WHAT IS IT?
The MillionTrees Project (MTP) was initiated in 2007 to help further our mission to protect, preserve and restore the natural environment of our nation’s major rivers and their watersheds. Our mission is to not only clean up our rivers, but to also enhance the watershed by planting native trees and removing invasive plants. In 2007 we started collecting and planting acorns with a goal of growing one million trees!

WHAT’S THE CURRENT PROGRESS?
We were beyond excited to reach our ONE MILLIONTH tree in May 2016. The MTP will continue on into years to come with the same goal in mind. The Living Lands & Waters (LL&W) Tree Nursery in Davenport, IA will continue to serve a vital role in the project’s success as all trees are grown locally in the Quad City area.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?
Increasing biodiversity, providing habitat and a food source for indigenous wildlife and migratory birds, increasing air and water quality, reducing erosion and sedimentation, and enhancing aesthetics are just a few of the benefits derived from this project. However, the most integral part of its success is the education and participation of communities, students and teachers through tree preparation and planting events.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
There are numerous ways volunteers can get involved with the project. Each year we need help planting acorns, weeding, and harvesting trees from the nursery, as well as assistance bagging and tagging the trees in preparation for delivery and transplanting.

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