

# BEYOND THE LIBERTY TREE

COMMEMORATING LIBERTY. RESTORING THE ENVIROMENT. EDUCATING THE FUTURE.

## ROOTED IN HISTORY

The Liberty Tree was an iconic rallying point of the American Revolution and a hallmark of community and commemorative anniversaries from 1776 to the present. Through this Semiquincentennial program titled "Beyond the Liberty Tree" we seek to commemorate our nation's history and its "promise of liberty" through education and by placing a commemorative tree on North Carolina's civic spaces and increase ecological and environmental awareness through reforestation programs across areas devastated by Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina.



100 Landmark  
Commemorative  
Trees (At least one  
in every NC  
County)

1:250

25,000  
Reforestation  
Plantings in WNC  
(250 for every  
Landmark tree)





## Announcement:

The project will be managed by the America250 NC Buncombe County Committee and will soft launch in August of 2025 in commemoration of the felling of the original liberty tree in Boston Massachusetts, by loyalist Nathaniel Coffin in August of 1775. A more public launch will take place on the Anniversary of Hurricane Helene in late September 2025.

## Commemorative Impact - Nominations for Landmark Tree Plantings:

America250 NC Buncombe County Committee will be accepting nominations for parks, civic and community spaces to receive a commemorative tree planting in 2026. Nominating communities will be responsible for raising funds to support the sponsorship of reforestation planting of 250 trees across WNC. Landmark Tree Plantings will be ceremonially planted in the Spring and Fall of 2026. Additional funds may be eligible to underfunded sites.

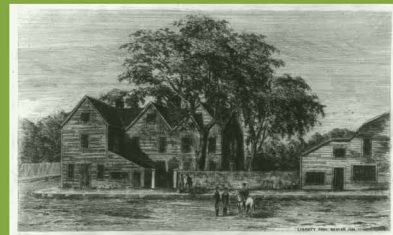


## Environmental Impact - Nominations for WNC Reforestation Plantings:

America250NC Buncombe County Committee, in partnership with regional, state, and national conservation organizations will be taking nominations and coordinating the planting of 250 trees for every nominated site. Reforestation Tree Plantings will begin in the fall of 2026.

## Educational Impact and Outreach:

Working with history organizations from across the state, America250 NC's ready-made curriculum will be promoted in schools, and will include educational programs on the history of the Liberty Tree.



## SUPPORT

You can support this effort by nominating either Landmark or Reforestation tree planting locations, donating resources to support either initiative, or volunteering your time to help with planning, planting, or educational activations.

**America250 NC Buncombe County** is the non-partisan governmentally sanctioned body of volunteers supporting Buncombe County's contributions to America250NC programs and to programs and observances across Buncombe County during 2026, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's founding.

**America250 NC** is a statewide initiative in North Carolina to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. It involves various events, programs, and resources focusing on North Carolina's role in the nation's founding and its history over the past 250 years.

**America250** is a multi-year, nonpartisan initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. It's spearheaded by the U.S. Semiquincentennial.

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