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City crew plants four new ginkgo trees on Atlantic Street with grant funds from Fairfield County's Community Foundation

Four ginkgo trees were planted on Atlantic Street just south of Old Town Hall on Tuesday morning, thanks to a grant from Fairfield County's Community Foundation. This downtown tree replacement initiative is being led by Stamford Downtown to enhance the pedestrian experience and increase environmental benefits, in partnership with the City and local organizations. The trees were planted by the City of Stamford's tree management team, led by City Arborist, Ronald Markey.

These trees will greatly enhance the downtown streetscape, which contains over 100 empty tree wells. This area of Atlantic Street was prioritized for tree replacement because it is part of a major pedestrian path to the train station from Stamford Downtown. Also, other areas with empty tree wells along the Atlantic Street may have the potential to be planted during future development. Ginkgo trees are resilient in urban environments. They are resistant to disease and insects, store more carbon emissions than other tree species, and have beautifully shaped leaves that turn yellow in the fall.

Fairfield County's Community Foundation promotes philanthropy as a means to create change in Fairfield County, focusing on innovative and collaborative solutions to critical issues impacting the community. Individuals, families, corporations and organizations can establish charitable funds or contribute to existing funds. The Community Foundation is in compliance with the Council on Foundations' national standards, and has awarded \$180 million in grants to nonprofits in Fairfield County and beyond. For more information, visit www.FCCFoundation.org.