



2024 American Chestnut Symposium
Rooted in Restoration, Connected through Community

Cromwell, CT

October 25-26, 2024

Invitation to Sponsorship





The American Chestnut Foundation

For 41 years, The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) has led an unprecedented rescue mission, testing and formalizing a collaborative program that brings together the public with the NGO sector; academia, local, state, and federal government; and private enterprise to return the American chestnut to its native range. Our work is creating a model that can benefit everyone who is or will be engaged in diminished native tree species restoration.

Today, TACF has three primary goals:

1. To develop trees with sufficient resistance to two deadly diseases: first, chestnut blight; and, second, *Phytophthora* root rot.
2. To characterize, preserve, and utilize the genetic diversity of existing American chestnut trees for research; and to ensure that the developed disease resistance is incorporated into environmentally-adaptable, diverse populations;
3. To promote forest plantings of genetically diverse and disease-resistant germplasm capable of sustained population growth and expansion across the broad and ever-changing landscape of our Eastern hardwood forests.



The American Chestnut Foundation in New England



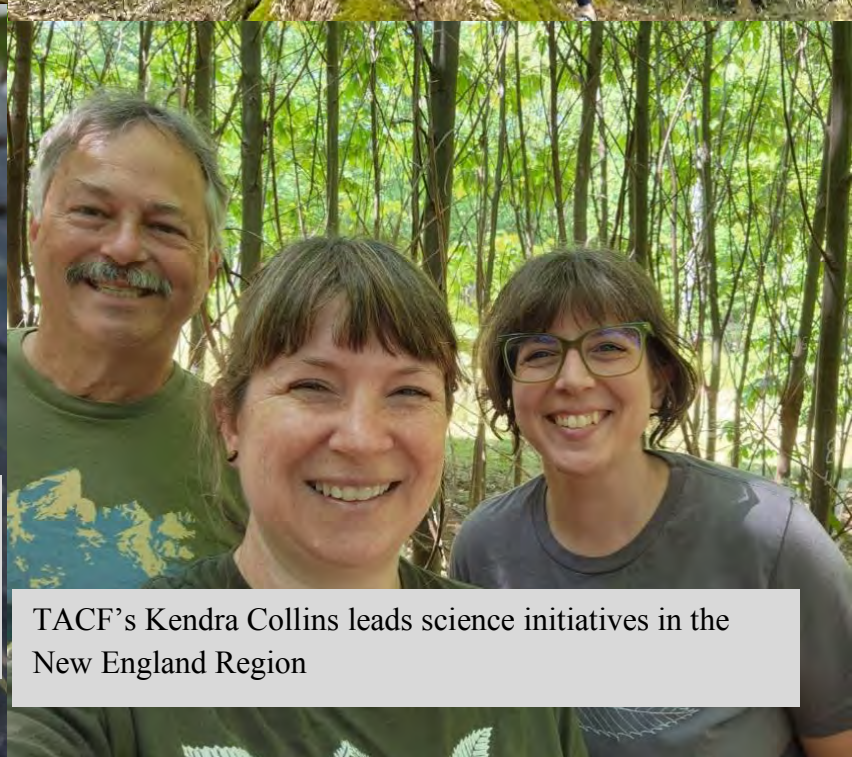
New England hosts more than 100 TACF orchards, where many trees have been assessed for their best contributions to restoration work.



The largest American chestnut trees alive – in the Tervuren Arboretum in Belgium – come from nuts collected in the New England region.



In 2022-2023, 560 TACF volunteers in New England planted 965 trees and harvested seeds from 212 trees, with 16,195 New Englanders participating in TACF activities.



TACF's Kendra Collins leads science initiatives in the New England Region



Event Sponsorship Details

The 2024 American Chestnut Symposium will bring together donors, members, conservationists, nature lovers, private landowners, scientists, and industry professionals. These meetings enhance awareness about American chestnut restoration and its importance in the ecosystem. They cultivate relationships across our large geographic region that reaches over 5,000 members and many thousands more community members across 42 states and 16 state chapters, from Maine to Alabama. We warmly invite you to become part of this bold mission by sponsoring this important gathering.

Your Sponsorship Dollars

As a sponsor, your contribution supports event activities including:

- Speaker Sessions
- Student Poster Session
- Awards Banquet
- Diversity Scholarships

Sponsorship Benefits

- TACF will promote your company through our:
 - eSprout* newsletter (20,000+ subscribers)
 - Award-winning *Chestnut* magazine (7,000+ copies)
 - Website Highlights (500,000 page views annually)
 - Social media platforms (40,000+ followers)
- Electronic and printed event promotional materials





Unique Sponsorship Level Benefits



Canopy Sponsor (\$10,000):

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For additional information and assistance with your Sponsorship, please contact John Chastain, Director of Development, at TACF's national office at (828) 281-0047 or john.chastain@tacf.org

Mail check payable to The American Chestnut Foundation, 50 N. Merrimon Ave, Suite 115, Asheville, NC 28804 with “2024 Symposium” on the memo line

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Go to support.tacf.org/2024sponsorship to make your payment via credit card

Email a high-resolution or vector file of your company logo to communications@tacf.org

Mark your calendars for October 25-26, 2024, and RSVP for you and your team to join us

To ensure your company will be included in all event marketing materials, please submit payment by October 1, 2024

Invite others to register and share on social media platforms.





The American Chestnut Foundation

Our Mission is to return the iconic American chestnut to its native range.

Our Vision is a robust Eastern forest restored to its splendor.

TACF Core Values: Optimism, Patience, Science-Based Decisions, Innovation, Integrity, Collaboration

Adopted by The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) Board of Directors, these core values guide us as we work together toward new levels of success.



TACF's project seeks the active restoration of the American chestnut, which could benefit the work to restore other threatened native tree species, as well, setting precedents in science strategy, citizen scientist engagement, and community impact.

Restoring the American chestnut to its native range will allow it to once again provide ecosystem services that benefit wildlife habitat, rural livelihoods, and long-term carbon sequestration. This supports forest conservation nationally and globally and increases hope amid signs of accelerating extinctions among taxa.

Our work is grounded in rigorous research, seed orchard development, and a unique 21-state volunteer network of citizen scientists who engage in and advance this work.

Thank you for all you do and all you contribute to this bold mission. We are grateful to share the journey of American chestnut restoration with you.