

The intent of the Carson City Chamber Leadership Institute Tree Project is to educate Carson City students, citizens, and volunteers about trees; how to select, plant, and raise them for the high desert growing and soil conditions at the Carson Tahoe Hospital Serenity Trail site, while providing an aesthetically pleasing and healthy outdoor experience. As this project matures and due to its proximity to the Carson Tahoe Cancer Center, Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) is hopeful this will also become a healing space for cancer patients.

The Carson City Chamber Leadership Institute Tree Project planted 25 trees and hosted a related ceremony targeted for Arbor Day/Earth Day the week of April 20 through 26, 2020. However, due to COVID-19, only the work was completed in April. Irrigation was set up, planting holes were prepared, trees planted, and protective fencing was established. On July 8, 2020, a ribbon cutting was held at the Carson Tahoe Health Serenity Trail with special emphasis on the contributions that trees make aesthetically, socially, environmentally, and historically.

After volunteers planted, mulched, and caged the newly planted trees, The Greenhouse Project (located on site) staff members are monitoring and caring for

the new landscaping at the Carson Tahoe Serenity Trail, including management of the watering and monitoring of the health of the trees. The Greenhouse Project in Carson City built and now maintains a hoop house and related garden plot along and adjoining the Carson Tahoe Hospital Serenity Trail. In 2019, the Carson City Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute led the development and installation of the first Nevada Bee USA Hotel adjoining the trail. Also, there is a Carson City maintained Foothill Trailhead that adjoins the property.

With continued technical and financial support from the NDF U&CF Program, this project will grow and provide the community and the Carson Tahoe Cancer

Center with a location for relaxation, rejuvenation, and a wealth of health.

Partners and collaborators for this project include: Carson City Chamber of Commerce, Carson City Cooperative Extension Staff, Carson City Government, Carson City Parks and Recreation Department Staff, Carson Tahoe Health, and NDF.



1. Volunteers planting trees and installing irrigation. 2. Site Map. 3. Volunteers planting trees and installing irrigation. Photo Credit: Lisa Taylor.

