



This is your chance to adopt a "baby oak" grown from acorns gathered from Oak Park's oldest oak trees!



You are invited to adopt one (or two!) and plant them near your home or sponsor one at another location such as a school or a park!!

Interested? email: oakparkoaks@gmail.com or call: 312.203.9880

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Openlands West Suburban TreeKeepers
The Morton Arboretum

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HISTORIC OAK PROPAGATION PROJECT

OPENLANDS WEST SUBURBAN TREEKEEPERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MORTON ARBORETUM



Some of Oak Park's 200-300 year old white oak trees, predating European settlement, still thrive in the Village. These majestic trees, often located in groves, are a link to the past, with our Village taking its name from them. The Kettlestring family, Oak Park's first settlers, chose this savannah as the site for their new home. These oaks are not regenerating naturally due to the built environment and modern landscape practices, yet they are some of the most rugged trees in the village as they adapted to the landscape over hundreds of thousands of years.

In 2008 local TreeKeepers initiated a project to ensure that these trees would continue to be a defining part of our landscape. Acorns were collected, tested for viability, and planted at The Morton Arboretum with the assistance of staff. In 2009 and 2010, TreeKeepers returned to the Arboretum, to transplant seedlings to larger pots as they grew. Now they are ready to go home with you!

How does HOPP work?

- For \$25, residents will receive:
 - A tree and protective fencing
 - A metal i.d. tag identifying the species and the location of the parent tree.
 - A planting guide written by Morton Arboretum along with care instructions.
- TreeKeepers will help you plant your tree
- Saplings will be tracked for a number of years to monitor how well they are doing.

In addition to the 100 seedlings to be planted by residents this year:

- 50 trees are maturing at Possibility Place Nursery in Monee so they can be planted in our Village parkways
- The Park District is considering planting these trees to replace the oak groves that are disappearing, and as part of its memorial tree program.
- We will be meeting with District 97 schools about planting these trees as part of a multidisciplinary science/history project for students.

HOPP will help to insure that our oak tree heritage is not lost and will also raise community awareness of the importance of a mature tree canopy, and of the need to care for our urban forest which provides so many cultural, environmental and economic benefits.

Consider planting a historic oak seedling together as a family so your children can connect with nature and participate in a project that will bring long-term benefits to future generations.