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Outpost Natural Foods to donate three trees to Tosa park

State Street store remodel project begins with removal of three trees from outdoor seating area

Outpost Natural Foods will begin the remodel of its Wauwatosa store at 7000 West State Street with the donation and transplanting of three mature flowering crab apple trees to Hart Park in Wauwatosa on Monday, July 18. The three trees were located in the store's outdoor seating area and adjacent garden at the south end. Removal of the trees will allow for the expansion of the indoor seating area and the creation of a new outdoor patio.

City of Wauwatosa Superintendent of Parks and Forestry, Ken Walbrant, is pleased to receive the gift from the co-op on behalf of the city. "Hart Park is lucky to have area businesses that appreciate the value of green space in our community and are willing actively support the park. Outpost's generous donation of trees to Hart Park will benefit the entire community."

Hart Park is located directly across the street from the co-op. One tree will be located at the intersection of 72nd Street and Chestnut, inside the park boundaries and the other two will be planted on the green lawn south of the Muellner Building.

"These three trees have been a living extension of Outpost since the store opened in March of 2000. They needed to be cut down or relocated as a result of the expansion. We are happy to know their new home is Hart Park, being close to the store," says Outpost Director of Community Relations, Margaret Mittelstadt.

Outpost will cover all costs to remove and transplant the trees and has contracted with Trees on the Move to provide the service.

The store remodel project is slated to continue through the summer and will include updates to equipment, store fixtures, interior finishes, an expanded indoor seating area and a new outdoor patio.

When: Monday, July 18

Itinerary: Trees on the Move arrives at Hart Park between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Hole for transplant is dug at the park; a tree is removed from store property and replanted at the new location at the park; process then repeated for two remaining trees.

Serving the greater Milwaukee area since 1970, Outpost Natural Foods Cooperative operates three successful locations at 100 East Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, 7000 West State Street, Wauwatosa, and 2826 South Kinnickinnic Avenue, Milwaukee. Co-owned by over 15,500 individuals from Southeastern Wisconsin, it employs nearly 300 people, as well as publishes a food and dining magazine (Graze). Outpost is the fourth largest cooperatively owned natural foods grocer in the country by sales volume. www.outpost.coop

Photos available upon request.

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