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Community Update: Bosque Plantings Flourish

“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”
 - Aldo Leopold, Sand County Almanac

What would Albuquerque be without our Bosque?
 Even though the Rio Grande is not the wild, braided river of the past due to channelization, the Albuquerque Bosque is still a unique and rare resource in the southwest. Most major southwestern cities have witnessed the disappearance of their rivers and accompanying forests. Luckily, Albuquerque still has river flow because our community loves the river and Bosque. Even more heartening is that we continue to pass this legacy of understanding to successive generations by involving them in the planting and education process.

Albuquerque Open Space Division and Tree New Mexico are working with area youth and other volunteer groups, demonstrating that a little care can make a tree grow, even in an artificial riparian

environment! Offering opportunities for community involvement leads to greater understanding of the delicate intricacies of the Bosque ecosystem, the trees, and the urban wildland interface (the area that connects the Bosque and the City).

Volunteers take great satisfaction in knowing that they have helped provide a living legacy of trees – for themselves and future generations – for one of our greatest treasures, the Albuquerque Bosque.

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Participating Schools, Groups and Businesses

310 Volunteers Planted 556 Poles!

- Sierra Vista Elementary School
- Holy Ghost Elementary School
- Albuquerque Academy High School
- SY Jackson Elementary School
- LBJ Middle School
- PNM Volunteers
- Collet Park Elementary School
- Retired Peace Corps Volunteers
- McKinley Middle School



Local Elementary students planting a Cottowood Pole. ▶

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Tree New Mexico 2005 Annual Report

Tree New Mexico Programs – 2005

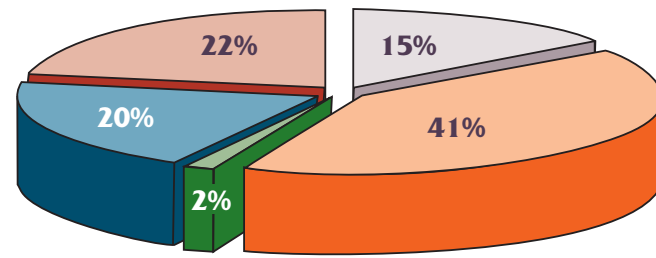
Plantings: 40,176 trees were planted in 78 separate events through the seedling distribution (reforestation and conservation), urban, and riparian pole plantings.

Education: facilitated 52-classroom and 6 in-the-field training sessions, reaching 934 students at 46 New Mexico schools, organizations and groups.

Voluntarism: 2,346 volunteers, students, training participants, and agency staff participated in our programs and events.

Special Project: *The Capitol Christmas Tree 2005:* Contracted by the Santa Fe National Forest, Tree New Mexico successfully helped plan, orchestrate, and deliver the Nation's Christmas Tree to Capitol Hill, in Washington, DC.

Major Grants and Contributions	
Albuquerque Community Foundation	Rio Puerco Alliance – Bureau of Land Management
Alliance for Community Trees – Home Depot Foundation	Santa Fe National Forest
City of Albuquerque	Southwest Airlines
National Tree Trust	Turner Foundation – Captain Planet
National Van Lines	USDA Forest Service
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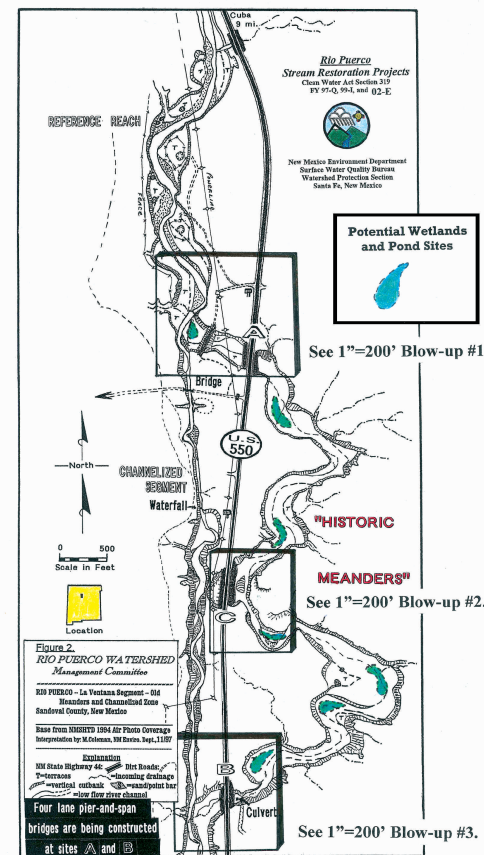
La Ventana:

The high sediment loads and sediment transport characteristics of the Rio Puerco have for decades attracted the attention of geologists, hydrologists, engineers and concerned citizens. The La Ventana Project, designed to address these concerns, is completing on-the-ground work required to close a highly impacted, erosion-prone channelized segment of the river, allowing for reintroduction of stream flow back into its historic meandering channel upstream of La Ventana, in Sandoval County, New Mexico. Highway construction on the former NM 44 (transitioned to US 550) resulted in widened roads and shoulders, and two new pier-and-span bridges over this historic channel!

set out to revegetate two sites along the Rio Puerco. The predictions of blue skies and sunny weather on April 1st fooled us with drizzly and cold working weather, which turned out to be perfect growing conditions for the newly planted willow whips and tree seedlings. Approximately 500 willow whips were harvested and planted, as were an additional 24 containerized trees and 900 tree seedlings of various species.

Watch for our fall planting schedule and volunteer to help plant an additional 1,500 trees and plants along the meanders. Future plans also include establishing groundwater-interception ponds to eventually develop local wetlands and additional wildlife habitat.

This spring, Tree New Mexico, the Rio Puerco Management Committee, the New Mexico Environment Department and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, along with a spirited group of AmeriCorps volunteers



Sprucing-up the South Broadway Neighborhood

With funding made possible by the Albuquerque Community Foundation, the Alliance for Community Trees and the Home Depot Foundation, Tree New Mexico helped leave a lasting legacy in the South Broadway neighborhood, a neighborhood wanting and needing greenery and canopy cover but could not afford to do so without assistance.

Tree New Mexico, United South Broadway Corporation – Bosque Youth Conservation Corps, South Broadway neighborhood members, and Home Depot volunteers helped plant 291 trees throughout the South Broadway neighborhood. The nearly 90 households receiving these trees were able to improve their streetscapes and become active residents in their neighborhood. The volunteers logged nearly 1,000 hours while helping neighbors plant trees. Training sessions and printed materials were also provided to help make good decisions about species selection, planting sites, and tree care.



▲ Home Depot and area youth volunteers working together to plant neighborhood trees!

These trees will benefit the community for many years to come by providing shade, lower heating and cooling bills, and as one area resident said *“a way to get back to tree-lined streets and clear the air we breathe.”* They will also help restore this neighborhood's unique historic character by replacing trees lost to insect infestations and old age.

Environmental Quote

“Trees are contagious; as soon as one neighborhood or street is planted, citizen pressure builds up for action from the next street”

- William H. Whyte



Cottonwood trees along the Los Lunas River Park.

Featured Tree: Fremont Cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*)

To this day, Hopi Indians of the Southwest carve cottonwood roots into Kachina Dolls, the representations of supernatural beings that have become valuable collector's items. Horses gnaw the bark of this species; beavers also feed on the bark and build dams with the branches. Fremont Cottonwood gained its most popular name after its European 'discoverer', General John Charles Fremont (1813-90). There are undoubtedly many names for cottonwood like the Navajo / Dine name *“T'iis nazbas”*

Mission

Tree New Mexico is dedicated to ensuring sustainable forests in urban and rural communities and natural areas through restoration, public education, and advocacy.

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