

## Tree planting planned to mark Arboretum funding win

It was recently announced the Aurora Community Arboretum is one of 36 national winners of funding to purchase trees for the Arboretum.

The funding, made available through Home Hardware and administered by Tree Canada, is awarded yearly to individuals and community groups in pursuit of a greener, healthier environment.

This year, Aurora Home Hardware applied for and won funding to help the Aurora Arboretum purchase trees.

“We are proud to be a part of such an important partnership between Home Hardware stores and Tree Canada,” said John Barfitt of Aurora Home Hardware. “This partnership has been helping communities across Canada for more than 25 years.” To date, Home Hardware has planted more than 24,000 trees worth over 1.2 million dollars.

“It is a real honour for the Aurora Community Arboretum to be recognised by an organization like Tree Canada and very generous of Home Hardware to provide funding,” added John Wilson of the Arboretum. “This is a perfect example of a win-win arrangement; residents of Aurora and visitors to the Arboretum will be able to view and learn about native coniferous trees of Ontario.”

A tree planting ceremony to celebrate the Arboretum's winning is scheduled for Friday, September 28 at 10 a.m.