Earth Day is an event observed annually on April 22. It is a day held to demonstrate and promote environmental awareness and calls for the protection of our planet. Today, Earth Day, 2020 is celebrated in more than 193 countries each year.

To celebrate Earth Day here in Canton, the Parks & Recreation and Public Works Departments planted a flowering crab apple tree on the east side of the park next to East Hill Road.

The flowering crabapple tree planted is a “Purple Prince”.

**Common Name:** Crabapple Purple Prince  
**Scientific Name:** Malus “Purple Prince” (crabapple)  
**Type:** Tree  
**Family:** Malus Crabapple  
**Native Range:** Temperate Regions of North America  
**Zone:** 4 to 8  
**Height:** 18 to 20 feet  
**Spread:** 18 to 20 feet  
**Bloom Time:** Mid Spring  
**Bloom Description:** Rose-red Single Flowers Attractive to Birds and Butterflies  
**Sun:** Full Sun  
**Water:** Average  
**Maintenance:** Low  
**Suggested Use:** Specimen in Parks and Gardens  
**Flower:** Clustered on Branches  
**Fruit:** Showy - Abundant Purple-Blue Fruit  
**Tolerate:** Drought Tolerant in Moderately Fertile, Well Drained Soils
How to Plant a Tree

Original soil level

2-3” mulch

Trunk flare

Burlap/twine cut away from root ball

Backfill

Hole 2-3 times as wide as diameter of rootball

Rootball on top of undisturbed soil