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[CenterPoint And City Plant 12 Trees In Loftin Park](#)

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Volunteers and city officials packed into Loftin Park this morning to help plant 12 new trees as part of a program called Right Tree; Right Place. The city teamed with CenterPoint Energy on the program, which seeks to educate residents to plant short trees under power lines.

Earlier this year CenterPoint paid to remove four Hackberry trees, one Mulberry tree, one Chinese Tallow and one large vine. In their place, foresters chose Dwarf Crepe Myrtles, River Birches, Mexican Plums and Southern Wax Myrtles. Those trees grow to a maximum of 15 to 20 feet, which doesn't require trimming or interfere with power service during storms.

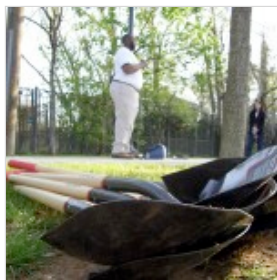
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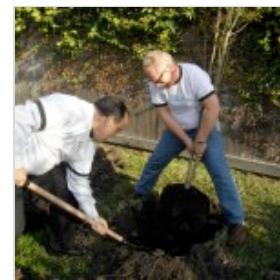
Bellaire City Manager Bernie Satterwhite, right, and CenterPoint volunteers Jessica Wright and Jerry DuBose struggle to extract a stubborn Wax Myrtle tree from its pot before planting it.



Volunteers with CenterPoint plant a River Birch in Loftin Park. Foresters chose the tree varieties based on how tall they grow and how well they survive in a moist environment.



Ken Lindsey, a forester with CenterPoint Energy, talked to Bellaire officials and CenterPoint volunteers about planting short trees near power lines.



From left to right, Norm Nesker and Byron Holloway of the Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary Club work to plant a Crepe Myrtle. The rotary club donated \$2,000 to buy the new trees.

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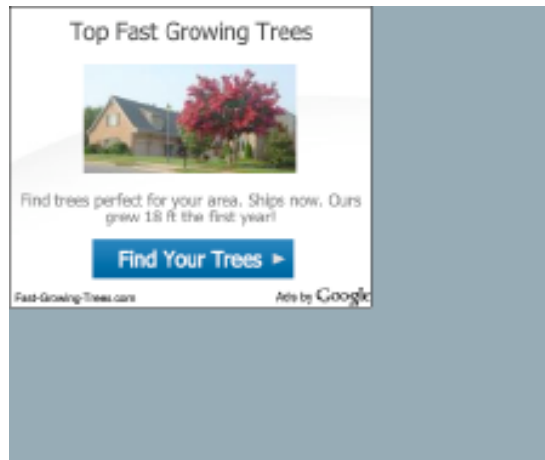
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