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**City of Houston's 38th Annual Arbor Day Celebration
Set for Wilson-Memorial Park**

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department (HPARD), Apache Corporation, Accenture, and the Texas A&M Forest Service will join volunteers from across the city for the **38th Annual Arbor Day** tree planting celebration. The event will take place on **Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Wilson-Memorial Park, 100 Gilpin, Houston 77034**. Following a 9 a.m. ceremony, partners and volunteers will plant and mulch 1,000 native trees throughout the park that were donated by Apache Corporation.

WHAT: 38th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, January 27, 2024
8:30 a.m. – Noon

WHERE: Wilson-Memorial Park
100 Gilpin | Houston, TX 77034

WHO: Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Steven David, Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor John Whitmire
Council Member Fred Flickinger, District E
Clay Bretches, EVP of Operations, Apache Corporation
Mary Beth Gracy, Houston Office Managing Director, Accenture
Matt Weaver, Regional Community Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service
Jeremy Burkes, City Forester, Houston Parks & Recreation Department

2024 marks the 38th consecutive year that the City of Houston will receive the designation of Tree City USA, granted by the Arbor Day Foundation for the city's commitment to the stewardship of its urban forest. Since 2021, the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, with partners' assistance, has planted over 22-thousand trees on public property.

"Arbor Day celebrations like this one have greatly increased Houston's tree canopy over the years," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks & Recreation Department. "The impact of this annual event cannot be understated because of the many health and aesthetic benefits trees provide to our great city. And it would not have been possible without the generous support of our partners from Apache Corporation, Accenture, and the Texas A&M Forest Service."

"We are honored to support the enhancement and preservation of community greenspaces throughout the city we call home," said Apache Corporation Chief Executive Officer John J.

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Christmann IV. "Since 2005 Apache has donated more than 450,000 trees to the Greater Houston area through the Apache Tree Grant Program. Trees provide shade, protect our environment, and build a more resilient world. We hope future Houstonians reap the rewards of our collective tree planting efforts made in partnership with the Houston Parks & Recreation Department in celebration of Arbor Day."

"Accenture is proudly and consistently committed to providing contributions that leave sustainable benefits to the communities we live in and enjoy with our neighbors here in Houston," said Mary Beth Gracy, Accenture's Houston Office Managing Director. "We know the trees we help plant at Wilson Memorial Park will provide shade, conserve water, and promote community for many generations to come."

Volunteers for the City of Houston's 38th Annual Arbor Day celebration must have registered prior to the event. For more information about the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, visit www.houstonparks.org.

About Apache Corporation

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About Houston Parks and Recreation Department

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 382 and 39,501 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all ages and abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks & Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.