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## Press Release

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### **Apache To Plant 3 Millionth Tree At Memorial Park During 27th Annual Arbor Day Celebration** *RE-Plant Houston Planting Celebrations To Be Held At Five Area Parks*

Mayor Annise Parker will join Apache Corporation, the Memorial Park Conservancy, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to celebrate the city's 27th Annual Arbor Day celebration at Memorial Park. The highlight of the day will be the planting of Apache's 3 millionth tree at Memorial Park. This planting is set for Saturday, January 26th at 10:30 am at the northern foot of the Memorial Park Living Bridge (near the intersection of Memorial Drive and West Memorial Loop).

"Apache has been involved with the growth of Houston's Urban Forest for many years. Their continuing support has been even more significant since the 2011 drought," said Mayor Annise Parker. "The planting of their 3 millionth tree in Memorial Park is a symbol of their commitment and of our city's appreciation for their support of Houston's Urban Forest."

Apache's Tree Program focuses on improving wildlife habitats, restoring storm damage and enhancing cities and neighborhoods.

"Apache's Tree Grant program was created to improve the places where we live and work," said Roger Plank, President and Chief Corporate Officer of Apache. "Our company is based in Houston and this live oak and the thousands of other trees we have planted in the city will be enjoyed by Houstonians for generations to come."

Five Houston parks will take part in the city's 27th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, January 26. Partners include Apache, the Memorial Park Conservancy, the Hermann Park Conservancy, Trees for Houston, and the Houston Parks Board. Volunteers have already been recruited and registered for this event.

"We are thankful to all our sponsors, volunteers and supporters who have given of themselves to reforest our parks and greenspaces," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Their support helps us improve the quality of life for all of us."

The five parks where Arbor Day tree plantings will take place are:

Francklow Park Planted by Friends of Francklow Park	1300 Seagler Road, 77042	Adjacent to Seagler Road
Hermann Park Planted by Hermann Park Conservancy	6001 Fannin, 77030	Near Miller Outdoor Theatre
MacGregor Park Planted by Trees for Houston	5225 Calhoun, 77021	Intersection of MLK & OST
Memorial Park Planted by Apache	6501 Memorial, 77007	Intersection of Memorial Drive and West Memorial Loop
Memorial Park Planted by Kinkaid School	6402 Arnot Street, 77007	Near Swimming Pool
West 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Park Planted by Friends of West 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Park	2600 West 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, 77008	Corner of West 11 <sup>th</sup> Street & Shirkmere Road

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).*