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Trees Forever will match \$1,500 in donations for trees Trees will replace trees damaged or lost in the December 2018 tornado

TAYLORVILLE, Ill. (April 22, 2019) — Trees Forever is matching donations to help replant the community forest in Taylorville, Illinois, following the December 2018 tornado.

“Residents and volunteers in Taylorville have been working hard to clean up the debris and building damage following the December 2018 tornado, which struck the Christian County community and the surrounding area, but there are still large gaps in the tree cover,” Trees Forever Field Coordinator Kevin Bennett said. “As the spring unfolds, the tree loss becomes more obvious as these areas are void of shade and the sound of birds singing in the trees.”

Trees provide many benefits to the community, including reducing air pollution, providing wildlife habitat, and enhancing the beauty of the landscape.

Trees Forever will match up to \$1,500 in donations to plant trees in the Taylorville area. Donations to this fund will only be used to buy tree materials for Taylorville, Illinois. The match dollars will be coming from Trees Forever’s Granting A Better Tomorrow Endowment Fund.

To meet the match, donors are asked to give online at www.TreesForever.org/TaylorvilleRecovery or www.facebook.com/donate/401127193770485/.

Taylorville is participating in Trees Forever’s Recover, Replant, Restore! program, which helps communities recovering from natural disasters restore their community forest. Through this Trees Forever partnership with the U.S. Forestry Service and the local efforts with the City of Taylorville Tree Board, Taylorville Tree Recovery Team and the University of Illinois Extension, free tree care workshops are being provided to residents to help them monitor their trees.

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