



## Crafton Borough, Tree Pittsburgh, Landforce Join Forces for Urban Trees

**CRAFTON, Pa. (Nov. 21, 2025)** – Three large historic trees along Broadhead Ave will be removed next week as part of a necessary sewer line replacement project. Classic Landscaping is pruning the trees this week, and full removal will take place over approximately three days next week, November 24-26.

Because of the trees' exceptional age and size—estimated at nearly 200 years old—Crafton's volunteer Shade Tree Commission acted quickly to advocate for responsible reuse. In collaboration with Tree Pittsburgh Senior Arborist Meg Cervený, the Borough secured a plan to upcycle the wood rather than send it to a landfill.

Working with Tree Pittsburgh, Landforce, Urban Tree, and Merante Contracting, the logs will be transported to Landforce's Responsible Wood Products program at The Mill in Wilksburg. There, they will be repurposed and transformed into usable lumber and biochar, directly supporting Landforce's workforce development initiatives.

"This project shows a new option for municipalities," said Ilyssa Manspeizer, CEO of Landforce. "Instead of losing legacy trees entirely, we can preserve their value and keep material out of the waste stream."

Crafton, a certified Tree City USA and Bird Town Pennsylvania community, continues to lead on tree preservation and enhancing its urban habitat.

### ABOUT CRAFTON

Crafton is Pittsburgh's premier historic streetcar suburb. It offers residents and businesses an ideal strategic location in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area that combines accessibility with walkability. Its central positioning - just 15 minutes from both downtown Pittsburgh and the airport - creates exceptional convenience for all who live, work, and play in Crafton. Learn more at <https://craftonborough.gov/>

### ABOUT LANDFORCE

Landforce pairs environmental restoration with paid workforce training. We've hired more than 200 local residents over the past decade and completed tens of thousands of hours of stewardship across parks, trails, hillsides, and greenways. Learn more at [www.landforcepgh.org](http://www.landforcepgh.org).

### ABOUT TREE PITTSBURGH

Tree Pittsburgh is an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing community vitality by restoring and protecting the urban forest through tree planting and care, education, advocacy, and land conservation. Our vision is to create a healthy urban forest for all by inspiring and engaging people to maintain, plant, and protect trees. We believe that all people have the right to benefit from the many health, environmental, and social benefits that trees provide. A greener city will create more vital communities for generations to come. Learn more at [www.treepittsburgh.org](http://www.treepittsburgh.org).