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New trees for Bellefonte & City of Wilmington until April 18 *Award-winning program for energy conservation & water quality*

WILMINGTON – The Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH) announces a special program for residents of Bellefonte and the City of Wilmington to plant trees this spring. From now until April 18, property owners in these municipalities can order high-quality shade trees worth \$75 for only \$20 each.

The primary goals of this initiative are to plant urban trees and to educate people in Bellefonte and Wilmington about the value that trees have for energy conservation and water quality. For instance, a single mature tree, planted in the correct place, can save hundreds of dollars in energy bills and capture more than 16,000 gallons of stormwater runoff each year.

This nationally award-winning program was rolled out previously in the communities of Delaware City (2012) and Townsend (2013). TheDCH won first place awards for this program in the Delaware Press Association communications contest as well as the National Federation of Press Women competition.

In Bellefonte and the City of Wilmington this spring, five native species of trees, 4'-8' tall, are available. All have been selected by TheDCH arborists to thrive in Delaware's urban environments. Orders are due April 18. Trees will be available for pick up and planting in May.

Visit this link for more details about Trees for Bellefonte: thedch.org/content/trees-bellefonte; visit this link for more details about Trees for City of Wilmington: thedch.org/content/trees-CityofWilmington. This program has been made possible through partnerships with the Town of Bellefonte, the City of Wilmington, DNREC and Delmarva Power.

In addition, the trees planted in Bellefonte and the City of Wilmington will count towards Plant One Million, a regional partnership to plant trees throughout 13 counties in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. TheDCH, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the New Jersey Tree Foundation serve as lead partners in each of the three states. Learn more at plantonemillion.org

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The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. For more information, visit thedch.org.

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TheDCH – Low Cost Trees for Bellefonte & Wilmington