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# News

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## Planning & Economic Development

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### **Tree sale at Freedom Hill kicks off county's Arbor Day celebration**

A new Spring Tree, Shrub and Plant Sale will take place this Arbor Day at Freedom Hill County Park. As part of the Green Macomb initiative, the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development is partnering with the Sanilac/St. Clair Conservation District to host the sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 28 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

By making trees and plants available to residents at very low rates, the sale supports Green Macomb's goal of increasing tree canopy in Macomb County. Young bare-root trees, fruit trees, flowering shrubs, native pollinator wildflower seeds, fruits and vegetables will be available for purchase while supplies last. Those who pre-ordered their plants will also be able to pick up their purchases at this event.

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and Sanilac/St. Clair Conservation District representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide planting guidance and tree care advice. Soil test kits will be available for purchase for \$25, cash only. Through these kits, homeowners can mail a soil sample to MSUE and receive fertilizer recommendations as well as results about nutrient values for phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium; the pH; percentage of organic matter; and soil type.

The sale will commence with a tree planting at 10 a.m., kicking off the county's Arbor Day celebration. Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel will plant a cherry tree, which was donated by United Landscape Inc. of Washington Township. Second-grade students and children from student council at Masonic Heights Elementary in St. Clair Shores will be in attendance. For more information, visit [Green.MacombGov.org](http://Green.MacombGov.org).

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