

## **How Are We Planting 1 Million Trees?** One at a Time.

In keeping with our commitment to preserving the Earth and renewing natural resources, BJ's has joined forces with the Arbor Day Foundation to plant over 1 million trees by the year 2020 in our nation's forests and communities devastated by natural disasters. Here's what we've accomplished in just our first year.



BJ's is working with the Arbor Day Foundation to plant 1 million saplings — like this Colorado Blue Spruce — in national forests and BJ's communities affected by natural disasters.

## Spring 2013: 71,427 Trees Planted in National Forests in FL, GA and NC

Our Team Members kicked off BJ's new partnership last April with an Arbor Day celebration at our Home Office. Then, we got right to work with providing funding to support longleaf pine and wildlife restoration projects located in national forests near our Clubs.

Forest restoration is important, explains the Arbor Day Foundation's Dan Lambe, because as newly planted trees mature, they "help provide cleaner air and cleaner water, habitat for wildlife and beauty for all to enjoy."

Over the next seven years, BJ's will continue to support the Arbor Day Foundation in its efforts as we work toward our goal of planting 1 million trees.

"By helping us to plant trees, BJ's and its Members are demonstrating a commitment to environmental stewardship that will benefit our generation and *aenerations to come.* " ~ Dan Lambe, VP of Programs and Corporate Partnerships of the Arbor Day Foundation



## Fall 2013: 71,427 Trees Planted in NY & NJ FEMA Sites

Last October, the New York and New Jersey area faced the full force of Hurricane Sandy. After the storm, FEMA designated much of the region a natural disaster zone. Many thousands of trees were lost to the storm. Because of their importance to the environment, BJ's decided to use a portion of our Arbor Day investment to help with replanting. As we work toward our goal, we will keep providing new trees to nearby communities rebuilding after natural disasters.

The power of restoration: One day, we hope that newly replanted sites located in national forests throughout FL, GA and NC will look like this tall, healthy grove of longleaf pines.



Join us in our commitment to the environment and the future! You can help by gifting a tree or donating to the Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org/bjs.