



## Trees Matter Resiliency Project | 2020-2022

### Fact Sheet

**Why:** When significantly adverse events occur such as the COVID-19 pandemic, it's human nature to acknowledge those events and commemorate the resiliency of those who endure. The **Trees Matter Resiliency Project** is an expression of our desire to channel our vision into action while honoring those who have risked their lives for us, and to remember those who have lost their lives, during the COVID-19 pandemic.



We recognize the importance of creating a community space where we can collectively mourn, grieve, and pay respects to those we have lost, observing the feelings we are going through. When we grieve and honor our losses together, we heal together. We also acknowledge that communities of color have suffered disproportionately from the pandemic. Trees Matter and Spaces of Opportunity are providing a healing space for our community. When Spaces of Opportunity and TigerMountain Foundation graciously offered us space for the Trees Matter Resiliency Project, we knew we had found our home!

**Who:** Trees Matter is a 501(c)(3) environmental education nonprofit formed in 2002. Our board, staff and volunteers are passionate about the Trees Matter vision: ***Creating a Valley where now and in the future all generations and communities have lifelong access to the many benefits of trees.*** A tree planted today literally enhances our environment and community for generations to come! In addition to this new project, we have a comprehensive program portfolio including: Trees for Schools, Urban Food Forest, and the SRP Shade Tree Distribution.

The project is in collaboration with Spaces of Opportunity and TigerMountain Foundation.

**What:** Planting 100 trees to create a tree sheltered refuge where visitors can rest, reflect, and heal. Tree tags inscribed with the names of Covid-19 heroes and sufferers will be on the trees as a living reminder of the impact on these people and their loved ones.

**Where:** Spaces of Opportunity, 1200 W. Vineyard Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85041

**When:** In December 2020 we broke ground by planting the first 10 trees. Subsequent plantings will occur throughout 2021 and into 2022.

**Impact:** The **Trees Matter Resiliency Project** campaign will not only create a meaningful gathering space for people in our Valley, but it will provide a platform for Trees Matter, TigerMountain Foundation, Spaces of Opportunity, and other community-based groups to model positive environmental action, as well as create a more equitable future for communities of color.

**You:** Find out more and support this effort, go to: [www.treesmatter.org/100trees](http://www.treesmatter.org/100trees)