



REFORESTATION PROGRAM

Help Us Plant Trees!

Say YES to our Forest!
DONATE TODAY!

\$50 Plants one tree

\$100 Plants two trees

\$150 Plants three trees

All trees planted with deer protection to prevent deer from eating the saplings!

Help us restore our wetland forest ecosystem

Our forest is in crisis. Disease, insect outbreaks, and the browsing of an uncontrolled deer population have caused devastation to our forest. Within a few short years, our forest has lost 10% of its canopy -that's more than 1,000 trees!

Closter Nature Center is home to a great diversity of plants and animals. Our forest also serves as a vital and natural flood control for Closter, absorbing the storm overflow of three major streams that pour off the nearby Palisades.

To function effectively, all forests require a robust canopy of mature trees, a thriving understory of shrubs and emerging young trees, plus ground cover of smaller flowering plants as food and hiding places for birds and small animals. The loss of forest canopy affects the entire forest ecosystem! Every dollar you donate makes an impact and helps restore our forest ecosystem.

The Future of our Forest is Now!

2024 Goal: 100 trees planted



Our Partner in Reforestation





Sapling with deer protection



Sapling with deer protection

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this donation tax deductible?

Closter Nature Center is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and your donation is tax-deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law. To claim a donation as a deduction on your U.S. taxes, please keep your donation receipt as your official record. We'll send it to you upon successful completion of your donation. If you mailed in a check we will mail your donation receipt.

Will you send a tribute card in the mail for my donation in honor or memory of someone?

To request an acknowledgement be sent to the family of the person you are honoring with your donation to our Reforestation Program, please email giving@closternaturecenter.org with the recipients information.

How does the Reforestation Program work?

As we accumulate funds to support more plantings and their protection, we will select a small area in the woods around the two ponds for planting. The trees chosen will depend on what is appropriate for that particular area. When funds are donated for additional groupings, new sites near the ponds will be selected. Most plantings will be done during cooler, spring and fall months. Many of the protected sites will be visible from the trails, so you can observe, over time, the flourishing of these plantings into renewed forest understory and canopy.

How does this program fit into CNC's reforestation "Big Picture?"

The Reforestation Program is part of the CNC's larger, multi-year Reforestation Initiative, which includes different planting and invasive species control programs, in different sections of the nature center, with varying sources of funding. For example, a generous Veolia Water Company grant is already funding reforestation efforts in the Orange Trail section. Your tree support to the woodlands around the pond is a vital part of the big picture.

What will my donation purchase?

Every dollar contributed to the Reforestation Program will be used toward the restoration of the forest ecosystem. This includes but is not limited to the purchase and installation of tree saplings, shrub saplings, fencing to protect saplings from deer browse and additional materials that might be needed.

Where will my trees be planted?

Your Reforestation Program support will be used to plant protected saplings in the forested areas around the two ponds.

What is deer protection and why is it important?

Deer protection is a fence barrier around a single tree or group of sapling trees and shrubs. The barrier is tall enough to prevent deer from eating the sapling or trampling on it. Deer browse is the single most damaging factor in the decline of our forest ecosystem. In the last decade, very few seedlings or saplings have been allowed to develop into mature plants, our future understory and canopy.

More Questions? Email us! giving@closternaturecenter.org