



Tift Nature Preserve
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To Whom It May Concern,

Tift Nature Preserve is a 264-acre urban brownfield operated by the Buffalo Museum of Science that was turned into a nature preserve over 40 years ago. Despite the industrial history of the site, it provides excellent habitat for wildlife such as migrating song birds. To maintain quality habitat, a large tree planting project was initiated in 2010 with the goal of planting 2000 trees on the preserve and Biobark Tree Shelters from EcoDepot were critical for this project's success.

In four years, I purchased 4000 48" BioBark Tree Shelters from EcoDepot, two for each tree. The shelters are a cost effective solution to protect small trees from hungry deer and rodents. The current tree survival rate is 87% and not one tree was lost to wildlife damage due to the protection of the shelters. The BioBark Tree Shelters are easy for volunteers to install and can be linked together to create a shelter of just the right size to accommodate trees of all types and sizes. I also like the fact the BioBark Tree Shelters are made from all biodegradable materials and the natural appearance is more suitable for a nature preserve than metal fencing or plastic tree tubes. EcoDepot has also been a great vendor to work with. They always have inventory available and even were willing to arrange weekend delivery to coincide with volunteer work days. I highly recommend BioBark Tree Shelters from EcoDepot for your next planting project.

Sincerely,

David Spiering

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