



Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail

In celebration of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's 50th anniversary, we joined with the City of Oklahoma City Parks Department and the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority to fund and coordinate a major landscaping project along the Oklahoma River's north shore.

The project will transform an empty stretch of treeless space into a linear park, adding shade, color and scenic respite areas to the cycling and pedestrian trail that stretches from Harvey to Portland avenues. In honor of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation's investment, the stretch will be named the Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail.



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Project Details



Planted 800 Trees

Planted 800 trees along the pedestrian trail on the north shore of the Oklahoma River to increase shade and tree canopy and encourage greater use of the trail.



Enhanced Landscaping

Enhanced landscaping along 3.5 miles of the trail with native grasses and wildflowers to create beautiful managed, natural areas along the river.



Added New Seating

Added new seating stones to provide natural respite areas along the trail.



Reactivated Irrigation

Some of the existing irrigation systems along the river have been reactivated to utilize river water to irrigate plantings.



Documenting Data

All new trees will be added to the Oklahoma City Parks Tree Inventory, a collective data set of 20,000 trees located in Oklahoma City public parks to efficiently plan for tree maintenance,



Variety of Tree Species

A variety of tree species that grow well in Oklahoma and provide shade were selected for planting. Learn more on back.

What Trees Can You Find Along the Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail?

The extremes and variability of Oklahoma's climate limits the species of trees that can perform well. Our trees must be able to withstand hot and humid summers, consistent winds, periods of drought, cold winter months and severe weather events such as ice storms and tornadoes. The tree varieties below were selected for planting along the Oklahoma City Community Foundation River Trail to build on the plant palette originally developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the riverfront. In addition, many of these trees are native to central Oklahoma and have proven to grow well in the region.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Description
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	A large, native, needleleaf deciduous, cone-bearing tree.
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	The largest of all native U.S. oaks and provide abundant food for wildlife.
Caddo Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum 'caddo'</i>	A highly desirable, high pH tolerant sugar maple.
Canear Eastern Redcedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	A small to medium native and adaptable evergreen selection.
Chinese Chestnut	<i>Castanea mollissima</i>	A very drought tolerant small to medium nut producing tree.
Chinkapin Oak	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	A very tough and adaptable native medium sized oak.
Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistache chinensis</i>	An extremely adaptable small to medium tough tree.
Chittamwood	<i>Bumelia lanuginose</i>	A tough native medium size tree that is a good wildlife species.
Frio River Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum Frio</i>	A high pH adaptable selection of Bald Cypress.
Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	An attractive small, tough tree with yellow summer blooms.
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	A very adaptable native medium sized shade and shelterbelt tree.
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	A native medium to large size highly desirable shade tree.
Lacebark Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	A very tough large shade tree adaptable to most any site.
Loblolly Pine	<i>Pinus taeda</i>	An excellent large and adaptable southern yellow pine selection.
London Planetree	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	A popular hardy hybrid of the Sycamore.
Mexican Plum	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	A small native tree that produces an edible plum fruit.
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	A large fast growing native shade and nut producing tree.
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	A native, large, handsome, popular shade tree.
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	A widely adaptable and fast growing medium size oak.
Shantung Maple	<i>Acer truncatum</i>	A small to medium highly adaptable maple tree.
Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	A very adaptable medium to large native Oak shade tree.
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	A very adaptable medium to large size native Oak.
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	A very large and adaptable native shade tree.
Waveleaf Oak	<i>Quercus undulata</i>	An adaptable smaller stature Oak native to S.W. Oklahoma.
Western Soapberry	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	A small to medium size tough native tree that produces a distinct ½" orange fruit.
Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	A small very adaptable native broadleaf evergreen shrub.