



## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING & PEOPLE

- Planted or provided **29,123 trees** to Texas municipalities and residents with an **environmental savings and health benefit worth \$3.4 million** annually during the life of the trees
- Engaged over **1,600 volunteers** who contributed **10,158 hours valued at \$250,000**
- Hosted **37 volunteer days** at the TXU Energy Urban Tree Farm and Education Center
- Invested in **7 summer interns**
- Collaborated with **28 cities** in significant tree planting projects in Abilene, Arlington, Austin, Balch Springs, Bedford, Colorado City, Dallas, Denton, Denison, Duncanville, Edinburg, Forney, Garland, Houston, Irving, Kennedale, Lake Worth, Longview, Midland, Odessa, Paris, Pearland, Richardson, Rowlett, San Angelo, Waco, West Lake, and Wylie

### CAMPUS DESIGN

- Completed a pilot program for the first **two Cool Schools** at **DISD Felix Botello Elementary & Onesimo Hernandez Elementary**. Planted a total of **176 trees** and installed two wishing trees, benches and amphitheaters

### URBAN STREETSCAPE

- Completed the **Southwestern Medical District Urban Streetscape Master Plan** for 17 miles of streetscape design within the 1000 acre District. The design will provide a sense-of-place, and a much needed safe and accessible connectivity for all users. Additional enhancements will include an increased urban tree canopy, rain gardens, sidewalks, bicycle lanes and paths, and numerous other landscape features.
- Received the **Greater Dallas Planning Council 2016 Dream Award** for Urban Design for the SWMD Urban Streetscape Master Plan

### EDUCATION SERVICES

- **Outreach:** Made **23 presentations to 740 participants** on the value of trees in our cities at the national, state and local levels including speaking engagements at:
  - **2016 National Clean Med Conference:** Southwestern Medical District Tour & Conference Presentation
  - **American Planning Association Texas Conference:** Rx for a Medical District
  - **The Trinity: Nature and Public Space Conference** – The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, The Trinity Trust
  - Inclusive **DFW Consortium Contributor:** Southern Methodist University Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity
- **Research** with **Dr. Brian Stone, University of Georgia** on **Urban Heat Island** mapping for 16 North Texas counties
- **Events** at **Earth Day Texas**, the **Dallas Zoo** and the **Girl Scouts of North Central Texas** first annual “Tree Badge” program with over **1,600 girls planting 800+ trees**
- **Consulting** with the **George W. Bush Presidential Center, City of Denton** and **University of North Texas at Dallas** to conduct comprehensive tree inventories and maintenance recommendations and on **SmartGrowth** with **Trust for Public Land, City of Dallas Parks & Recreation** and **bcWORKSHOP** to assess and grow greenspace in Dallas.
- **Policy/Advocacy:** **Article X** Landscape and Tree Preservation Regulations creation and adoption