReLeafMichigan.org](mailto:info@ReLeafMichigan.org) or (800) 642-7353.

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