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## **City of Charleston Awarded Arbor Day Foundation Grant to Plant 30 Trees in the Eastside Neighborhood**

**Charleston, S.C.**—In partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation and Westrock Foundation, the city of Charleston has been awarded funding that will facilitate the planting of 30 trees in Martin Park, located at 155 Jackson Street in the city’s Eastside neighborhood. These 30 trees will add to the roughly 100 trees the city has planted in the neighborhood since 2019.

The funding is awarded to the city as part of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Charleston, SC Community Tree Recovery program, in partnership with WestRock Foundation. The program aims to replace trees in communities affected by natural disasters throughout the United States by supporting more than 1,050 events, distributing more than 5.3 million trees since its inception.

“The people of South Carolina have suffered great personal and physical loss,” said Dan Lambe, Arbor Day Foundation president. “By replanting, we strive to bring healing and hope to the people and the communities in which they live, as well as help return the beauty and the value trees bring back to their properties.”

“The WestRock Foundation is pleased to partner with the Arbor Day Foundation and city of Charleston to restore the Martin Park tree canopy in the Eastside,” said Donna Owens Cox, vice chair of the WestRock Foundation and chief communications officer for WestRock. “We believe public greenspaces are vital to the wellbeing of our communities, and the replanting of trees in Martin Park will add to the urban forest in the city, providing environmental and social benefits for residents.”

City of Charleston Parks Director Jason Kronsberg said, “The city is honored to accept this generous grant, which will further our ongoing planting efforts throughout the Eastside community. On behalf of our citizens, I’d like to thank both the Arbor Day Foundation and WestRock for helping us replenish our vital urban forest.”

To learn more about the recovery efforts supported by this campaign, or others across the country, please visit [www.arborday.org/recovery](http://www.arborday.org/recovery).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest nonprofit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters, and valued partners. Their vision is to help others understand and use trees as a solution to many of the global issues we face today, including air quality, water quality, climate change, deforestation, poverty and hunger. As one of the world’s largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing and celebrating trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

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