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## **City of Charleston to Celebrate Arbor Day with Annual Tree Planting**

**Charleston, S.C.**—In recognition of Arbor Day, the city of Charleston Parks Department will plant several young white flowering Dogwood trees along the newly renovated section of the West Ashley Bikeway, where it intersects with Magnolia Road, at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2018. Eastern Dogwood trees are native to North America and provide flowers in the spring and brilliant red leaves in the fall.

Arbor Day is an international holiday celebrated annually to encourage citizens to plant trees and care for their natural environment. Trees provide numerous environmental benefits including mitigating storm water runoff, cleaning the air of pollutants, offsetting heat effects, and providing homes for wildlife.

For 36 consecutive years, the city of Charleston has been honored as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This designation attests to the city's ongoing commitment to maintaining and expanding its urban forest, as well as protecting and preserving the natural environment.

City of Charleston Director of Parks Jason Kronsberg said, "We are honored to be recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for our continued efforts to care for our natural environment, and are proud to continue that work this year in celebration of Arbor Day."

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